



TYNE NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Talkin Tarn Regatta
3rd July

Nat Champs
16-18 July

Big Lunch at Club
18th July

Club Clear out and BBQ
24th July

Club refurb weekend
31st July/1st August

Tees Primary and Adaptive Regatta
7th August

Beach day at Tynemouth
14th August

Captain's Regatta
21th August

Jesmond drinks
28th August

Squad Reports

Women's Squad Report– Laura Croisdale

Results for the past month are as follows:-

Tees Regatta

W Novice 4x+ (Nicky, Lynne, Emma, Louise, Joanne – cox)	WIN
WIM2 4+ (Laura, Laura, Ailsa, Vanessa, Joanne – cox)	WIN
W Elite 1x (Laura Clack)	WIN

Tyne Regatta

WIM3 2x (Ailsa & Vanessa)	WIN - after 1 outing together!
WMas A 4x (Liz, Celia, Ailsa, Lynne)	WIN – after 1 outing together!
W Elite 1x (Laura Clack)	WIN

Durham Regatta

Saturday

WMas 1x (Liz)	WIN
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WIM3 8+ Great effort, good race and a good row considering the crew had only had 1 previous outing together – definitely held their own

Sunday

WIM3 4x+ (Lynne, Louise, Emma, Emily) Great effort, but unfortunately were piped to the post by Leeds RC.

Champs 2x (Jen, Natalie) Fantastic row and the double got ahead of their competitors from DARC. Unfortunately, an unfair DQ meant that going into the second half of the long course race the double knew they could not win. After an inspection of the renowned bridge the double continued to push the crew from DARC but it wasn't to be.

WIM2 4+ (Laura, Laura, Vanessa, Ailsa, Caz – cox) WIN – 3 rounds, 1 set of school girls, 1 clash of blades and a comfortable win in the final meant the four were unbeaten going into Henley

WIM2 8+ (Jen, Nat, Laura, Laura, Ailsa, Vanessa, Cat P, Liz, Caz – cox) - WIN – a chance for Tyne to retain their splash and dash eights crown. Hatfield in the semi final, Durham School in the second who suitably wound up the experienced crew by keeping them waiting for at least 30 minutes in the pouring rain – a win was a must!

Women's Henley Regatta

Women's Senior Double Sculls (Jen & Nat) A sunny day on the Friday made for perfect conditions for time trials. The double put in an excellent performance to secure them a spot in the next round of racing. The Saturday's conditions had changed dramatically. Gone was the lovely warm sunny summer weather and it was replaced by a cold, strong tail wind. The double came up against one of the favourites of the competition – Sport Imperial. The double went out off the blocks rating

**Hollingworth
Lake Regatta**
4th September

**Durham Primary
Regatta**
25th September

**Tees LDS and
SBH**
2nd October

**Tyne LDS and
TU SBH**
2nd October

Annual Dinner
16th October

**Wear LDS and
SBH(juniors only)**
23rd October

**Berwick LDS
and SBH**
6th November

Websites

British Rowing



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Authority**



North East Rowing



high and stuck with Imperial for the first part of the race. Imperial reached a rhythm and pulled away from Tyne. The girls put in a push to close the gap in the last half of the race, but Imperial took the win, knocking the double out of the competition.



Women's Intermediate Coxed Fours (Laura, Laura, Vanessa, Ailsa, Caz – cox) - Time trials went brilliantly for the four and it seemed that the crew had done enough to secure a good draw for the next round. Molesey were the competition for the first round on Friday afternoon and the crew beat them convincingly by 4 lengths. A good row was had by the crew. The next round on Saturday in the windy conditions brought Barnes Bridge Ladies. Another win, but an unconvincing row by the four – happy with the win, disappointed in the performance. Through to the semi finals at Henley, nerves were abundant. City of Cambridge – a crew decked out in their club kit with their blues kit over the top were up on the start line for the semis. Tyne held them on for the start, but once the stride set in City pulled away. Tyne attempted to pull back, but only managed to stay with them and stop the gap from increasing. A win for City, who went on to win the trophy against Royal Chester.

A fantastic weekend down at Henley. A big thanks goes to Tony for being chauffeur, coach, handbag and so on. A big thanks to Caz for being a fantastic cox and a great addition to the squad ("don't look at them!" The best advice of the weekend!). Big thanks also goes to our supporters – the Hardy's (including Jasmine and Lily), Hannah, Vanessa's family, Daddy Croisdale and all the texts, phone calls and well wishes!

It's been a great few months for the women's squad and just shows the depth, diversity and ability that this squad possesses. The summer isn't quite over just yet and I think we have a few more wins in us yet. Next on the cards is Talkin Tarn and Nat Champs...we shall see what damage we can do there!

Regattas

Since the last newsletter in May we have helped at the university boat race on 9 May, attended Tees Regatta on 15 May, been to Nat Schools at the end of May and raced at Hexham and Durham Regattas in June. And of course we held our own Tyne Regatta on 29 May. We had crews at Henley Women's Regatta and men in the qualifying day for Henley Royal Regatta. And 3 July sees Talkin Tarn Regatta.

The annual Newcastle-Durham boat race saw community coaches from Newcastle and Gateshead with Tyne juniors and Tyne United ergos running a drop-in session for young and old next to the Baltic - a good example of cross river cooperation. In the pre-official-races race, the Tyne school eight with Natalie Hardy and Ben Robinson lost narrowly to the Wear eight. The two universities drew 2-2.

At Tees on a blustery and not very warm day we had winners in: WNov4x+, WIM2 4+, E4-, WE 1x, W MasE 1x, WIM3 2x, IM2 1x and J14 1x; and two capsizes! Natalie and Robbie Miller were at Nat Schools in singles and Natalie reached the semis of the J16 event.

At Hexham on a lovely but long day, we had wins, including the first for the newly named Top Notch Tina and her crew (Mina, Ellie, Rosie, Laura and Lois) in the WJ14B 4x+(see below) and Robbie in the J14A 1x. Not sure about other wins as none on Hexham web site as yet.

Crews were in action on both days of Durham Regatta; sunny Saturday, wet Sunday. Tyne won WJ16 1x, IM2 8+, WJ14 1x, J14 1x, WIM2 4+ and WIM2 8+. The Northumbria Uni Nov 4+ had an excellent win too. Unfortunately Top Notch Tina let go of one of her gates in the WJ14 4x+ final, so no repeat win there. Results are at www.durham-regatta.org.uk/uploads/year2010/prizegiving2010.pdf.

See above for Women's Henley report.

Two men's coxless fours travelled to the Henley Royal Regatta qualifying day on 25 June. Our first boat just failed to qualify for the Wyfold Cup proper, by no more than a second or two. They were fourth (and the second boat eleventh) in the 25 boats missing the cut.

Tyne Regatta

Our second revival Tyne Regatta, run by the club and incorporating Tyne at Home, was held on 29 May. The weather forecast had not been good, but in the event, the rain held off till pretty late in the day. A reasonable entry provided some good racing. Events won by the home team included IM2x, IM2-, WIM3 2x, WJ14 1x, WMAsA 4x- and WEli 1x. Full results are here at www.tyneregatta.org/winners. Main sponsors Port of Tyne and Newcastle City Council seemed pleased. Other external sponsors were Mercedes-Benz Newcastle, Johnson Tucker (new owners and occupiers of the first floor at the Boathouse PH next door), Sage and Thomas N Miller Auctioneers. Mercedes-Benz Newcastle specifically sponsored a boat, a splendidly refurbished ex-Pont lightweight coxed quad, which was named Top Notch Tina on the day. Winners at www.tyneregatta.org/winners

Minor building works and major development thoughts

The Committee has agreed a list of works mainly to the old boathouse to meet some priorities in security and safety. There will be new chain operated shutters to the front of the old boathouse and all doors will be made good and upgraded if substandard. There will be a single, new key for the front door and the new boat house. The central heating system will be overhauled and hopefully it will not switch itself off after that. An asbestos survey has identified one primary risk, i.e. fire retardant boards forming the ceiling to the front part of the old boathouse. These are to be sealed in and any risk of disturbance in the future will be positively managed. More information will be posted by the front door and on the web site as available. In the meantime, John Goddard's development group is meeting to look at options for more significant physical redevelopment or extensions - news in the autumn on that

Thefts and replacements

The large 15hp Mercury outboard engine was stolen from outside the new boathouse on 19 May. This was to be used on the new 12ft aluminium 'tinfish' launch ordered and (still) awaited. We have had another loss on 28 June, when the existing 9 ft tinfish was stolen from the compound after one of the gates had been taken off its hinges. So another debate now about what sort of further launch to buy. Meanwhile the existing outboards (9.9 and 15hp Yamahas are soldiering on). The RIB launch was holed at Hexham Regatta (not by us) but is back in action with a large patch on it.

Future of novice and intermediate squads

Members from the learn to row courses in 2008 and 2009 plus others who have joined ad hoc have formed the novice squad over the winter and

spring. They are now progressing well (and racing) and are no longer novices in the wider sense. The Committee has now agreed in principle proposals for an intermediate squad, put forward by Kevin Dobson. Key points are:

- intermediate squad to take on novices after a year, to be run in parallel with novice squad
- coordination of novice and intermediate squads by rowers rather than coach
- pool approach to coaches
- support from other squads to help and support more competitive intermediates.

Details are still being sorted out and will be discussed at a coaches and coordinators meeting on 20 July. In the meantime Graeme Wheeler is stepping down as Vets coordinator and we are looking for a replacement. Thanks to both Kevin (off to Bristol in the autumn) and Kevin for their work.

Schools and daytime rowing

Amy Ward, our Community Sports Coach, supported by Colin, James and others continues to work with young and not so young people. Current school work (mainly after school clubs, weekday afternoons) is ongoing with Kenton, St Mary's and Ponteland high and middle schools (the latter in big numbers). Work with Walbottle Campus Technology College and Excelsior Academy (Scotswood) has lapsed for the moment.

On Saturday afternoons there is now a junior learn to row course under the Sport Unlimited banner till August. The main junior squad now rows on Tuesday and Thursday evening, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. On three weekday mornings (Tue-Thu), Amy and others run informal learn to row sessions for adults and we have about a dozen coming down more or less regularly. Help for any sessions much appreciated - get in touch with Amy at csc@tynerowingclub.org or on 07584 246 486.

Weekend Food - Liz Bray

Thank you to those people who have supported the weekend food fundraising because we have been making a modest amount each week which does all help the club with expenses and repairs. If anyone has any sums owed please could you pay it into the cash box in the kitchen before the end of June (Wednesday) because I'd like to finish off the accounts for the first half of 2010.

Also a thank you to the folk who have done the weekly cleaning tasks allocated to them plus a very big thank you to the individuals - small in number but massive in effort, who have quietly got on and done a lot of the tasks left undone. All very much appreciated.

Social Events

The Tyne Rowing Club Annual Dinner

This year the Annual Club Dinner will take place on Saturday 16th October 2010 at the Mansion House

Future Content

Thank you to Laura Croisdale, Lindsay Miller and Colin Percy for their contributions. If you have anything you would like in the Newsletter please send me the info to nickydexter@googlemail.com and I will endeavour to include it out in the following newsletter.