

NRC Executive March 19th 2018

Recreational and Explore Rowing report

The first round of the Explore Series, scheduled to take place at Tyne United on March 18th with a smaller than usual entry of 9 teams from 5 clubs, was cancelled after falling victim to the weather. The Berwick round on April 1st will now be the season opener. Talkin Tarn's round in May will be a sculling round rather than sweep, and Tynemouth's round has been rescheduled to June 24th to make use of more favourable tide times.

The Great Tyne Row organising committee has confirmed that there will be no GTR in 2018 due largely to lack of suitable tides. The event is however expected to return in 2019, and September 8th looks a possible date although this is the same day as the Great North Run.

Sunderland have been unable to get permission from the Port Authority to stage the River Wear Tour on the day of the Tall Ships' Race so the Tour will now take place on July 28th.

Details of the proposed Skiff Armada on the Tyne are awaited.

The Great Southampton Coal Row takes place on May 18th to 20th, coinciding with the Southampton Parade of Sail. Hosted by Coalporters RC it is for coxed touring and coastal-going vessels, covering 24km on Saturday and 28km on Sunday.

An Explore the Broads tour of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads will take place on the weekend of June 16th and 17th, covering approx. 15 miles each day. Details are at <http://broadsevents.org.uk/> The closing date for entries is May 14th.

The poster for the 25th annual British Rowing Tour on the Upper Thames, starting at Bablock Hythe and finishing at Mapledurham, between Thursday August 30th and Sunday September 2nd, 2018 can be found at

http://www.recrowing.org.uk/The25thBritishRowingTour%20_final.pdf

Prices start at £320 per person including meals and hotel accommodation in Oxford.

The next European Tour will be in 2019.

A calendar of recreational events for 2018 can be found on

<http://www.recrowing.org.uk/calendar2018.html>

British Rowing has announced a 3-year sponsorship agreement with Charles Stanley Wealth Management to support the growth and development of recreational rowing in England, through which they will provide 8 coxed touring quads, blades and trailers. These will be delivered in 2018 as two packages, one based in the Thames Valley and the other in the Eastern Region (geographical areas in which Charles Stanley is most active). Charles Stanley also sponsors the National Schools' Regatta. Allocation of the packages is to be managed by BR's Recreational Rowing Committee,

Cambois are seeking funding for the purchase of a recreational 4+/4x and have requested endorsement from the NRC in support of their community grant fund application.

Ellie has arranged for Durham University's 2-bay trailer to be made available to the NRC upon request to transport stable boats for recreational events, if not otherwise in use.

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