



### Aloha Wraysbury & Horton!

Since the last issue, we've been really busy training and competing at **Hurricanes**, your friendly dragon boat and outrigger paddle club at the Silver Wing Lake in Wraysbury. All of that practise really paid off, resulting in some great successes over the past year. Here are some of our highlights:

### TEAM GB @ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2x GOLD, 2x SILVER & 1x BRONZE MEDAL



Hurricanes had one of our best years for Great Britain representation at the World Dragon Boat Championships 2025 in Brandenburg, Germany. Eleven paddlers and a Team Manager from Hurricane's, including five representing GB in the first BCP category. This was the biggest event of its type yet held, with a total of 5,800 competitors. Hurricane members competed in GB teams that achieved two GOLDS, two SILVERS and a BRONZE medal. An outstanding result!

Hurricanes members also competed in the International Dragonboat Regatta in Cyprus, and more locally, in the Henley Winter Series (HWS) races, British Dragonboat Association (BDA) competitions in Nottingham, Milton Keynes, London Regatta and The BDA Nationals at Holme Pierrepont – resulting in a lovely haul of medals to show for it!



## Success for our Hurricanes Junior Team

Our junior members Noah, Luke, Toby & Austin have been training well since they joined us two summers ago. Their hard work has truly paid off, they were very proud winners of gold and silver medals in composite junior teams at two outrigger competitions – the National Sprint Championships at Dorney Lake and the BDA Henley Winter Series 2025. The boys have made a great addition as our youth team and are looking forward to racing together again in at Henley, Dorney, Shoreham and Hampton Court in 2026. Well done juniors!

Interested in joining our Juniors ? perhaps as part of working towards your Scouts badge or Duke of Edinburgh Award ? Contact us as below.



## Coming up:

Looking to this year.

We have a number of members competing internationally at the the IVF World Sprint Championships 2026 in Singapore and also have Hurricanes selected to represent GB in the European Dragon Boat Championships in Munich, Germany. Congratulations and good luck to them all!

A team of Hurricanes will also be travelling to Spain to compete at the Barcelona Cup event for Dragon Boating in May, and we have a group are attending an OC training camp in Cornwall over Easter.

We will also be attending the British Dragon Boat Association (BDA) races in the UK at Milton Keynes, London and the BDA Nationals in Nottingham in September , and the Henley Winter Series events from October 2026 through to January 2027.

We are hosting our annual 'Clash of the Dragons' event in May and the Hurricane's 'family fun day' in summer, with fun water sports like raft racing and a big BBQ. We will also be out and about at events in the village, such as The Grange Garden Party for Macmillan, so lots happening in the calendar!



## Outrigger canoe - OC6

In the OC6 in 2025 we started the year well competing and medalling in the March Sprints at Silverwing , the Nationals at Dorney (medalled in OC6 plus excellent Vaa singles results). In autumn & winter we celebrated the success of our mixed team who won Gold at the 12k Hampton Court Challenge and our Women's team who

won Gold in the 12k Henley Winter Series (HWS) race. In 2026 we have started well with silver and bronze medals at the March Sprints and will attend the National sprints at Dorney Lake in May and longer distance racing at Hampton Court, Hayling Island and Shoreham.

### Meet our newest members

Hurricanes attracts a diverse range of people of all ages and backgrounds – there is a great team spirit and always something for everyone to take part in. New members as well as seasoned members paddle together in our race events so come along to train with us and compete in one of these future races – you never know, it could be you bringing home the next medal for Team Hurricanes!

We thought you might like to meet a few of our newer members and hear why they enjoy paddling with the club...



**Jack (pictured left)** – Jack joined the club after attending our ‘Clash of the Dragons’ event last year with through the ‘Windsor Social, Out and About’ group. Jack says, ‘I tried a couple of taster sessions and really liked it - it’s a great team and great fun! The scenery at the lake is fantastic and even in the winter, it’s just great to be out on the water.’ Jack has also enjoyed trying different boats, competing and winning as part of the team at Henley and Nottingham in competitive races.

**Biba & Slawa (middle)** - The sisters joined us a year ago after hearing the drums and seeing the ‘Come try it’ signs along the road by Silver Wing Lake. They enjoyed the trial session so much that they decided to join. Biba says, ‘There’s something different about dragon boating – being on the water and being in a team, its so energising and mindful as well and I’ve never had so much fun exercising, I absolutely love it and it is something we can both do together as special time for us as sisters.’ Slawa added, ‘We’ve never felt so welcomed, everyone at the club is so friendly and smiling. It’s been a fantastic new experience for us both and we’d highly recommend it.’

**Ben – (pictured right)** You may well recognise Ben from around the village being an active Wraysbury resident and also from his work as top travel expert at BMJ Journeys. He is new to dragon boating and decided to try it out after seeing the Hurricanes stand at Wraysbury fair and also seeing the Come and Try It signs on the road. Ben says, ‘I joined Hurricanes because of the welcoming energy of the members I met on day one. Sitting in the boat on the water with a paddle in hand gave me a great sense of belonging.’

### A word from our Chairman – Dave Randall



We are extremely proud of our club and continue to work hard to ensure we are a welcoming, inclusive community of paddlers, and our facilities & location remain one of the best around. I am grateful to all of our members for making this the club we are, enjoying our beautiful lake, having fun and racing hard when the time comes. We always love to welcome new members so come on down and give it a try!



### Regular training sessions

Throughout the spring, summer and autumn months (on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm and Saturday mornings at 9:30am), we have been training in our dragon boats, OC6 outriggers and single O1's to improve technique, fitness, strength and to prepare for racing. It is wonderful to train on our beautiful lake in the mornings with our fellow paddlers and witness the change in seasons. We are indeed fortunate to be able to enjoy the lake all year round and arrange regular socials at our lakeside clubhouse & bar.

In the winter we train on Tuesday evenings and hold a club supper nights after training every month where we enjoy members' cooking from around the world. We also introduced circuit training sessions in the winter months for this year just to keep us in peak condition!



### Interested in paddling with us?

Why not come down to the lake for a **FREE Trial** session on a Saturday morning ? You will be most welcome!

You can contact us on **07813 309601** or email [info@hurricanes-DBC.com](mailto:info@hurricanes-DBC.com) or **scan the QR code** and complete our contact page on the Hurricanes website. Happy paddling!



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