

Bulletin No 1

DERWENT RIVER CRUISE

Thank you for your interest in the Cruise event to be held on Saturday 2nd May 2026.

Below are initial details to help you to understand how the event will operate and whether this event may be suitable for you to enter?

The Cruise will set off from the River Gardens and participants will be able to paddle as far as Ambergate and back during the afternoon.

Paddle Peak will be overseeing the organisation of this event and will also be providing back up safety paddlers on the water.

Event Open To

We welcome entries to this event from Adults and family groups.

All under 18s must be accompanied by a competent parent or guardian or qualified paddler.

Craft: Kayaks, Canoes & SUPs

All craft must be suitable designs with inherent buoyancy and recognised as river worthy and must only be propelled by paddle power.

Buoyancy Aids / PFDs

All participants must wear a suitable Buoyancy Aid or PFD both in good condition and well-fitting, at all times on the water.

Competence

All participants must have the competent skills required to take part in the cruise.

The organisers reserve the right to withdraw an entrant if they are unable to fully demonstrate competent paddling skills.

Distance & Fitness

Course distance is 6km, a good level of fitness will be required to take part. All participants should be able to swim with confidence.

Membership

In order to take part in the cruise, participants must be current members of Paddle UK or Members of a Club Affiliated to Paddle UK or take out a £5 single event membership (SEM) with Paddle UK (link on the Derwent River Cruise entry product for SEM).

Entries

All entries need to be made in advance on line and give full details of

participants and type of craft to be used.

Entries cost £5 per craft.

Entries close at Midnight on Thursday 30th April

Sign in

Participants will be required to sign in with their craft and equipment (BAs / PFD) at 'Cruise Control' during the morning before they will receive a numbered bib once their craft and equipment has passed a suitability check.

Further Information

There will be further bulletins sent out to entrants as we move nearer to the event.