

## **NRC AGM November 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### **Recreational Rowing**

#### **Explore Series**

The 6<sup>th</sup> season of the Explore Series concluded in October with a win for Hexham in the Open league and Durham in the Women's. A total of 151 competitors took part this year (an increase from 146 in the previous year when one round was cancelled), and there were 37 teams from 11 clubs. The admin fee for host clubs increased to £15.

Weather and water conditions caused some concern for 3 of the rounds at Hexham, Tyne and Tyne United. All eventually went ahead although there was some curtailment of racing at Hexham and Tyne ARC.

Reverting to a maximum of 9 per team with two points for a win and one for taking part proved popular so these rules are to be retained for next year.

A draft timetable for next year's rounds has been produced and circulated to host clubs. Scheduling has been difficult due to problematic tide times. Changes to eligibility rules are being considered because of the introduction of BR's new Competition Framework.

#### **Tours**

Day tours and longer tours took place regionally, nationally and internationally during 2017.

The seventh Great Tyne Row took place on September 2<sup>nd</sup> with 34 entries, an increase on last year, including for the first time a coxed single, with crews travelling from Scotland, Wales, the Midlands and Surrey to take part.

The third annual River Wear Tour of Sunderland went ahead in July with increased numbers, and informal events took place at Tynemouth, Tees, Gateshead and Durham.

The 24<sup>th</sup> British Rowing UK Tour visited the Lancaster Canal in late August with 65 rowers completing the 40-mile navigation over 3 days.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> BR European Tour went to Hamburg in May, with 44 taking part from the UK. The FISA World Tour in September went to the Ligurian coast of Italy for a 5-day tour.

Some lessening in support from British Rowing for recreational events is apparent.

Transporting stable quads/fours is an ongoing issue, as most trailers are only capable of carrying 2 such boats. It has been agreed to consider at the next executive meeting the possibility of the NRC buying a 2-bay trailer that can accommodate more, possibly in partnership with a club, who would look after it for the NRC.

Unsuitable tides are a problem for scheduling a Great Tyne Row for next year and a shorter tour of the Tyne is being considered as an alternative.

Nationally the Recreational Rowing Committee is planning the 2018 UK Tour on the upper reaches of the Thames, which is scheduled for late August/early September. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour. The successful Great Coal Row in Southampton is to be repeated on May 20<sup>th</sup> next year.

The FISA World Tour, also in May 2018 will visit Spain/Catalonia and the next BR European tour is scheduled for 2019.