British Rowing Report

Northern Rowing Council

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June 2015
For Consideration at the meeting of the Northern Rowing Council to be held on 29th June 2015

Report of the Area Participation Manager (North) – James Andrews
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British Rowing Membership – 2,529 total 60 up from 2014, down 41 from 2013. (As of June 1st)

3rd largest region
4 Open clubs, 3 schools, 4 University and 7 College clubs and 2 other have memberships of less than 50.
3 Open clubs, 2 schools and 8 colleges have memberships of more than 50.
2 Open Clubs, 2 Universities and 1 school have memberships of more than 100.
2 Open clubs have memberships of over 150.
1 Open club has a membership of over 250.

Northern Region

National
1. **British Rowing**
   - Rowing participation numbers taken from Active people survey from April 2014 to March 2015 have increased by 0.17% from 74,400 to 75,300. One of 15 sports to show growth.
   - British Rowing is currently advertising for 2 positions both based at Hammersmith.
     i. Human Recourses Manager
     ii. Director of Membership & Rowing Community
     iii. Adverts can be found on the British Rowing website.
   - British Rowing has recently appointed the new positions based at Hammersmith of
     i. Communications officer - Emily Carter
     ii. Insight Officer – Sophie Galasinski
     iii. Explore Rowing Administrator – Harry Hainstock
   - All contactable through e-mail ([firstname.surname@britishrowing.org](mailto:firstname.surname@britishrowing.org))
   - SCT Coaches
     i. Both Sarah Cunnold's and Beth Yates's roles will be coming to an end in July 2015.
     ii. Ellie Hizzett will start as an SCT coach in the North East from September working with City of Sunderland RC, Sunderland Schools and Gateshead Community Rowing Club.
   - British Rowing will be piloting a national rowing week from August 22nd till August 30th.
     i. Titled “Rowfest” TBC
     ii. Nationally coordinated set of events to put rowing in the limelight.
     iii. Encourage clubs to run taster days, events, give it a go, open days to try or see rowing and to get involved.
     iv. All events will be showcased on the British Rowing Website.
     v. Select clubs in year 1 but will be open to more club in future years.
   - New British Rowing website to go live in the autumn.

2. **Events**
   - **Great Tyne Row**
     i. Committee now working well with Colin Percy leading the organisation of the event.
     ii. Committee has now been split into two with an events committee arranging the running of the event and a Water Safety committee looking after all arrangements on the water.
     iii. I will be looking to fully step away but remain as a consultant after the 2015 event.
   - **Sunday League**
     i. Talkin Tarn has been postponed to September 20th and Tynemouth Sunday league has been cancelled.
     ii. In the future the league should be run by someone from the Northern Region possibly led by someone from the event, this needs to be put in motion before the July 2015 event at Tees.
     iii. The NRC event coordinator should also arrange the dates of the event from 2016 onwards. Colin has already agreed to finalise dates for 2016 but have given a proposed outline below.
     iv. Proposed rule changes for 2016 to include scrapping the ½ points rules and limit teams to 6 members to simplify rules.
     v. Outline of proposed dates for 2016. Berwick would like to be included as they will own two stable boats by August 2015 so at the moment I’ve put them in to replace the Chester le Street event where they own no boats. It could be a point for discussion for 2016 if there should be more than 8 events to allow more clubs to host an event.

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2016 league dates
July 3rd  3:27pm  Tynemouth  Sculling  S&D
August 7th  LT1:16pm  Talkin Tarn  Sweep  Skills
September 4th  12:11pm  Tyne United  Sculling  S&D
October 2nd  5:16pm  Durham  Sweep  S&D

- **Club Development Conference**
  i. Ideas for 2016 conference would be welcome
  ii. Provisional date January 24th

- **Women's Rowing Conference**
  i. Provisional date August 22nd or 23rd
  ii. Conference agenda to be discussed at NRC meeting on June 29th

3. **Coach Education**
   - **Level 2 Coaching Rowing Certificate**
     o January 2015 – 8 of the 12 learners have now been assessed
     o June 2015 – a full course with 12 learners
     o October/November 2015 – dates have been fixed for a fixed seat Level 2 in Gateshead
     o November 2015 – planning a 6 afternoon long Level 2 course in Newcastle from Tyne United RC, details to be finalized in the next two weeks. This follows a successful survey in which it identified enough interest for this course to run.
     o January 2016 – Tees RC has been booked for next year’s Level 2 to take place the first two weekends in January.

   - **Safeguarding & Protecting Children**
     Two new tutors have been trained to accommodate Safeguarding & Protecting Children workshops in the North East: Eddie Bryant and Carol Downworth, workshops to be arranged in due course.

   - **Emergency Aid**
     Mick Downworth will be delivering workshops in the Autumn.

   - **Capsize & Recovery Workshop**
     26th April ran successfully and the next Capsize is being planned for September with newly qualified tutor in the region, Richard Chapman who will be able to deliver it.

   - **Other**
     A UK Anti-Doping workshop on the 19th April did not have enough interest and so it was cancelled. We are looking to run them in the autumn targeting both club officers as well as athletes.

     Phil Tully and John Mullholland are now qualified as Assessors which brings us to a healthy number of Tutors and Assessors in the region.

     UKCC Level 2 Course costs are now £425.00 (not including prerequisites)
     Capsize / Man-Overboard and Recovery remains at £52.00 (plus £28.50 for non BR members)
     Safeguarding & Protecting Children £27 (plus £28.50 for non BR members)
     Learn to Row Instructor is £125.00
     Rowing Leader (for 16-18 year olds) is £125.00

     Classification Opportunities are being organised nationally and there are going to be 3 – 4 planned for 2016. A new guide to applying for Adaptive Classification has been released and clubs are encouraged to read it. We would also like to hear from clubs and events that will be hosting Rowability categories to be formed as part of an Adaptive calendar.
4. Affiliated Club Matters

- **Clubmark**
  - Clubmarks will now be handled through Sport England’s Club Matters website.
  - [http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/](http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/)
  - British Rowing’s contact for this is Elaine Murphy who is based in Bedford.
    - Elaine.murphy@britishrowing.org
    - 01234 783 001

- **Berwick**
  - Berwick have received funding for two stable boats which the club hopes to receive by August 2015.
  - Club wishes to host a Sunday League Round in 2016.

- **Cambois**
  - Club is looking to secure funding to improve boating and changing facilities at the club.

- **City of Sunderland**
  - Stable quad has been received and daytime sessions will be starting from the 23rd of June.
  - New SCT post to replace current role in September 2015.
  - Club to host a Sunderland tour on August 8th.

- **Durham ARC**
  - Applying for Inspired facilities to expand/improve access to water.

- **Gateshead**
  - “Harry Clasper” a St Ayles Skiff launched on May 4th.
  - Club has received funding to purchase a stable single for Rowability use.
  - Club is currently running taster sessions bringing in new members of the public.
  - Club is also in talks for a lease on a plot of land in Gateshead.

- **Gosforth**
  - Became officially affiliated June 2015.
  - Looking for permanent home, currently based at the Watersports Centre in Newburn.

- **Tees**
  - TRUT has confirmed funding from Sport England Inspired facilities to expand boathouse.

- **Tyne**
  - Tyne Rowing Club, handed over the old clubhouse to developers on June 1st and has been knocked down.
  - Completion of the project is hoping to be complete by December 2015.

- **Tyne United**
  - In talks with Sport England regarding several expansion plans to the club in particularly increasing changing room space.
  - Employed new Junior Coach.

- **Tynemouth**
  - Applying for various equipment through Small Grants.

5. Academic Clubs

- **Chorister School**
  - Raced at their first regatta at Hexham Regatta.

- **Durham College Rowing**
  - New committee have been voted in.
  - Looking to work closer with them in the coming year.

- **Durham University**
  - Won Overall Victor Ludorum (1047 pts) and Women’s VL (621 pts) at BUCS regatta with a total of 20 medals (8 Gold, 6 Silver and 6 Bronze.)

- **Newcastle University**
  - Topped the Men’s VL at BUCS regatta and claimed 18 medals (3 Gold, 7 Silver and 8 Bronze)
• **Sunderland University**
  o Fielded their first women’s 8 at BUCS regatta.
• **Yarm School**
  o Work is continuing well on the new boathouse with it being aimed to be completed by September 2015.

6. **St Ayles Skiff or New clubs not yet affiliated.**

• **St Ayles Skiff Clubs**
  o **Alnmouth**
    ▪ Club is now rowing regularly.
  o **Amble**
    ▪ The club is now growing in numbers and have started work on their 2nd boat.
    ▪ The club held their first regatta on the 31st of May.
  o **Whitburn**
    ▪ Boat has now launched.
  o **Adventure Sunderland**
    ▪ Trinity 500’s to be removed from the club and rowing to stop at the centre.

7. **2014-15**

• Complete/ reaccredit Chester le Street, Cambois, Tyne, Berwick and City of Sunderland clubmark folders.
• Coach Education for 2014. 3 L2 courses planned.
  o Current courses planned
    ▪ Tees – January
    ▪ DCR - Week before Durham Regatta in June
    ▪ Tyne – September
• Club development conference planned for 26th January 2014.
• Increase 14+ participation of rowing, wherever possible.
  o Focus area will be Sunderland and all rowing activities in that area including, City of Sunderland, Sunderland University, Adventure Sunderland, Indoor rowing and the creation of a Coastal Rowing Club.
  o Establish a minimum of 3 new fixed seat Coastal clubs along the North East coastline.
  o Work with DCR colleges and universities on Wednesday afternoons to help coaches, crews with participation/retention.
  o Encourage the growth of daytime/recreation rowing, especially at Explore rowing pioneer clubs.
  o Assist smaller clubs with L2R courses where needed.
  o Continue and improve the “Sunday league” series with clubs with Explore rowing boats.
  o To encourage a level between full competition and recreational rowing.
  o Assist & advise when required to run Great Tyne Row.
  o Continue to work with and assist Adventure Sunderland & new watersports opportunities
  o Work with Gyms & post appropriately to correct contacts.
  o Work with clubs to further expand “Rowability” schemes where appropriate & post appropriately to correct contacts.
  o Work with new St Ayles Skiff clubs to further expand opportunity for fixed seat rowing and look into opportunities for new clubs and appropriate regional organisation body.
  o Work where needed with Sea Cadets/scouts to further expand rowing participation.
• **Indoor Rowing competitions**
  o Continue to support and run Tyne & Wear, County Durham & Northumberland Competitions
  o Look into reintroducing Tees Valley.
- Implement British Rowing WSP in the North.