

Northern Rowing Council - meeting of Executive

4 February 2019

Report of Events Coordinator - Colin Percy

Competitions since last Exec

Since the last Exec the LDS series ran in October and November with two out of six competition days lost due to weather concerns (Tees and Wansbeck). Rutherford Head in December was full (130 per division limit) in record time; it ran but rowers in Div 1 got quite wet and cold and Tyne ARC are reviewing how they deal with that and other winter condition scenarios. Tyne United New Years Head went well in January in more placid conditions with about 60 in each division. Durham SBH was full again very quickly and did run but with some clubs choosing not to race due to forecast or actual conditions - freezing temperatures and snow beforehand and sunny but still very cold on the day. Tyne Head and Pont Junior Head next up.

Competition Programme for next year 2019-20

The calendar for 2019-20 has been agreed nationally, unchanged for this region since last reporting, with dates all at <http://www.nerowing.com/calendar.html>. However there has been a very late inclusion of a revised date for BR Senior Champs, i.e. 15-16 June, and even *more* recently a Nottingham Junior Regatta the week before (and Durham Regatta weekend) for those not getting to at least semis at National Schools Regatta.

The former change was not the subject of widespread consultation in this region, although DUBC and NUBC were asked for comments, I think. The latter event likewise has not been consulted on here (not through me, anyway) though the idea has been aired elsewhere - see Pauline Higgins's report. We may wish to discuss impact of either on Durham Regatta.

One further complication is that the Great Tyne Row was due on Sunday 8 September, but as this is the same day as the Great North Run it gives Tynemouth RC as finish hosts a big problem with volunteers. GTR persons (i.e. me plus others) are exploring either a swap to the Saturday in place of NUBC's Single Scullers Head (with it moving to the Sunday or a week later) or the GTR moving to 10 or 11 August. More on this soon!

Affiliation of new competition - Chester-le-Street Autumn Regatta

CLSARC has submitted documents and an application form to us for this new competition to be affiliated. The competition would be similar to the one recently held in lieu of the cancelled spring event. I circulated papers on 26 January and have had no comments back. Can I ask the Exec to endorse this application subject to getting a firm assurance from CLSARC now that they will have at least two club members attending umpire training this spring? We agreed this competition in principle last time

Session at NRC Conference on Competitions

The session discussion is still being written up and a further meeting of organisers is possible plus a survey of wider views via Facebook etc. More next time.

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