

Long Distance Sculling Series 2021

LDS Report for Northern Rowing AGM

Monday 15th November 2021



Core Team: Charly Curtis, Daniel Lockey, Richard Mortimer, Colin Percy, Paul McCarron, Mark Bell

Local Co-ordinators: Colin Percy/Alex Shiel (Tyne); Stephen Heath/Steve Leigh (Tees); Ian Black (Berwick); Helen Carr (Wansbeck); Sarah Hodge (Hylton); Mark Bell (Durham).

Summary: 6 races, 5 ran with the 1st cancelled due to Weather (Wind). 592 crews, 1386 competitors.

Despite having a year off due to COVID, entry numbers were incredibly healthy with most events filling up around the close of entries. One event closed after approx. 7 days and another after less than 4 hours.

Event	Crews		Competitors
	Submitted Entries	Racing Entries	
Berwick	44	0 - CANCELLED	74
Tees	177	134	359
Tyne	189	159	380
Wansbeck	115	89	237
South Hylton	69	50	124
Durham	123	116	212
TOTAL	717	592	1386

Summary of LDS

All events received substantial entries in relationship to their limits with Tyne and Durham exceeding their limits. This came in handy when crews withdrew meaning all events had enough competition and were within safety limits for entries. Most categories had good competition although at every event we needed to group crews to allow all competitors the chance of a pot when racing.

We found this most evident with masters categories where there was the need in some events to group 4 or even 5 Masters bands together in order to race. The reason for this was each of the categories only had one entry so to allow all crews to race for a pot, all crews needed to be drawn against each other.

In all the series was a huge success thanks to the sites, team and competitors. We couldn't have done it without you all! See you in 2022

Our Team

Operationally the team continues with an efficient working regime as follows:

- **Planning/Preparation** – Dan Lockey, Richard Mortimer, Charly Curtis, Colin Percy & a rep from each club.
- **Entries, Draw, Results** – Dan Lockey working with local club reps on boating locations/times.
- **Publicity/Draw & results Communications** – Colin Percy
- **Race Committee Chair, Prizes** – Charly Curtis
- **Pre-race crew numbers & equipment preparation** – Dan Lockey
- **Timing** – Paul McCarron (chief timekeeper/results). Colin Percy and local club volunteers.
- **Race-day crew numbers, Cox weighing, Marshalling, Safety, Boating Areas, Cakes** – host club volunteers.

Wash UP

A series wash-up meeting/review will take place in the coming weeks. We actively ask clubs and participants to feedback to the Coordinator, this can be done using the following email address: lds@nerowing.com Anything noted will be fed back to the NRC as required.

Once again, thank you to organisers, coaches, competitors and host clubs. Without all of you we would not have an LDS.

Dan Lockey, LDS Coordinator for the Northern Rowing Region.