

NORTHERN REGIONAL UMPIRING COMMITTEE



Chairman: Dr. P. Hoare Vice-Chairman: Mr. C. Curtis Secretary: Dr. R. Mortimer
Members: Mr. M. Bell, Dr. D. Jones, Mr. J. Mulholland, Dr. A. Oakenfull, Mrs. L. Pain

Minutes of meeting held at Durham ARC 1st April 2019.

Membership

P. Hoare (Chairman); C.F. Curtis (Vice-Chairman); R.E. Mortimer (Secretary); J. Mulholland; A.G.P. Oakenfull; D Jones, L. Pain.

Apologies

- M. G. Bell.

Annual report from NUC & feedback

- ClubHub will in the fullness of time be cleaning up the administering of Umpiring.
- Umpire new style membership cards. Still waiting for them.
- Rules booklets presumably in the post soon. - post meeting feedback – looks like late April arrival at the earliest.
- Suspended clubs – temporary thing from 1/April with affiliation fees outstanding.
- Retirements
 - 1 person
- Newly Qualified
 - 3 new – including one re-licenced umpire
- Move Away
 - 1 to Eastern Region
- Licence renewals
 - 9 due at end of 2019

NRUC Membership

- Think about new members.

Safety

- Heel restraint rule is going back to “not higher than horizontal”. We should recommend 50mm rise but cannot enforce it.
- Rules now “taking account of the guidance in Row Safe”.
- From 2020 all boats, except singles, must have backstays on the leading rigger on each side.

2019 Rules of Racing Changes

- Clarification of J18 cannot race lightweight if under 18.

- Junior age bands now redefined to fix longstanding issue that 1/Sept was the last day of the previous year although in practice it has always been applied as the first of the new year.
- J9 & J10 now removed.
- Junior A & B now removed
- Coxes now accrue ranking points – this is separate from rowing and sculling.
- Head doubling – competitors can race in different bands of an event but not twice in a single band.
- Umpire roles clarified. Specifically: Chief Judge; Co-ordinating umpire; and side-by-side vs head roles.
- Lightweight weighing of subs now covered in the rules.
- Heel restraint rule now replaced with equivalent of FISA rule.
- Blade colours should match those registered with British Rowing from 2020.
- Adaptive boat and strapping rules updated.
- Beach sprints section added.
- Query subs rules for band points.

Head Race Review

- Races which took place happened smoothly.
- A few were cancelled: Tees LDS/SBH, Wansbeck LDS/SBH & Ponteland.

Chair of Race Committee 2019

Regatta

- Chester-le-Street Regatta – Dilwyn Jones
- Durham City Regatta – Lynn Pain
- Tees Regatta – Peter Hoare
- Cambois Regatta – Andrew Oakenfull
- Hexham Regatta – Peter Hoare
- Durham Regatta – Charly Curtis/Andrew Stephens
- Tyne – John Mulholland
- Talkin Tarn Regatta – Richard Mortimer
- Chester-le-Street Sprint – Dilwyn Jones?
- Durham Autumn Sprint – Mark Bell

Head races

- Tyne Single Scullers Head – Colin Percy?
- Sculling Series – Charly Curtis
- Rutherford Head – Charly Curtis

- Tyne United New Years – Charly Curtis
- Durham Small Boats – Charly Curtis
- JIRR Trials – Charly Curtis
- Tyne Head - ?
- Ponteland Junior Head - ?
- Lakeland Head - ?

Event Monitoring

- Where possible CoRCs should appoint an event monitor. However this may not be possible with low umpires numbers.
- Monitoring forms can be downloaded from the NorthUmpires Yahoo group files section.
- RM is monitoring posters, prospectus and event documentation.

Regional Seminars

- Spring Seminar – Monday 8th April - Tyne ARC @ 19:30.
 - Regattas, Rules of Racing, Start Procedures..
- Autumn Seminar – Sunday 22nd September – Tees RC @ 10:00

Umpire Training

- Wednesdays 10, 17 & 24th at Tyne ARC. 18:45-21:00 – lead John Mulholland
- 14th April Durham ARC. 10:00-16:30 – lead Richard Mortimer & Charly Curtis
- TBD Lakeland RC – lead Peter Hoare
- Need to identify new recruits
- Need to remind clubs with events that they should be providing 2 umpires per racing day that their club organises.

AOB

- Kit – Peter is arranging updated kit stocks.