

# Planning Details for Guinness World Records

## Guinness World Record (GWR) Attempt

Reference: 170713152404mpbb

Title: **Most plastic bottle boats launched simultaneously (Multiple Location)**

### Event Title: 'Plastic Bottle Boat Challenge'

Organising Authority: Queen Mary Sailing Club, London UK

Date: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018

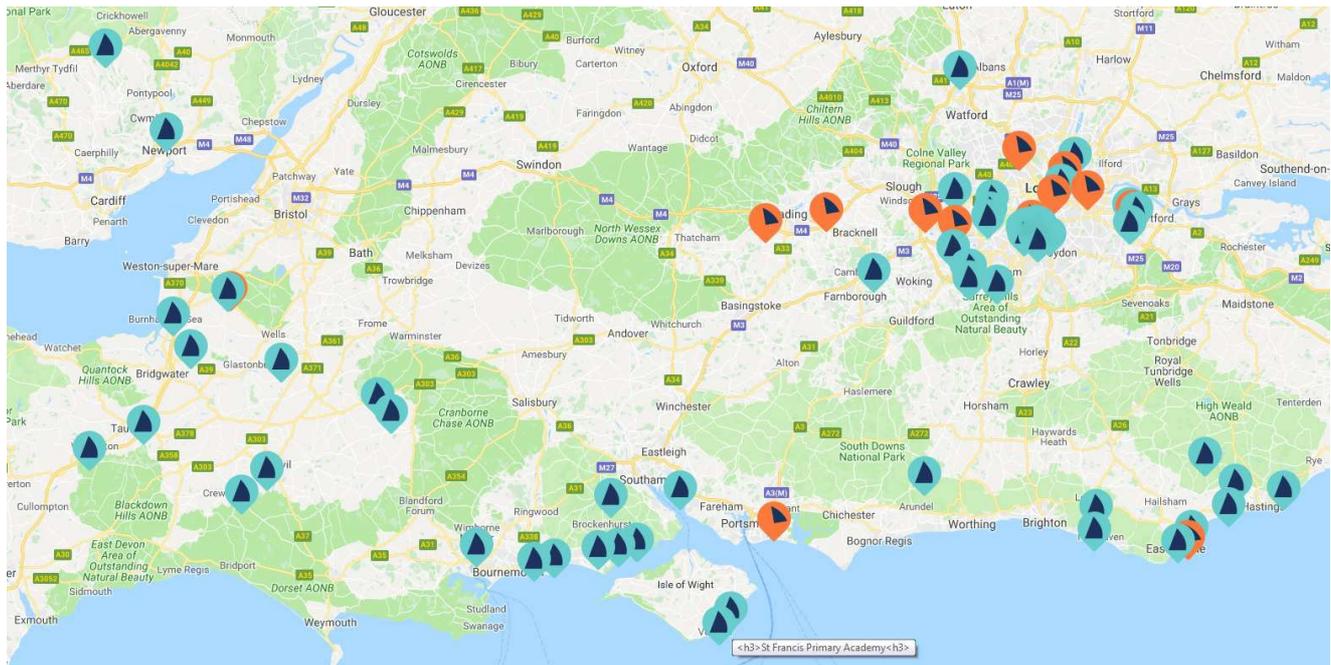
Simultaneous Time: 14:00 British Summer Time (13:00 UTC)

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Attempt Co-ordinator: Tony Bishop, Queen Mary Sailing Club.

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## Participation

The attempt has the potential to witness over 6000 children taking part, participating at over 60 venues across three countries.

- A venue only qualifying if 25 or more boats are launched, simultaneously, using the approved boat design.
- Participants following guidelines 'There will be one person to one model boat only'.

## Approved boat design

[https://www.plasticbottleboatchallenge.com/sites/default/files/pbbc\\_boat\\_design.pdf](https://www.plasticbottleboatchallenge.com/sites/default/files/pbbc_boat_design.pdf)

## Witnesses

At each attempt there will be 2 Independent Witnesses in total, as per guidelines. The witnesses will personally perform the counting process, oversee the stewards and perform spot checks during the attempt to ensure the rules are adhered to.

## Stewards

There will be a steward ratio of 1:50 participants as per guidelines.

## Time Keepers

There will be 2 time keepers at each attempt, as per the guidelines.

## Location

The attempt will take place at multiple locations following the guidelines. **Boats are launched into 'one body' of water.** Venues will gain permissions and conduct their own risk assessments and insurances for their attempt to take place.

A paddling pool, a swimming pool, a river, a lake are examples of one body of water. It is vital that the water is deep enough for the boats to float unassisted.

**IMPORTANT: the attempt must take place in a closed off area that only allows participants to enter.**

The attempt taking place in a restricted area requires controlled access and a controlled area. An entrance to be defined and either tape or a physically defined area, such as an indoor swimming pool, with entrances and exits clearly marked and controlled by stewards.

**NOTE: GWR stress the importance of counting methods and the filming of this process. Video at the entrance counting all participants is key for a successful attempt.**

# Counting Method

## Counting

1. Participants will form a line leading to the entrance of the controlled area.
2. At the entrance the witnesses will assess that the model boat meets the definitions for this world record attempt and one model boat per person.
3. The witnesses will count participants using a 'Counter Clicker' or signing individual names against the 'School Register'.
4. Each boat will be given a tally sticker to place on the boat (a unique number).



Clicker Counter (example)

# Verification Method

**Starting Simultaneous Time: 14:00 British Summer Time (13:00 UTC)**

A verbal countdown to a loud signal will be made by a time keeper with a loud-hailer/claxon/hooter/whistle, all participants will then launch their model boats simultaneously into the boating lake.

**Calling: 5 Minutes to go, 3 minutes to go, 90 seconds, 60, 30, 15,14,13,12,11,10..... 3,2,1.**

For the purposes of this record, 'simultaneous' means that all the participants must launch their boats within five seconds of a signal being given. Only those who do this within this five-second window may be counted, all others do not count towards the final total.



Loud Hailer (example)

## Monitoring

- All model boats will be launched clearly forwards.
- Those that are simply grounded and do not attain any forward motion will be discounted from the total. The boats must stay afloat for a minimum of one minute.
- Boats who become grounded or sink must be deducted from the final total.
- Stewards will be positioned along the line of boats launching to clearly see and count the successful participation.

## Finishing

A loud start and finish signal recognised by all participants must be used. Two experienced timekeepers (e.g. from a local athletics club) must time the attempt with stopwatches accurate to 0.01 seconds.



Stopwatch example

## Photography / Video

Photographs at the attempt will be taken of the following

1. Witnesses counting > Stewards in monitoring areas
2. Boats launching > Individuals taking part
3. Mass participation shots during attempt
4. Group Aerial photo
5. RECYCLING plastic bottles!

Video of:

1. Counting: Witnesses counting participants entering the attempt area.
2. Whole attempt: All participants in one shot from a raised view point 1. **Including the 14:00 time on a smart phone**
3. Whole attempt: All participants in one shot from a raised view point 2.

*Post event - all evidence sent to Queen Mary Sailing Club attention Tony Bishop*

### **Record Keeping**

The attempt will use the official GWR statement forms. The participant counting log sheets will also be submitted as evidence.

<https://www.plasticbottleboatchallenge.com/world-record/downloads>

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## **Example of a Venue Layout, large venue**

This is Poole Park Boating Lake, this is a public outdoor area. It is 'one body' of water. We will organise on the day to achieve an off-shore wind (so boats float away from shore and no waves).

Please see diagram of the venue layout

- The event area will be marked using tape, with an entrance exit
- 8 Stewards will be spaced using cones along the water's edge
- The participants will be split into groups of 50 and positioned between the cones
- The Witnesses and timekeepers will be at either end of the attempt

