



A lot of effort goes into turning a dragon boat.



Amathus take the S20 mixed 500m final.



Close racing in the S14 women's 500m final, won by Wraysbury from Sourcy.



Another Wraysbury win in the S20 senior 500m final.



And another in the S20 open 500m.

Wraysbury winning from Shadwell, both open crews. Third place went to Kingston Royals, just 0.03 second up on Amathus, both men's crews. The mixed S20 went to Wraysbury again from Amathus and Souring Red in third place.

The day ended with the 2km pursuit race. Wraysbury A had the fastest time but were one of the crews to pick up time penalties, typically for failing to stay outside turn buoys in the two lap race. This passed the win to their B team, these all open crews, 16 seconds clear of Amathus with Soaring Red third, the first men's team.

By Sunday morning the breeze had come round to being a tailwind with the sun still out for a pleasant autumn day of 500m races.

The S20 mixed grand final went to the usual suspects, Amathus, Wraysbury and Notts Anaconda.

Soarcy Ladies again won the women's S14 grand final from Wraysbury and Amathus. The men's equivalent went to Amathus from Power-ley and Thames Taniwhas, Chadwell Heath, Secklow and Yorkshire Sharks from Shipley completing the final start line. The senior S20 went to the only open crew, Wraysbury, from the men's Amathus and Kingston Royals crews in the next two places in the combined grand final.

The last race of the championships was the S20 open event, going once more to Wraysbury. Amathus and Notts Anaconda, again with Thames Taniwhas, Chadwell Heath and Soaring Dragons in the mix.

200m: S14W: 1 Soarcy, 1:00.03. 2 Henley, 1:00.11. 3 Wraysbury, 1:00.91.
S14M: 1 Notts Anaconda, 53.60. 2 Amathus, 53.75. 3 Thames Taniwhas, 55.88.
S20Mix: 1 Wraysbury, 52.94. 2 Amathus, 53.36. 3 Soaring Red, 54.31.
S200: 1 Wraysbury, 51.12. 2 Amathus, 51.66. 3 Notts Anaconda, 52.05.
S20S: 1 Wraysbury, 52.72. 2 Shadwell, 54.39. 3 Kingston Royals, 55.22.
500m: S14W: 1 Soarcy, 2:32.84. 2 Wraysbury, 2:33.27. 3 Amathus, 2:36.59
S14M: 1 Amathus, 2:14.95. 2 Power-ley, 2:15.86. 3 Thames Taniwhas, 2:16.07
S20Mix: 1 Amathus, 2:10.27. 2 Wraysbury, 2:11.35. 3 Notts Anaconda, 2:13.26.
S200: 1 Wraysbury, 2:09.37. 2 Amathus, 2:10.15. 3 Notts Anaconda, 2:10.98.
S200/MS: 1 Wraysbury, 2:12.61. 2 Amathus, 2:16.10. 3 Kingston Royals, 2:20.11.
2km: S200/Mix: 1 Wraysbury B, 10:09.26. 2 Amathus, 10:25.62. 3 Soaring Red, 10:46.85.

World Games anomalies

Having been an invitation sport at the World Games three times, dragon boat racing is an official sport this time at Chengdu but organized by the ICF rather than the IDBF. This is because the WGA will only accept sports bodies recognized by the IOC, which is perverse as the World Games are for sports not included in the Olympic Games. Also, the races are for small eight and ten crew boats, eight paddler boats not being an official IDBF category.

However, the IDBF and ICF have drawn up a Memorandum of Understanding with the IDBF being recognized as the organizing body worldwide and at all levels. The IDBF have signed it but the ICF have called for more time to consider it.