

NRC Exec February 3rd 2020

Recreational and Explore Rowing report

The annual British Rowing Tourers' Dinner will be at Leander Club in Henley on March 7th, coinciding with the date of the Women's Eights Head. Details of the BR UK Tour on the River Thames from Marlow to Chiswick on August 27th to 30th will be announced.

There will be two World Rowing tours in 2020, one to American Samoa in April and the other to Finland in July. The Norfolk Broads tour will be on June 7th and 8th. The Great Coal Row and Great Tyne Row look likely to be on the same weekend of August 15th and 16th.

There is no European tour this year.

An initial draft timetable for the 2020 Sunday League series has been circulated to club contacts. Some difficulty is being experienced trying to reach agreement on dates that will be satisfactory for clubs, largely due to a shortage of volunteers, conflicts with other events and absence of suitable tides. It is proposed to start the competition in April and to include 7 rounds.

Nithsdale Rowing Club has expressed a wish to enter a team this year, partly as a trial for a proposed Scottish League. This will require members of Scottish Rowing to be eligible for the Sunday League. Assistance with the processing of entries will be needed, and preferably a more automated entry system. Does ClubHub include a suitable facility? Its use for recording L2R courses and taster sessions has been mentioned. Can the online entries system be adapted? The destiny of the original trophies remains undecided.

There has been some indication of renewed interest in recreational rowing and we hope there can be a revival of inter-club recreational visits.

The Recreational Rowing Committee has emphasised the importance of coaching support to retain people, particularly recreational rowers, post L2R, if we hope to grow membership. Thames Region has arranged a course for coaches in March at which one of the themes will be developing skills after L2R.

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