

Junior Report for AGM of NRC on Monday 27th November.

JIRR 2017 Trials

The selection trials for the Junior Inter Regional Regatta were held at Cambois Rowing Club on Sat. 11th February. The weather on trials day was horrendous and there were few complaints from athletes who were soaked through and frozen even when they were required to get out of one boat and virtually get straight into another. My thanks go to the members of Cambois who took charge of all the marshalling and timing enabling the day to run as smoothly as possible.

The entry for the trials was good with every event except the J16 eight having at least 2 entries. Selection for the team was made in all categories. The eight was formed from boys from 3 clubs who had competed in other events without success. In 3 events the selection was given to second placed crews when those in first place had also won another event.

The final selected team for 2017 is attached to this report along with a file showing an archive of selected crews by club 2012-2017, which illustrates a good spread of selected crews across clubs in the region.

Indoor Rowing

There were the usual local authority competitions where teams of 4 girls and 4 boys in each age group were selected to compete on Tuesday 7th March in the Regional Indoor Rowing competition, which took place at Durham University. Thanks, must go to the SGO's who run the local authority competitions and to Cailin Grant, Sport Development Officer, Durham University for their hard work in providing venues and well organised indoor events.

For the Regional competition there was a most worthwhile innovation of introducing the possibility of entering athletes with scores of over 90% of GMT as this created more participation. There was a good entry in each age group, even at post 16. Obviously, there was a strong presence of athletes from the local rowing clubs who in the main were representing their schools on this occasion.

The question has been raised as to whether we should have a separate competition for rowers and would that encourage more schools to participate? If not a separate competition then should there be a medal for the highest placed non-rower?

Results from the competition are attached to this report.

JIRR

The Junior Inter Regional Regatta was held at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham on Saturday 22nd April. The Northern Region again fielded a full team

including 4 composite crews. There were representatives from most of the clubs in the region. 11 out of the 24 crews entered got through to the A final with the region finishing in 7th place overall. Special mention should go to Joe Adamson from Chester le Street who won a silver medal in the J16 1x and the Durham School/Chester le Street composite crew who took bronze in the J14 4x+.

The attached spreadsheet gives the full results with %GMT etc for those interested.

National Schools

The National Schools Regatta was held again this year at Dorney. Very few participants from the region took part with only the G CH 2- from Tyne ARC making the A final where they came 7th.

Please see the attached Word document for results of entries from the region.

GB Trials

Although a few athletes have been involved in the GB trials process over the last year only one (Hope Cessford from DARC) received an invite to the Final Trials Crew Formation. Claudia Turley from Tyne was invited to the Race Off for the last place available at the Crew Formation.

Results from the region at the GB Trials April Regatta are also on the Word document.

GB Junior Representation

On the National stage Hope Cessford from Durham ARC once again represented GB at the Junior World Championships at Trakai, Lithuania. She was part of the Womens 4- who won the B final at the event. Alasdair Richardson from Durham School represented Wales in the Coxed 4 and Claudia Turley from Tyne represented England in the Womens Coxed 4 at the Home International Regatta.

2017 British Junior Championships

The British Junior Championships were held in Nottingham last July. They had a record attendance with participation exceeding 1500. The Northern Region entries and results are recorded on the attached spreadsheet.

Congratulations should go to Chester le Street who had an exceptional year winning a Silver and a Bronze and also being part of 2 further Silvers in composite boats. The Silver medal was won by Dan Middleton and Joe Adamson in Open J18 2x. Eve Larsen and Bobbi Forster won Bronze in Womens J18 2x.

Roman Bowery from Chester le Street joined Sam Turnill and Sam Hall from Durham School and Ben Norman from Talkin Tarn with Cox Jonathan Anstee from DUS to

take Silver in the Open J14 4x+ and then Roman and Sam Turnill took Silver in the Omnium Open J14 2x event.

J14 Skills Event

There were further issues with the J14 events on the Friday of the Championships with some athletes being on the water for substantial amounts of time. Please contact me if you would like a regional event prior to the national event. Ideas on a format would also be welcome.

2018 JIRR Dates

The proposed date for the JIRR regional trials will be on Saturday 10th February at Cambois and the National event will again be at Nottingham on Saturday 21st April.