



Warwick Boat Club

Rowing Newsletter

April 2017

Race Report

Vets HoRR

So after 1 practice outing, several crew changes due to injuries, and a golden wedding celebration (forgotten by Keith Kennedy!) the day of Vesta Vets Head is here. I'm rowing with 7 men who



have over 150 years combined experience compared to my humble six.

After a warm up row to the start we find ourselves marshalling some 300 boats which makes for some interesting exchanges as we are in close proximity.

The sun is shining, the water is relatively calm and at 11.00am we're off. It was an action packed race - immediately we caught the boat ahead, and we have a few clashes of blades, but they move out of our water and our cox handles it well. We finish the race with a flourish in 15.40 (adjusted time 14.44 due to our age).

Ian Hodge

Safety Notices



Those of you who have been down recently will have noticed that the 'boat fairies' have been busy repairing a number of nasty bumps and scrapes to our fleet. Thank you to those that have given up their time (and sometimes their outings) to help out with boat repairs.

However, we need to be much more careful with the equipment. Our insurance costs have increased significantly over recent years, and over the past twelve months we have had several major incidents which have taken boats out of use for significant amounts of time.

Treat the boats with respect, and remember the replacement costs of the equipment you are using:

A new 8+ is about £30,000

A new 4+ is around £20,000

A 2x costs £12,000

A 1x costs at least £7,000

Be as careful with your boat as you would be if you borrowed a similar value car!



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April Committee Meeting Highlights

Boat usage, upcoming events and socials

Boat Usage

A current list of boat permissions is now available on the website [here](#). If you think your name should be included here and is not, please email me and include; the boat you would like permission for, the full crew line up, your current training plans, and any events you are intending to enter. Once a decision has been made on permission I will respond and include a link to the updated list.

It is important that everyone helps to keep this list up to date, so we can ensure no clashes of use, particularly at regattas.

Capsize Drill

The committee are looking to arrange a capsize drill in the next

few weeks. This is a really useful exercise and coaching on how to recover from a capsize will be included. I'd strongly suggest that everyone does this at least once. **If you would like to take part please email me on rc@warwickboatclub.co.uk, with 'capsize drill' in the title.**

Trailers

In order to expand our towing options, the committee would like to purchase an ultra-lightweight trailer. Anyone could use this, regardless of driving license type, and it would be much more suitable for use with a car. We'll need to raise some money to purchase it though, so if anyone has any fundraising ideas then have a chat to someone on the committee.

Work Day

Thanks to Sam, Heather, Lloyd, Steve, Ian, Andre, Jonny, Gill and Ed who made it to the work day last weekend. We have cleaned up all of the singles and doubles, checked over the safety equipment and given the sheds a good clean.

Can I ask those of you that row in crew boats to please check over and thoroughly clean your boats inside and out after your next outing. Please record any damage, however minor it might seem, in the red boat damage book.

Race Reports

We have Abingdon Head, and Evesham and Wallingford Regattas coming up soon. Any volunteers to write a race report?

Dates for your diary...

Regattas and Heads

9th April – Abingdon Head

29th – 30th April – Evesham Regatta and Sprint

30th April – Wallingford

Social Events

Wednesdays 3rd and 17th May - Post mix-in food / BBQ

Saturday 28th October – Rowing Section Annual Dinner

[LINK: Current Boat Permissions](#)

[LINK: Calendar](#)