

NRC Masters Feedback

Workshops are being organised for organisers of masters rowers within clubs, the first such workshop has been held in Guildford (4th Dec) and Weybridge (18th Dec) and further meetings will be held in Southampton (29th Jan) and Avon County (4th Feb)

Some requests have been made that there should be a BR membership to allow members to only row once a year but this is not feasible. BR needs the funding provided from membership.

There is a feeling at many clubs that clubs are struggling to coach and develop large numbers of junior rowers because of the lack of volunteers in the 30 to 50 age range. This is seen as a major problem for the long term sustainability of clubs once the older masters “hang up their rowing kit”.

New points system.

There were complaints made after posters for some events did not make clear the method of applying handicaps in recent events. Handicaps were in some cases still not clear in the draw/race order or even the provisional results. It was agreed that race organisers should make a general statement about application of handicaps in the event poster. The draw/race order should also indicate where handicaps will be applied. The results should show the raw time and calculated handicap time and should identify the winner on handicap.

Regatta dates for 2018:

World Masters 2018 will be held in Sarasota. Karon Phillips to pass on details when known, but there will be packages available to include flights, accommodation and transport to venue.

National Masters Nottingham, 16th 17th June 2018. 2019 will most likely be held in Strathclyde but this needs to be confirmed still. There are no plans to change the system as it was in 2017. Non-championship events will run in 3 broad age bands with races based on ranking points.

Henley Masters 13th and 14th July 2018.

Euro-masters Munich 27th to 29th July.

British Rowing Community Support Team

There are now only 3 people covering the whole country. Jo Atkinson will cover West Midlands, East Midlands, North and North West