

## **Northern Rowing Council**

### **Meeting of Executive – 25 September 2023**

#### **Report on Recreational Rowing - Colin Percy**

##### **Recreational Rowing overview**

As we have not had NRC Recreational Rowing Coordinator for some time, liaison with the national RR Committee has been sporadic. I have just emailed the national coordinator John Turnbull to reestablish contact. I forgot to do so face-to-face when he was up for the GTR. We need to find a nominee for our RRC post for the AGM, but can discuss under the main AGM agenda item.

##### **Sunday League**

After a slow start back in the spring we planned six events round the region at Tyne, Berwick, Tynemouth, Cambois, Tarna and Hexham (see [www.nerowing.com/sundays.html](http://www.nerowing.com/sundays.html)) from May to October. In 2019 we ran or planned for eight, starting in March, so there is an issue there for forward planning for 2024.

The sessions have gone well, except that Tynemouth was cancelled a day or two in advance due to high wind forecast. Entry numbers have slowly increased, though some regulars have been absent all season. Women's teams were low in numbers at first but have built. There is obviously a balance between getting more teams down and having a manageable event that does not run over time, so if interest grows in 2024 we will have to consider this.

Racing as usual has been quite competitive for the more experienced teams, but the less experienced seem to have enjoyed the rowing too, even if not winning many races in some cases. All events have been Splash 'n' Dash sculling, except one quite challenging sweep S'n'D last time. The last event at Hexham on Sunday coming is skills sculling, which should be interesting. It will decide the winners, as points are close – see Appendix 1.

The finances for the Sunday League are on the basis of breaking even as far as the NRC is concerned, with host clubs retaining the larger part of the race fees (only in the low hundreds each time). The race fees have had to be increased this year to £20 a boat as I have had to hire a truck on one occasion and paid for petrol on two, in order to tow boats to Berwick and Cambois

I would like a proper steering group for the Sunday League next year so I do not do all the admin, though work for the actual events on the ground is up to host clubs as always. I will arrange for starters a Zoom meeting soon with a rep from each club involved now or in the past invited. In the meantime thanks to all host clubs and helpers for making it such a good series.

##### **Great Tyne Row**

The GTR ran successfully on 26 August in good conditions, except for a torrential downpour and rumbles of thunder after two boats had just started and some others were on the water at Newburn. The two (slower coastal boats) got away without getting wet, but the other 18 had to wait 40 minutes before regrouping and setting off.

They all emerged into the sun and warmth by about Scotswood and the finish welcome squad at Tynemouth basked in hot sunshine all day. The water was a bit choppy in the Bill Quay-Walker area but at the start and finish was very calm. All finished in good times. The fastest time was 1hr 42min, not quite record breaking but close for the 25km. The slowest time (with a prize) was a six person fixed seat Shetland Yoal in 3hrs 7min. Times are at all shown at [www.greattynerow.com/results2023](http://www.greattynerow.com/results2023) with more detail in a pdf or jpg version linked from there is you want it.

The financial outcome for the event was a small deficit of about £200 overall (exact figure to be confirmed) on an income from the race fees of £2050 – see the overall sums at Appendix 2. This is usually boosted by T-shirt sales, but that did not happen this year. It is an expensive event to run for a small number of boats and the charge of £25 per person this year is a bit more than we would like to impose, but needed. A boost in numbers to maybe 30 would be good for finances without getting unmanageable (we have had more) and allow us to look at things like GPS tracking and other useful add-ons.

Like the Sunday League we need a proper steering group and again a Zoom or in person meeting will be held soon to arrange to get this going again and look at tides for next year. At first glance there is not an obvious date in August or September with a nice high tide about noon! Many thanks to the host clubs, paid service providers, Port of Tyne, outside individual volunteer helpers (Dilwyn, Pam, Louise) and host clubs. N.B. Louise did get a nice trip on the PoT pilot vessel that preceded us down the course!

25-09-23

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## Appendix 1

### Sunday League 2023 - league table with points per round - after 5 rounds - issued 16-09-23

<i>Women</i>		Points per round							Total	Place	Rounds
Team name	Club	Tyne	Berwick	T'mouth	Cambois	Tarn	Hexham				
Tarnettes	TTA	6	7	x	7	5		25	1	4	
Tarc-ing Heads	TYN	8	5	x	6	5		24	2	4	
Hexquisite	HEX	x	7	x	8	4		19	3	3	
Tynemouth Gulls	TYM	x	5	x	4	6		15	4	3	
Cambois Cavalry	CBS	x	x	x	5	5		10	5	2	
Tarntastic	TTA	4	x	x	x	x		4	6	1	
Why The TARC Not	TYN	x	x	x	x	3		3	7	1	

<i>Open</i>		Points per round							Total	Place	Rounds
Team name	Club	Tyne	Berwick	T'mouth	Cambois	Tarn	Hexham				
Berwick Expedition Crew	BER	5	8	x	7	8		28	1	4	
Tynemouth Seals	TYM	6	7	x	6	7		26	2=	4	
Hextraordinary	HEX	7	6	x	6	7		26	2=	4	
Wansbeck Warriors	CBS	6	4	x	7	8		25	4	4	
Tarnished	TTA	5	5	x	4	4		18	5=	4	
Berwick Allsorts	BER	x	6	x	6	6		18	5=	3	
Frankenstyne	TYN	7	x	x	x	5		12	7	2	
DARC Morris Miners	DUR	x	x	x	x	4		4	8	1	

<i>Overall stats</i>	Tyne	Berwick	T'mouth	Cambois	Tarn	Hexham	Total
Number of women's entries	3	4	x	5	6		18
Number of open entries	6	6	x	6	8		26
<b>Total number of entries</b>	9	10	x	11	14		44

Women's Points	12	17	x	23	28		80
Open Points	36	36	x	36	49		157

## Appendix 2

### Great Tyne Row 2023

### Financial outcomes estimate as at 24-09-23

#### Expenditure

Lead out boat	Port of Tyne	£500.00
Safety launch cover	Sea Cadets, Derwenthaugh	£525.00
Safety launch cover (fuel only) - guess	Sea Cadets, South Shields	£50.00
Safety launch cover	Red Seal Rescue, Tynemouth	£80.00
Safety launch cover (fuel only)	Clubs (petrol only)	£60.00
Trophies (22 tumblers @ £15 each)	Solar Trophies	£330.00
Pennants - TBC - guess	TBC	£100.00
Other prizes - fizz	Sainsburys, Throckley	£71.50
Car park at Tynemouth	North Tyneside Council	£180.00
Insurance	c/o Marsh (BR brokers/advisers)	£246.00
Engraving of trophies - TBC - guess	TBC	£100.00
<b>Total money out</b>		<b>£2,242.50</b>

#### Income

Race fees - 76 seats @ £25	£150 from one club not visible in NRC bank	£2,050.00
T-shirts - not produced in 2023	N/A	£0.00
<b>Total money in</b>		<b>£2,050.00</b>

<b>Surplus/loss on the day</b>	<b>-£192.50</b>
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#### In GTR bank accounts after 2022 event, money being transferred to NRC account

Trade Bank live acct	<i>To be closed, money already in NRC acct</i>	£259.30
Barclays Bank frozen acct, from pre-Covid	<i>Meeting with bank soon to unfreeze &amp; close</i>	£508.53
<b>Total in banks</b>		<b>£767.83</b>

<b>Left in NRC account after 2023 GTR</b>	<b>£575.33</b>
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#### Other GTR-related expenditure before 2024 event

Prizes (pots & fizz) in 2022 paid for by CP	Solar Trophies & Sainsburys, Throckley	£334.00
Web site renewal in Feb 2024 - approx	Wix	£90.00
<b>Total further expenditure</b>		<b>£424.00</b>

<b>Money that will be left for 2024 event</b>	<b>£151.33</b>
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