

Masters report to NRC June 2024
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National Masters Championships 2024 was held at Holme Pierrepont 15/16 th June, there was a record number of entries but a lot of entries scratched. The weather on Saturday was dramatic with thunder and lightening while crews were on the water (including the quad I was in)..... I believe the scoreboard was hit and was out of action on the Sunday. It seemed that there were fewer entries from the region this year than has been for the last few years.

It has been noted by the committee that on some occasions all rowing has been cancelled on the Thames and that some junior events have been moved to Dorney. Agricultural waste run off is also causing concerns for the Wye and the Severn band could affect other rural rivers.

Concerns have been passed back from the Sport Committee and the Regional chairs/ reps re the increasing number of disciplinary issues around coaches and rowers and also re the bureaucracy around qualifications and certification of anyone giving any form of coaching even on a voluntary or informal basis.

Handicapping continues to be discussed, the most problems seem to be in the heads racing and at the older end of the spectrum.

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