

Northern Rowing Council

AGM - 16 November 2019

Event Coordinator's report for 2020

Competitions since the 2019 AGM

In summary, lots of activity then nothing!

Just after the last AGM in November 2019, Lakeland RC ran a successful test event to trial arrangements for their upcoming inaugural Derwentwater Head. Rutherford Head, Tyne United New Years Head and Durham Small Boats Head then ran successfully. Tyne Head in February was called off due to an adverse weather forecast, The BUCS 4s & 8s Head a week later was reduced to one day for similar reasons and then Derwentwater Head itself in early March was called off too due to weather concerns.

Then we all know what struck us in the shape of Covid-19 and the lockdown. Skip a few long weeks and restrictions began to be eased and British Rowing issued successive versions of a national plan to get us back rowing and competing. By late summer it looked as if we could get underway with competitions from 10 October with strict rules on numbers, social distancing and hygiene in place. Newcastle University ran a very well run test Tyne Single Scullers Head invitation event in September with BR's blessing and things looked more hopeful.

However there were still major concerns in clubs about the safety of competitions and by this time relaxations were not enough to save the NRC's own LDS series in October and November. One or two full competitions ran in the south of England. Things then started to get worse again. Tyne ARC had just started to plan actively for Rutherford Head due in late November but had to call a halt abruptly as lockdown version 2 loomed.

And right now? What happens to our remaining competitions in the calendar to the end of the rowing year on 31 March 2021 is anyone's guess, though one or two have already said they are unlikely to run. Others are planning ahead tentatively, including BUCS.

Calendar for 2021-22

I have undertaken the usual consultation with clubs about competitions in the next rowing year, from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 and a full calendar has been prepared and input into British Rowing's system. The timings shown there still need BR's approval but are unlikely to change. The dates are shown on the next page of this report and can be seen on our web site at www.nerowing.com/calendar.html.

Conclusion

With lockdown due to finish in December I really hope we can look forward to some competition early in 2021!

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Northern Region

Competition dates in 2020-21 and 2021-22

Dates in 2020-21 (not all held!)

<i>Sat 11 Apr 20</i>	<i>Easter</i>
Sat 18 Apr 20	Chester-le-St Regatta
S/S 9-10 May 20	Durham City Regatta
Sat 16 May 20	Tees Regatta
Sat 30 May 20	Wansbeck Regatta
Sat 6 Jun 20	Hexham Regatta
S/S 13-14 Jun 20	Durham Regatta
Sat 20 Jun 20	Tyne Regatta
Sat 4 Jul 20	Talkin Tarn Regatta
Sat 12 Sep 20	Tyne Single Scullers Head
Sat 26 Sep 20	Durham Autumn Sprint
Sat 3 Oct 20	Tees LDS & SBH
Sat 10 Oct 20	Tyne LDS & TU SBH
Sat 17 Oct 20	Wansbeck LDS & SBH
Sat 24 Oct 20	South Hylton LDS
Sat 31 Oct 20	Berwick LDS
Sat 7 Nov 20	Durham LDS & SBH
Sat 28 Nov 20	Rutherford Head
Sat 23 Jan 21	TU New Years Head
Sat 6 Feb 21	Durham SBH
Sat 13 Feb 21	Tyne Head (?)
S/S 20-21 Feb 21	BUCS 4s & 8s Head (?)
Sat 6 Mar 21	Derwentwater Head
Sat 27 Mar 21	Ponteland Junior Head
<i>Sat 1 April 21</i>	<i>Easter</i>

Dates for 2021-22 currently with BR

<i>Sat 1 Apr 21</i>	<i>Easter</i>
Sat 17 Apr 21	Chester-le-Street Regatta
S/S 8-9 May 21	Durham City Regatta
Sat 15 May 21	Tees Regatta
Sat 22 May 21	Wansbeck Regatta
Sat 5 Jun 21	Hexham Regatta
S/S 12-13 Jun 21	Durham Regatta
Sat 19 Jun 21	Tyne Regatta
Sat 3 Jul 21	Talkin Tarn Regatta
Sat 18 Sep 21	Tyne Single Scullers Head
Sat 25 Sep 21	Durham Autumn Sprint
Sat 2 Oct 21	Berwick LDS
Sat 9 Oct 21	Tees LDS & SBH
Sat 16 Oct 21	Tyne LDS & TU SBH
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Sat 30 Oct 21	South Hylton LDS
Sat 6 Nov 21	Durham LDS & SBH
Sat 27 Nov 21	Rutherford Head
Sat 22 Jan 22	TU New Years Head
Sat 5 Feb 22	Durham SBH
Sat 12 Feb 22	Tyne Head
S/S 26-27 Feb 22	BUCS 4x & 8s Head (TBC)
Sat 5 Mar 22	Derwentwater Head
Sat 26 Mar 22	Ponteland Junior Head
<i>Sun 17 Apr 22</i>	<i>Easter</i>