

## Northern Rowing Council

### AGM - 26 November 2018

#### Events Coordinator's report for 2018 (sorry for lateness, Rutherford is my excuse)

##### *Annual programme*

The work of the Coordinator has been focussed as usual on receiving proposed dates from affiliated competitions in the region and forging these into a draft programme for the National Competitions Committee to approve. This is done over one summer/autumn for the next rowing year (1 April to 31 March).

The NRC Exec has endorsed all requests made by clubs in the region for 2019-20. This was relatively straightforward (and thanks to Yorkshire for not objecting to a clash between Tyne and Bradford Regattas on the same day). The draft (but almost certain) programme for 2019-20 can be found below and is on the NRC web site at [www.nerowing.com/calendar.html](http://www.nerowing.com/calendar.html).

The only outstanding issue is that Chester-le-Street ARC wishes to reintroduce their Autumn Regatta in September (in effect it ran this year as the rearranged spring competition cancelled by high water). This has been agreed in principle by the NRC Exec Committee subject to assurances from CLS about bringing forward candidates for umpiring. We are awaiting a view from British Rowing as to whether or not it needs and an application form and full documentation.

Dates agreed for 2018-19 (not all have run)	
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
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	<i>Moved to Gloucester!</i>
Sat 16 Mar 19	Ponteland Junior Head
Sat 30 Mar 19	Easter

Dates for 2019-20 as with BR at Nov 18	
Sat 20 Apr 19	Easter
Sat 6 April 19	CLS Regatta
11-12 May 19	Durham City Regatta
Sat 18 May 19	Tees Regatta
Sat 25 May 19	Wansbeck Regatta
Sat 1 Jun 19	Hexham Regatta
8-9 Jun 19	Durham Regatta
Sat 29 Jun 19	Tyne Regatta
Sat 6 Jul 19	Talkin Tarn Regatta
Sat 7 Sep 19	Tyne Single Scullers Head
Sun 8 Sep 19	<i>Great Tyne Row (non-affil)</i>
Sat 28 Sep 19	Durham Autumn Sprint
Sat 21 Sep 19	CLS Autumn Regatta (new)
Sat 5 Oct 19	South Hylton LDS
Sat 12 Oct 19	Tees LDS & SBH
Sat 19 Oct 19	Tyne LDS & TU SBH
Sat 26 Oct 19	Berwick LDS
Sat 2 Nov 19	Wansbeck LDS & SBH
Sat 9 Nov 19	Durham LDS & SBH
Sat 07 Dec 19	Rutherford Head
Sat 25 Jan 20	TURC New Years Head
Sat 1 Feb 20	Durham SBH
Sat 15 Feb 20	Tyne Head
Sat 21 Mar 20	Ponteland Junior Head
Sat 11 Apr 20	Easter

## ***Affiliated competitions in calendar year 2018***

The early head races all ran, the Tyne ones with small-ish entries; there is perhaps a need to look at better promotion for what should be quite popular competitions on exactly the same course as the over-subscribed Rutherford Head. The weather for these was mixed but not bad enough to cancel. However the first regatta at Chester-le-Street in April fell foul of high water.

With one exception all the summer and early autumn regattas ran, some with less than ideal conditions, but no major problems. The CLS spring regatta was re-scheduled for September and happened. All were well supported with the usual long days at some. The only regatta scheduled that did not run was Tyne, with Tyne ARC losing many of its key comps people on the day to other events. Early discussion on the format for 2019 is planned (but no clashes this time).

The early September Tyne Single Scullers Head ran for the second year, again not huge, but one to watch. In mid-autumn we lost two LDS events, at Tees and Wansbeck, to wind and cold. There is a separate report on the LDS series. Rutherford Head is happening later this week and was filled in record time (1 hour 10 minutes). Again discussions are planned at Tyne ARC about ways of coping with more competitors, even looking at two days. Comments welcome.

## ***BUCS 4s & 8s Head, Boat Races and Power8Sprints***

We had two major non-affiliated competitions planned in the region. 24/25 February saw the last of our three BUCS 4s & 8s Heads on the Tyne, given it is moving to Gloucester in 2019. It suffered from wind, especially on the Sunday when the second division had to be shortened. The very early Boat Races of the North on 17 March were cancelled due to wind affecting both trailer movement and the river itself. The region participated with Yorkshire in the Power8Sprints in Bristol and thanks to Tees RC for helping to coordinate our crews.

## ***New competition framework***

This is still working its way through with full implementation from 1 April 2018. See below about the upcoming Club Development Conference discussion, when we will cover how the new system is faring, CRI points and all.

## ***Other events***

Although not necessarily part of the Event Coordinator's brief I have helped to an extent with the Explore Series (ex-Sunday League) with Colin Lawson, Gabrielle Moore and Caroline Scholl. Colin Lawson's recreational rowing report covers this. Tides did not help planning this year but we coped. Many thanks to Colin L for his behind the scenes work

I have helped in the past in a major way with the Great Tyne Row. In 2018 it did not run, due again to very difficult tides (it has fairly precise needs for a mid-day high tide), but also to organiser fatigue (or getting married – congrats to Claire). It was confirmed that the 2017 GTR did make a surplus, which is in the bank to support the 2019 event on 8 September.

## **Regional discussions on competitions at Club Development Conference**

We will be having a discussion on competitions at our Club Development Conference on 27 January 2019 at Durham ARC. I will be in touch with clubs and competitions very shortly for feedback on 2018. The discussion will look at format, size and so on, particularly for regattas but head races too. The early closing of entries for some competitions and the running overtime of some others (or the same ones) are just some symptoms of a system needed adjustment, perhaps. Thoughts welcome!

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