

UPDATE JANUARY 2016

Flooding

Now that the waters have receded, we are able to assess the full extent of damage caused by the flooding at the end of last month. The prompt action of several club members, led by Pat Evans, prevented the devastating damage seen in some other clubs, but nevertheless, we have suffered some damage. Both trailers were partially submerged, but these have now been serviced and are fully functional. The Old Boathouse suffered the most as the drains blocked; this will require specialist cleaning. However, Sport England have indicated that they will provide a grant that should cover the cost of these repairs. We have escaped very lightly compared to some fellow clubs and indeed, many of our friends and neighbours in York. Thanks also to club members who have been very active in supporting local communities affected by the floods and to everyone who helped clean the main boat house – it was a fantastic turn out!

Second hand kit

The New Year is always a good time for a clear out. If you find kit that is perfectly serviceable but you don't use, please do let me have it and I will sell it with either 50% or 100% of proceeds going to the boathouse fund. Just drop me an email – lizporte29@gmail.com.

Yorkshire Head

The next event we will be running in York is the Yorkshire Head which will be held on Saturday, 5th March. We host this event on behalf of Yorkshire rowing and it is a great opportunity to showcase the club and raise funds. However, we will need many volunteers, particularly as it is on the same date as the Women's Head of the River, to which many of our senior women will be going. Put the date in your diary now, Anne Homa will be seeking volunteers shortly.

Local press

Do you read the local newspapers regularly? I am looking for a couple of volunteers for each publication who would be happy to send me a copy of any article published concerning the club. If you would be willing to do this, drop me an email.

Helping scullers land

Please would everyone helping a sculling boat land take care only to apply gentle pressure to the rigger. We have recently had an almost new sculling rigger bent beyond repair by someone applying their full pressure to the rigger whilst the sculler got out. Scullers should also get out carefully, land with the rigger on the correct step and not lean out too far to undo their rigger – imagine there is no-one holding the rigger for you, it is going to happen sooner or later.

And finally

Here's to an outstandingly happy and successful 2016.

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