

## **NRC Executive April 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**

### **Recreational and Explore Rowing report**

The Sunday League has reverted to its original name after being known as the Explore Series for the past 3 years. The first round took place at Tyne ARC on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with 11 teams entering. The Durham round on April 7<sup>th</sup> had 14 entries. Berwick have provided a risk assessment for their round in May, and Tyne United have agreed to trailer boats to Berwick and will claim fuel expenses from the NRC.

Good progress is being made with the redevelopment of Ebchester boathouse and an open weekend is to take place on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. A skills course is to be developed for the August round of the Sunday League.

Recreational Rowing Committee Chairman John Turnbull was asked by British Rowing to give a presentation to the January meeting of the BR Board on Recreational Rowing as a Development Opportunity. A copy is available on request.

The 26<sup>th</sup> BR Tour to the Lake District takes place between Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup>, with tourers spending a day rowing round each of Ullswater, Derwentwater and Bassenthwaite Lake. Details can be found on <http://www.recrowing.org.uk/index.html>. The closing date for bookings for the complete tour is May 6<sup>th</sup>. Day rows on any of the lakes on any of the 3 rowing days are also possible for those who don't wish to stay overnight with the tour group.

By the end of March there had been around 70 bookings for the tour. Several members of northern clubs have indicated interest in a day row and some discussion of boat transport has taken place. Depending on demand up to 8 of BR's sponsored touring quads will be available.

Members from Tees RC are going on the Explore the Broads tour to the Norfolk Broads which takes place on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

Bookings are now open for the Great Coal Row, organised by BR's East Midlands region, which takes place at Southampton over the weekend of June 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The date of the 2019 Great Tyne Row is yet to be agreed. September 7<sup>th</sup> has been suggested. The original proposal of September 8<sup>th</sup> isn't possible because of a clash with the Great North Run. The date chosen

may impact on plans for BR's sponsored touring boats being made available after the national tour.

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