

NRC REPORT FROM MASTERS COMMITTEE

A lot of research has been undertaken to give a description of a successful masters' squad. It is now at the stage where revisions are being made and Rowing and Regatta are interested in publicising the report and may be uploaded to social media.

Clubs around the UK have discussed buying stable boats but it has been pointed out that often the problem isn't the purchase of such boats but the transportation of them. Other clubs and regions are looking at setting up a competition structure for novice/recreational rowers and they have told how the Sunday League here in the Northern region works.

There was a reminder that there is a masters section on facebook and a link will be given to the Masters seeking competition.

There has been further discussion and some complaints about the Personal Ranking Index system, some are obviously not at all happy with this system. There have been proposed revisions to the masters' handicap tables, especially at the higher end.

It is noted that points won in masters' events are unlikely to be equivalent to those won in senior events so combining masters into events with seniors based on points alone does not lead to fair or exciting competition.

Work has been done constructing graphs comparing variances between winning and predicted times across the age groups. Work will continue on this and a review will be made of the USA handicap system and the FISA age bandings and recommendations will be made to the Committee and eventually to the Rules of Racing Committee.

Recommendations have been made about how results of Heads races are done and how they are published. G M has repeatedly told them to speak to Richard Mortimer, it would seem that the Northern Region is way ahead of the rest of the UK !

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