

# NORTHERN REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE



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Report to the Northern Rowing Council Executive 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

## **MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE**

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None since last NRC meeting.

## **UMPIRING SEMINARS**

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Our Autumn seminar will be held at Tees RC on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September commencing 10am.

## **REGIONAL COMPETITIONS**

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The regional regatta season is now well underway. In general competitions have been very well prepared this year and we thank the organising committees for this.

We have had a number of issues of unsportsmanlike behaviour that only came to light in the days after the competition concluded. As such it was not possible to investigate and take action on these. It is very important that anyone observing potentially unsportsmanlike behaviour should report it to the nearest umpire or race control to ensure that appropriate action can be taken.

## **ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO COMPETITORS/CLUBS**

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We continue to answer questions and advise on general matters relating to the rules of racing, competition organisation and general race queries. This can be in person, email, telephone.. We were particularly pleased to receive a question on race-craft from a coach who was wanting to ensure that their crews knew what was good/bad conduct during a race.

Other questions include one about substitutions and the new competition framework. The BROE2 team have still to confirm whether they are enforcing banding points limits and if not what timeframe it will be enforced within.

Clubs, Competitions and individuals are encouraged to keep the questions coming.

## **TRAINING**

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We ran two theory courses in April. A total of 5 people attended the courses with 3 having continued into practical training. Whilst the numbers are somewhat disappointing the candidates we have are very keen and we hope to have all three passing the exams by the end of the year. Also disappointing was the cancellation of Durham Regatta we had theory exams planned for the weekend which did not take place and it also provides very good training for our candidates.

We did not manage to run the theory course at Lakeland RC and will carry that forward into the next batch of training. We currently have 15 named individuals on the training interest list roughly half of these having been added to the list after the start of 2019 training.

## **KIT & EQUIPMENT**

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One of the regional bells went missing at Tees Regatta. It still has not turned up. We can manage the remaining regatta this season but will need to consider getting a replacement before the 2020 regatta season.

We are running low on stocks of umpiring jackets, shirts, hats etc. Peter has placed a provisional order to replenish stocks – cost not available at present. We would also like the NRC to consider supplying more lightweight jackets for use during the summer – the heavy yellow jackets being too warm when the sun shines!

Peter Hoare & Richard Mortimer