

## **Northern Rowing Council - meeting of Executive - 18 September 2017**

### **Report of Events Coordinator**

#### **Events programmes for 2017-18 (current year)**

Regattas have gone well, as far as I know, apart from the lack of numbers and cancellation of Tyne as reported last time. I intend asking each regatta competition for a short report and convene a meeting over the autumn/winter to discuss the shape of the overall calendar and format of events (well, I'll try very hard yet again to do so).

The only head race so far has been the new Tyne Single Scullers Head organised by Newcastle University BC with a little help from Tyne ARC (and my first time as Chair of a Race Committee). It went well with a modest but quite respectable number (131) racing over three 3k divisions (open, masters, junior) and then an all-comers 1k sprint division in quite difficult conditions. No capsizes and no bow numbers lost - a double record maybe.

#### **LDS autumn series 2017**

The LDS programme for 2017 is well in hand under a new organising committee, based at DARC. Minutes of a recent meeting involving the LDS organising committee and host clubs (as well as other head race organisers and the secretary of the NRUC and the RWSA looking at wider issues) are circulated with this report. Some small details in the minutes may have been superseded. The series starts in less than a month, on 7 October at Berwick - see the web page at [www.nerowing.com/lds2017.html](http://www.nerowing.com/lds2017.html).

#### **Explore Series 2017 & 2018**

Colin Lawson has reported on this overall. Since his report went out I emailed the small steering group with tides for next year and we have quickly come to the conclusion they don't make it at all easy to fix dates! The group will discuss this further shortly.

#### **Great Tyne Row – 2 September 2017**

This went very well with clement weather and mainly good water conditions. I'll do a full report after the steering group meets for a wash-up. But in brief we had 34 entries, including one coxed single (taking 3:04, but not last). Fastest was 1:47. Results and lots of pics are at [www.greattynerow.com](http://www.greattynerow.com).

30 was our break-even point on paper on close of entries, so we did not cancel on financial grounds, though with some items creeping up (partly as a result of one dead heat needing an extra set of pots) we now think we will make just a small surplus (but it is a surplus) on the 34 entries. ☺. All invoices we have received have been paid on already, thanks to our new streamlined financial system (Pam's cheque book).

As with the Explore Series, the tides in August and September 2018 (and other things going on like GN Run and GN Bike Ride) make it almost impossible to choose a suitable date at this time next year. I am also not willing to lead on the GTR in 2018. And Claire is getting married. So our next steering group meeting has plenty to discuss!

## Competition Programme for 2018-19

The programme I circulated last time (as below) still stands as a draft and has been with the National Comps Committee for some months. We still await the first full national calendar back from the NCC, so nothing more to report overall. I include the programme below, just as a reminder. I have asked the new LDS organising committee to double check dates after this year's late date swap (thanks to all here and at BR for an *extremely* quick approval process for that).

I need a small group to be agreed with delegated powers to endorse (or not) (a) a revived Northumbria Summer Head proposal for July 2018 (we declined this as a late entry for 2017) and (b) a proposal by Cambois RC to take back the Wansbeck SBH (afternoon of LDS) from the NRC in 2018. This will require them to go through all the NRC & BR hoops as a 'new' event. Both have been given full info on the process.

### Actual dates for affiliated events 2017-18

Sat 15 Apr 17	Easter
Sun 30 Apr 17	CLS Regatta
Sat 6 May 17	Tyne Regatta
Sat 13 May 17	Durham City Regatta (+ Sun)
Sat 20 May 17	Tees Regatta
Sat 27 May 17	Wansbeck Regatta
Sat 3 Jun 17	Hexham Regatta
Sat 10 Jun 17	Durham Regatta (+ Sun)
Sat 1 July 17	Talkin Tarn Regatta
Not endorsed	Northumbria Summer Head
Sun 3 Sep 17	Tyne Singles Scullers Head
Sat 30 Sep 17	Durham Autumn Sprint
Sat 7 Oct 17	Berwick LDS
Sat 14 Oct 17	South Hylton LDS
Sat 21 Oct 17	Wansbeck LDS & SBH
Sat 28 Oct 17	Tyne LDS & TU SBH
Sat 4 Nov 17	Durham LDS & SBH
Sat 11 Nov 17	Tees LDS & SBH
Sat 25 Nov 17	Rutherford Head
Sat 27 Jan 18	TURC New Years Head
Sat 3 Feb 17	Durham SBH
Sat 17 Feb 18	Tyne Head
Sat 24 Feb 18	BUCS Head (Tyne) (+ Sun)
Sat 24 Mar 18	Ponteland Junior Head
Sat 31 Mar 18	Easter

### Proposed dates for 2018-19

Sat 31 Mar 18	Easter
Sat 14 Apr 18	CLS Regatta
Sat 12 May 18	Durham City Regatta (+ Sun)
Sat 19 May 18	Tees Regatta
Sat 26 May 18	Wansbeck Regatta
Sat 2 Jun 18	Hexham Regatta
Sat 9 Jun 18	Durham Regatta (+ Sun)
Sat 23 Jun 18	Tyne Regatta
Sat 7 Jul 18	Talkin Tarn Regatta
? Jul 18 ?	Northumbria Summer Head ?
Sat 8 Sep 18	Tyne Single Scullers Head
Sat 29 Sep 18	Durham Autumn Sprint
Sat 6 Oct 18	Tyne LDS & TU SBH
Sat 13 Oct 18	Tees LDS & SBH
Sat 20 Oct 18	Berwick LDS
Sat 27 Oct 18	Wansbeck LDS & SBH
Sat 3 Nov 18	South Hylton LDS
Sat 10 Nov 18	Durham LDS & SBH
Sat 1 Dec 18	Rutherford Head
Sat 19 Jan 19	TURC New Years Head
Sat 2 Feb 19	Durham SBH
Sat 16 Feb 19	Tyne Head
Sat 23 Feb 19	BUCS Head?
Sat 16 Mar 19	Ponteland Junior Head
Sat 30 Mar 19	Easter

Though not involved, I understand that there may be a discussion shortly between the region, host clubs and BUCS about whether the contract to run the BUCS 8s & 4s Head on the Tyne will be extended beyond the event on 24 February 2018. I have pointed out to Tyne ARC reps that the weekend of 23/24 Feb 2019 has very low tides mid-day and it would be very difficult to run a major head race those days!