

## **MONTHLY UPDATE APRIL 16**

### Boathouse redevelopment update

After very careful consideration of the options, the Committee of Management decided at its April meeting that it would seek to sell the Old Boathouse (OBH) site on the open market. The funds generated from that sale will be used to fund the planned redevelopment of the main boathouse. It is a truly unique site and it will therefore be advertised nationally. We anticipate that this will happen quite quickly and hope to see it on the market by the end of May.

This is an amazingly exciting opportunity for the club. Selling the OBH will mean we will be able to create a boathouse fit for rowing in York for many decades to come. As with all major building projects, the disruption will be enormous, we will almost certainly need to raise extra funds and we will need volunteers like never before but the benefits will be worth every minute spent.

We will keep everyone updated via these monthly updates, with additional mailings as and when needed.

### Private racking waiting list closed.

One consequence of the sale of the OBH is that we will need to rehouse the club boats that are in the OBH and the small number of individuals with private boats there may need to find alternative racks. We already have a waiting list for private racks that is over two years long and so the Committee decided that we should not be accepting any more requests to go on a waiting list for private racks as in all likelihood there are not going to be any spaces available for several years. Whilst the redevelopment will increase our capacity, we are very short of space for club boats and these must be our priority for the future.

### Special article

Some of you may have noticed that there has not been an edition of Ousenews published for some time now. With the advent of our Facebook page and these monthly updates, the need for Ousenews has diminished. Instead, I will intermittently be publishing special articles and the first of these is attached to this mailing. Let me know what you think and even better, if you would like to pen one drop me an email.

### Leggings

We are putting together an order for limited edition leggings; the design, ordering and payment details are attached to this mailing. Orders are already piling in and so YCRC members will be instantly recognisable wherever they go as the design, well, it is pretty much what you would expect when you let the Irish loose with the electronic equivalent of paper and scribbling sticks. Please do note – the deadline for sending an order in is Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> of May with NO extensions.

### York Spring Regatta

Welcome and thank you to the three volunteers who are taking over organising catering at our events - Sally Gatus, Alison Carroll and Philippa Press, it is great to have you taking over. They will be starting at the York Spring Regatta which will be held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. Our regattas are hugely important events for the Club and their success is totally dependent upon an army of volunteers, so if you are able to help, please email Anne Homa on [annehoma@btinternet.com](mailto:annehoma@btinternet.com).

### Wins winners!

Yet again York City Rowing Club has topped the table for the total number of wins in 2015 – 216! It is a huge accolade for the club and so our many congratulations go to all of the athletes, coaches, truck drivers, cake makers – everyone who has been part of this great achievement. Thank you and here's to an equally if not more successful 2016.

#### Cleaning and tidying

May I remind everyone that we do not employ a bevy of cleaners. Each squad has an area that it is responsible for keeping clean and tidy; squad captains/co-ordinators have been asked to make sure that their areas is cleaned regularly. Please help in this by throwing rubbish away and not leaving it on the floor, emptying bins and generally looking after the boathouse.

#### Annual dinner date

It's a while away yet, but please be aware that we will be holding our annual dinner 2016 a week later than usual – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 16. Put the date in your diary now!

#### New members

Last but by no means least, a very warm welcome to our new members:

Miriam Reibel  
Georgie Killip  
Erica Bruce.

Liz Porte  
Club Secretary  
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