

Northern Region Rowing Council

Competitions Coordinator 2023 Annual Review

Northern Region competitions

Following a couple of disrupted years, Rutherford Head returned to its usual early December date in 2022. The 2022/23 Head season also welcomed Derwentwater Head for the first time on 4 March 2023.

The 2023 Regatta season was conducted in generally warm and sunny conditions, low water was a concern at some locations due to a prolonged dry period. Chester-le-Street Spring Regatta plans to return in 2024, with an autumn competition also in planning. Tyne Regatta plans to return in August 2024 and we hope that the revised date will give competitors something to look forward to over the summer. We say goodbye to Durham Autumn Sprint, previously our last regatta of the season, which is in the process of disaffiliation with British Rowing.

The 2023/24 Head season has got off to a stilted start with 3 of the 6 LDS (and associated SBH) competitions being cancelled due to the weather. The final event of the series at Durham concluded a week later than planned, again due to weather impacting conditions.

Dates for both the 2024 and 2025 calendars have been submitted to British Rowing. Dates for 2026 will follow early in the New Year to meet with the British Rowing requirements.

Thank you to all competition organisers, umpires, volunteers and supporters who allow us to run our competitions – we would not be able to do it without you.

British Rowing Junior and Senior Club Championships

British Rowing have announced that, following consultation with members over the summer, the newly-formed Championships will take place from 19 July 2024 to 22 July 2024 at The National Watersports Centre, Nottingham.

Further details are available on the British Rowing website:

<https://www.britishrowing.org/2023/10/british-rowing-announces-the-british-rowing-junior-and-senior-club-championships-in-july-2024/>

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