

## NRC Masters Report June 2017

Communicating information with all masters rowers is still a problem. There is a FB page- <https://www.facebook.com/GBMastersRowing> and information will be posted there. Some clubs are posting information on which crews are entering regattas as a means of drumming up competition. This could be extended within regions by our committee members,

The ranking points are still being discussed and committee members are asking for clarification re several issues. One such is that rowers with many points accumulated through heads season may not be of a similar standard for regatta season, also someone having taken a year or two out will show low points. Undertaking of a survey is being discussed to show the rigging used through GB clubs.

National Masters Regatta on June 9/10<sup>th</sup> 2017 was discussed and the following points noted.

- Good organisation (K Phillips)
- Bar should be opened for viewing even if not for sales.
- Lanes should be clearly marked at the start and before the start so that rowers can get onto the start more easily (G Moore)
- Vegetarian options for food should be made available (not just jacket potatoes) plus more healthy options- after all the people buying food are athletes! (G Moore)
- After 2 mins declared at the start the "Attention, Go!" can come at any time but a roll call should have been made. After the 2 min announcement the start is not an 'early start'

The event was paused and later cancelled on the Sunday due to bad weather in particular the gusts of wind which were blowing especially at the race start. There was also discussion about whether or not composite crews were a fair entry for this event. It was suggested that the Victor Ludorum may in future only take into account non- composite crews.

The non-doubling restriction at Henley seems to have helped manage the number of entries, we will be observing carefully to see how (if at all) this affects the standard of entries.

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