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Additional (non-umpiring) items from Richard Mortimer

JIRR TRIALS

Confirmed that I have access to BROE for the competition.

Would suggest that Charly as Race Committee Chair and myself for NRUC take a quick look over the poster/rules before opening for entries on 1st Feb to be consistent with general Rules of Racing procedures/practices. The trials by their very nature are not 100% covered by the RoR but we should aim to follow the spirit as far as possible.

As previously mentioned it is easiest to prepare start-order/draw/results system direct from BROE once it has been confirmed that all crews are accepted and are recorded in the proper events and divisions. Doing this a start-order/draw can be produced in circa 30 minutes. Will work with Pauline to agree appropriate timescales after entries close.

I believe that Paul McCarron has once again offered to be timekeeping lead for the trials but will confirm that with him at Durham Small Boats Head.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

The conference room web camera that NRRC purchased mid to late 2022 has developed a fault. The supplier and manufacturer are currently dragging their heels over who is responsible for replacing/repairing the unit. I will keep pushing to get a resolution.

WEBSITE/EMAIL

We have had the new supplier for pretty much a year now. Things seem to be working fine and I believe we now have all the accounts handed over to the new NRRC officers where applicable.

I wonder whether we should have our own backup of the email/website contents. I have the infrastructure to do this but obviously would only do this if NRRC deems it appropriate. Happy to discuss. P.S. No progress to date on further developing the new prototype website contents at <https://alpha.nerowing.com/>

TECHNOLOGY

The two original timing tablets bought by Durham ARC in 2015 (I think – but may have been 2014) are now showing signs of getting to the end of their useful timing life. Dan will be putting forward suggestions for their replacement. However I would like to formally thank Durham ARC for having the forethought to purchase these 8 years ago to kickstart the replacement of the old laptop based timing system that was in operation at the time and to allow them to be used around the region since then.

Head race draw & results are now uniformly available at <https://go.oar-online.uk/> . Ditto for Regatta draw/results for those competitions that use the software (currently Tyne, Tees & Durham) are available at the same location. For those with Android phones/tablets a native [Oar-Online app](#) is available from the Play Store. Sorry no Apple version as of yet!

The observant will have noticed big screen draw/timing/results screens at recent head races. Thanks to Tyne ARC and Durham ARC for supporting the purchase of the small computers that run this. The intention is that these will be available at any competition that has suitable TVs/screens (need a HDMI input port) for use. We currently have computer facilities (TARC, DARC & one of my own) for up to 3 screens to be in use at once.

Am working on being able to automatically publish head race results (and a few other key items – boating starting, division starting etc) via Twitter and Mastodon. Hoping to give this a trial at Durham Small Boats Head.

The NRRC may consider purchasing (possibly in conjunction with Durham Regatta) a battery power pack for use at some competitions where AC power supply can be challenging to access (including a couple of Sculling Series competitions). Durham Regatta is considering purchasing a fairly hefty battery power pack that will allow it to eliminate another diesel generator. For info Durham ARC & Durham Regatta jointly purchased a power pack last year that removed the need for a generator at the finish hut but there. But other opportunities to eliminate remove noisy/dirty power exist too.