

# New Essex canoe club

October 29th saw the launch of Clacton Canoe Club in the Tendring district of Essex. The idea for the club came when Ian Whitehead provided training courses for young people in the holiday periods, supported by Tendring District Council; the participants persuaded Ian to start a club for them.

The launch was made by using the Canoe England ergo machines to do a sponsored 10k relay, which was completed in 63 minutes, to raise money for a local organisation, Seaside Cottages, which provide respite care for children. At the

same time a second machine was used to run a Canoe 2012 sprint event over 200m. Stephen Mayzes, the local councillor put up a very respectable time of 54 seconds and was pleased to receive his certificate of achievement.

The club is open to people of all ages meeting at the Clacton Leisure Centre every Saturday from 16.00 to 18.00. The club is now looking for a suitable outdoors venue in the locality for next summer. Please contact Ian on [clactoncanoeclub@fsmail.net](mailto:clactoncanoeclub@fsmail.net) for further information.



**Above:** Ian on the ergo.