

Northern Rowing Council - meeting of Executive – 19 March 2018

Report of Events Coordinator - Colin Percy

Competitions since last Exec

Since the last Exec meeting on 29 January, Durham SBH on 3 February and Tyne Head on 17 February have run and went well. Durham was well subscribed as usual and Tyne Head less so, but quite viable, as usual. The weather threatened but was OK in the end for both. Ponteland Junior Head is coming up on Saturday, 24 March, with 124 (sorry 123, with a scratching just made) entries - again a lowish but normal number. The first regatta at Chester-le-Street is on Saturday 14 April, by which time we can expect good weather.

Although not involving the NRC, BUCS 4s and 8s Head took place on 24/25 February in the face of a cold and windy weather forecast. The short course Saturday events for beginners just got away with conditions on what was a pretty windy day, and completed as planned. On Sunday the morning long course events for intermediates and championship crews took place in mounting wind.

However rough water at Scotswood at lunchtime meant the afternoon events used the short beginners' course, but they did run. Well done to the Tyne clubs for advising on and coping with the conditions and keeping the show on the road (or the river). They await word on whether they will get the event for the next 3 years.

Again not involving the NRC, The Siemens Boat Race of the North with Newcastle and Durham Universities and local clubs last Saturday, 17 March, was cancelled due (in the end) to unsafe conditions for transport on the A1, though water conditions might have caused last minute cancellation anyway. Anyone see what it was like?

Competition Programme for 2018-19

There have been no amendments since the last meeting to the calendar for 2018-19 for this region's events and they were all published on the printed wall sheet distributed with the last edition of Rowing and Regatta. The 2019/20 process starts soon. The application from Cambois RC to run the Wansbeck SBH directly is still being processed by me.

Explore Series 2018

Colin Lawson has reported on this, including yesterday's cancellation of Round 1 at TURC.

Regatta format discussion and debate

With the cancellation of the Club Development Conference, we have not had the long awaited discussion on regattas (size, format, etc). I will try to do something by email with event organisers and make sure we gather views over the spring and summer from both events and rowers generally with a view to an end of season get together in the autumn.

Great Tyne Row 2017

The GTR finances remain to be finalised (though it is solvent).