

Meet Report – Winter 2023

Dates: Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th March, 2023
Venue: Stoller Campus, South Camp, YMCA Lakeside, Ulverston, Cumbria LA128BD
Turnout (or Attendance): 21 members (12 sailing canoes, 2 sea kayaks, 1 paddling canoe)

Weather & water conditions:

Fairly mild for March and mostly dry. Very little wind on Saturday. Very light breeze on Sunday morning

Activities:

General sailing on the Saturday, or rather drifting or paddling really! Groups headed north towards Rawlinson's Nab, others south to Newby Bridge down the river and visited Fell Foot café. Some cycled or drove to the Jetty Museum at Bowness. More attempts to sail on Sunday morning. Some explored the area on foot. Saturday evening gathering – looked at video of an event last September in Netherlands, a look at some of the new website under development and general discussions. Much chat and socialising in the comfy chairs in reception area.

Highlights, points of interest or issues: Useful feedback about the new website. Decided to continue group membership of Kielder Water SC for this year. Dave and Jan P brought photos etc to share from OCSG earlier years.

Feedback on the Winter Meet after the weekend:

"Thanks Keith for an excellent weekend, the YMCA looked after us so well with very nice accommodation, good food and helpful staff, most certainly value for money, hope we do it again."

"When I told my wife £210 for the weekend she raised eyebrows. I was slightly surprised. But for a comfortable bed, in single room, en suite, 5 cooked meals, free launching, lots of space to meet and chat, it was well worth it. I gave a lift to the chef as I left and on his budget I reckon he did us proud."

"Many thanks to Keith for organising a very enjoyable weekend at Lakeside YMCA. A good turnout with a variety of activities, some sailed, some paddled, some walked and most of us did a lot of chatting whilst drinking coffee and eating flapjacks!"

