

Report to NRC AGM Nov 2021
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Masters returned to rowing after covid possibly more slowly than other age groups, some of the older ones being more cautious. BR saw a reduction in members, numbers released in the Spring showed a 25% reduction, slightly more women didn't return.

Handicaps.

Handicaps have been discussed throughout the year at several meetings, both regarding women and the way/timing of their bodies aging (being different to men), and also handicaps for the older rowers have been much under discussion.

There has also been thought given to how to make fair competition for masters, perhaps combining PRI with length of experience to decide on a "novice" /"non novice" banding in masters rowing.

All the masters committee meetings have been by zoom and some have requested that this continues, as travel time to meetings can often take much more time than the actual meeting.

Competitions

Many regattas throughout the country didn't take place.

National Masters still went ahead in June though with a reduced number of races. Usually there are non championship races in both sweep and sculling spread over 2 days, at Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham but this year only the championship races went ahead in both sweep and sculling.

Many chose not to go for various reasons, some just didn't think it appropriate to travel because of the risk of covid infection and some didn't want to travel just for one day of racing. There were none of the usual stalls and no food on sale. Hopefully next year it will feel more normal and there will be a full 2 days of racing again !

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