

Junior Report for meeting of NRC AGM on Monday 26th November.

JIRR 2018

The Junior Inter Regional Regatta was held at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham on April 21st. The region fielded a full team all of whom performed well against strong opposition from the other regions. Standout performances came from Roman Bowery (CLS) who obtained Gold in the J15 1x, Caitlin Warren (CLS) Silver in WJ15 1x, Aidan Roberts, Samuel Graham, Max Wilson, Tyler O'Donnell and Amy Snook (CLS) Silver in J16 4+ and Erin Temple (Tyne ARC) Bronze in the WJ14 1x.

Results are attached. The team finished 7th overall. We also won the JP Martyn Humphrys Cup for the highest placed region from the 6 lowest placed regions from JIRR 2017. A detailed report can be found on Northern Rowing.

National Schools Regatta

The National Schools Regatta was held at Dorney Lake, Windsor on May 24th to 26th. Only 4 clubs from the region were represented.

Chester le Street entered Bobbi Forster in the WJ18 1x (3rd in C final) and Joseph Adamson in the J18 1x (5th in A final).

Durham ARC entered their J15 4x+ who came 30th in the Time Trial and a WJ14 8x+ who were 4th in the B final.

Durham School also entered 2 crews, J15 4x+ who were 6th in A final and a SchG4+ who were 6th in the B final.

Tyne ARC entered a J14 4x+ who came 3rd in the B final and a WJ14 4x+ who were 2nd in the D final.

Although no medals congratulations should go to Joseph Adamson (CLS) and to the J15 4x+ from Durham School who reached the A finals, not easy to achieve at NSR!

British Rowing Junior Championships

The BRJC were held in Nottingham at the National Water Sports Centre on Fri. 20th-Sun.22nd July. The Omnium event for all J14 and WJ14s was held on the Friday plus racing for quads. Notable results from

Tyne ARC J14 4x+ 6th in A final.

Hexham WJ14 4x+ 4th in A final.

Tyne WJ14 1x 6th (out of 91) in Omnium

St. Leonards WJ14 2x 6th (out of 62) in Omnium.

Events for J15 and above were held over the Saturday and Sunday. Medallists were:-

QEHS J18 1x (Nick Ryan) GOLD
Chester le Street J16 4+ GOLD
QEHS J18 2- SILVER
Chester le Street J15 1x (Roman Bowery) SILVER
Cambois WJ16 1x (Jemima Furness) SILVER
Chester le Street WJ15 1x (Caitlin Warren) BRONZE
Durham School composite WJ18 8+ BRONZE
Full results are on attached spreadsheet.

GB Junior Selection 2018

Joseph Adamson from Chester le Street was successful in selection for the GB Junior team attending Munich Regatta. He competed in a single, double and a quad over the weekend. He gained gold medals in the 2x and 4x-. He subsequently went to the Junior World Champs in a double. Competition was very strong so they finished in 2nd place in the C final.

Eve Larsen from Chester le Street was also successful in attaining GB selection. She represented GB at the Coupe de la Jeunesse in the WJ 4x-. The crew finished 6th in the Time Trial, their final placing as the event was then cancelled due to bad weather.

BR Junior Rowing Committee

Notes from meeting 29.4.18

- Planned Regatta on June 9th 2018 was cancelled due to organisational problems.
- Skills videos have not been released - problems with BR branding requirements.
- New Rower Development Guide should be available soon, could be on the Club Hub when released later this year.
- Problem over Junior Sculling Regatta venue for 2019. Dorney not available.
- JIRR- question about extending regions (to include Scotland). I have resisted move to merge Northern and Scotland.
- NSR- event is saturated, Some changes this year, more to come.
- HWR- no changes for juniors.
- HRR-no changes for juniors but discussion about extra event for girls (8+ and/or 4-).
- GB team- more depth in boys sculling, ergs stronger. Shortage of quality girls sweep athletes.
- Disappointment expressed over increase in J14 membership fees.
- Changes needed in structure of regattas, starting early April with preparation events that lead up to performance events (HWR,HRR etc).

Notes from meeting 9.9.18

Comments on Presentation 'School Age Rowing Strategy' by Marieke Bal (British Rowing)

- Strengthen Structures -alternate pathway needed for less committed rowers. BR lead needed for Juniors, and probably leads for other groups also, e.g. Masters etc
- Empower Clubs Existing clubs linking with schools; existing schools linking with other schools. Cost of sport can be an issue. We need to market/sell rowing better.
- Transform the offer. There is a bigger picture that needs to be address by BR. different strategies for determining who/what/where the events take place. Events are more 'customer-led'.
- Lead the Way. Competition Structure needs updating, especially for Junior Women, with tangible objectives. Input of coaching is paramount and should not be underestimated. Performance element was possibly displacing the idea of participation.
- Champion Insight. First survey in many years, it won't be repeated every year. Rowing has been a leader in integrating schools/clubs, far greater than many other sports. Inclusivity of NSR is good. Split of BRJC and BRC is possibly a negative for the sport. Cost of coach education is extremely high.

- **Nottingham Junior Regatta**

Attempt for regatta in Nottingham in June 2018 but various obstacles intervened. Work is continuing for a June regatta in 2019, which would cater for lower abilities and lower age groups.

- **BJRC**

Clash with other events in 2018, in 2019 it will not clash with Home International. Omnium continues to grow, c.200 entries in 2018

- **Age related issues for J14s**

Some J14s slightly too old for year group. Seems to have affected a larger number than expected in recent years in many different schools. Some abuse has been registered by BR and NSR.

Indoor Rowing

On Friday 23rd February the Regional Indoor Rowing competition took place at Durham University. Thanks, must go to the SGO's who run the local authority competitions and to staff and students at Durham University for their hard work in providing venues and well organised indoor events.

For the Regional competition introducing the possibility of entering athletes with scores of over 90% of GMT created more participation. However, the entry was disappointing especially in the older age groups. Clashes with Mock exams and other school activities prevented some from attending during school hours. Obviously, there was a strong presence of athletes from the local rowing clubs who in the main were representing their schools on this occasion.