

Paddle 4 Sport 2017 round-up

2018 Paddle 4 Sport Events Table

Date	Event	Host
January	No Event	
February 4 th	Shaws Bridge Slalom	N&M
March	No event	
April 8 th	Lough Beg FW	MUCK
April 29 th	Portrush East Bay Sea Race	CCKA
May 26 th	Bangor Bay Sea Race	BKA
June 10 th	Foyle FW	Foyle Paddlers
July	No Event	
August	No Event	
September 16 th	Newry Canal FW	N&M
October 28 th	Lower Roe FW	CCKA
November 18 th	Ballyconnel Slalom	SHARE
December 2nd	Mourne WW	Foyle Paddlers
Share – Lough Erne Rally	Saturday 14 th & Sunday 15 th April	
Share- Greenland Games	Friday 21 st – Sunday 23 rd September	

This year's competition was once again a good one with a total of 236 competitors from 33 clubs with the youngest class being J10 and the oldest Veterans (+65) – including WWKC paddler Kathleen McCormick still bouncing down the Mourne at 75. This year saw a significant rise in the number of paddlers from some relative 'new comer' clubs to the league, and in the overall number of paddlers attending multiple events. It will be good to see both of these trends continuing into the 2018 competition.

The league is intended to encourage paddlers of all abilities to take part in recreation racing either seriously in competition, to win their own age category, or simply to take part, notching up points for their club whilst trying to stay ahead of rivals and burn a few calories in the effort.

Club Competition

Results for the club competition are hard to judge given the different size and a competitive nature of the various clubs but here is some analysis.

The top three clubs for total points:

(Usually won by a big club with sheer numbers)

CCKA 4784

LCP 3776

BKC 2173

The top three clubs for total paddlers:

(Usually won by a big club with sheer numbers)

CCKA 29

FPCC 28

LCP 26

Top three clubs average score – more than 5 paddlers

(Usually won by a small club with a few outstanding racers. 1st and 2nd place only 5 competitors)

Dog leap 233.6

MUCK 233.2

CAPS 227.13

Top three clubs average score – more than 10 paddlers

(A good gauge of the depth of able racers within a club, Total points divided by total paddlers)

BKC 181.1

CCKA 165

UCC 154.31

Over all Club results for age groups

Club	Winners	Categories
CCKA	3	J10 mens
		J10Womens
		Masters mens
FPCC	3	J14 Mens
		J16 Womens
		J18 Mens
LCP	3	J12 Mens
		J14 Womens
		J16 mens
Muck	2	Open Mens
		Masters Womens
CAPS	2	Open Womens
		Veteran mens
WWKC	2	J18 Womens
		Veterans Womens
UCC	1	J12 Womens
GKC	1	J16 Womens

Individual Competition.

Class	Name	Club	Feb	April	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
J10 Mens	Duffy Odhran	CCKA						98			98
J10 Womens	Tagg Naomi	CCKA				98	100	98			296
J12 Mens	Creagh Cormac	LCP	95						100		195
J12 Womens	McLean Sarah	UCC	95					98	100		293
J14 Mens	McIvor Daniel	FPCC			100	100				100	300
J14 Womens	Thompson Zoe	LCP		100			100		100		300
J16 Mens	Creagh Patrick	LCP	100						100		200
J16 Womens	Bonner Sarah	FPCC				100	100				200
J16 Womens	O Broin Aoibhin	GKC	100						100		200
J18 Mens	Kenny Manus	FPCC			100	100	100			100	400
J18 Womens	O'Herilhy Michelle	WWKC	100						100		200
Open Mens	McKenna Peter	MUCK	95		90	100		100			385
Open Womens	O'Dornan Marion	CAPS	95			100			95	98	388
Masters Mens	Davies Jonathan	CCKA		97	100	95	98		100	100	590
Masters Womens	Gribbin Joan	MUCK	100					100	100	93	393
Veteran Mens	Gibson Davy	CAPS	100			100	100	100	100	100	600
Veteran Womens	McCormick Kathleen	WWKC								98	98

As with all competition in general the more the merrier. For those wanting a serious competitive work-out having other regular racers to face up to each month adds to the challenge and for those of us with a less hardened edge the pleasure of a good work out or more leisurely paddle in good company is added to by meeting up with old friends and meeting other paddlers from other clubs.

Make 2018 a year to get out on the water and to Paddle 4 Sport.