

Northern Regional Get Together – 24 January 2016 – Durham ARC

Session on competitions and events

Note on Northern Region for discussion

I am hoping for a discussion on the regional events calendar and related issues after the presentation on the national competitions review and actions flowing from that. We might then have further discussion at meetings or via email to take things forward.

The fixing of the event calendar for 2017-18 might provide a focus for that. There is also an upcoming meeting between all the region's events coordinators to compare notes.

We might wish to look at:

- Spread of events across the year, with obvious concentrations in May/June (regattas) and October (LDS/SBH) – should we seek to spread out?
- Some events effectively full, others under-subscribed – should we seek to influence? Maybe encourage more two day events.
- Busy ones sometimes means each rower may only get one or two races, widely spread.
- Maybe linked to this, there has been a proliferation of events across boat types, age groups etc, meaning often small entries per event and lots of events – should we seek to simplify using new 'points' system?
- Head races have little variation in format (though that may be inevitable).
- Will the new 'points' system affect head race categories as much as regattas?
- Regattas have recently had a bit more variation with 'Pathfinder' status, but possibly some resistance to spreading further even if made easier to introduce – may impact on numbers and income.
- We have the Sunday League and new Junior Skills events, but should we do more to provide for relative beginners in terms of competitions or fun events?
- We have the Great Tyne Row, but should we have more smaller challenge or just fun exploration events, allowing rowers to visit parts of rivers in the region they don't normally see?
- In a different vein, would head races benefit from joint working on timing

There may well be other issues that emerge from the preceding national level discussion. Comments always welcome to me at colin.percy@blueyonder.co.uk

Northern Region event calendar

Affiliated events in 2016-17

Saturday	16-Apr-16	Chester-le-Street Regatta
Saturday	07-May-16	Durham City Regatta (Sat)
Sunday	08-May-17	Durham City Regatta (Sun)
Saturday	21-May-16	Tees Regatta
Saturday	28-May-16	Wansbeck Regatta
Saturday	04-Jun-16	Hexham Regatta
Sunday	11-Jun-16	Durham Regatta (Sat)
Sunday	12-Jun-16	Durham Regatta (Sun)
Saturday	18-Jun-15	Tyne Regatta
Saturday	02-Jul-16	Talkin Tarn Regatta
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Aug/Sep - TBC</i>	<i>Great Tyne Row (non-affiliated)</i>
Saturday	24-Sep-16	Durham Autumn Regatta
Saturday	01-Oct-16	Wansbeck LDS & SBH (one event on BROE)
Saturday	08-Oct-16	Tees LDS
Saturday	08-Oct-16	Tees SBH
Saturday	15-Oct-16	Berwick LDS
Saturday	22-Oct-16	Tyne LDS
Saturday	22-Oct-16	Tyne United SBH
Saturday	29-Oct-16	South Hylton LDS
Saturday	05-Nov-16	Durham LDS
Saturday	05-Nov-16	Durham Autumn SBH
Saturday	26-Nov-16	Rutherford Head
Saturday	28-Jan-17	Tyne United New Year's Head
Saturday	04-Feb-17	Durham SBH
Saturday	18-Feb-17	Tyne Head
Saturday	25-Mar-17	Ponteland Junior Head

Sunday League in 2016

Date	Location	High Tide	Type	Event
06 Mar 16	Tyne United	1:22 pm	Sculling	Splash and Dash
03 Apr 16	Hexham		Sweep	Splash and Dash
01 May 16	Tees		Sculling	Skills
05 Jun 16	Berwick	3:28 pm	Sweep	Splash and Dash
03 Jul 16	Tynemouth	3:27 pm	Sculling	Splash and Dash
07 Aug 16	Talkin Tarn		Sweep	Skills
04 Sep 16	Tyne	12:11 pm	Sculling	Splash and Dash
02 Oct 16	Durham		Sweep	Splash and Dash