

MONTHLY UPDATE JULY 16

Juniors are flying!

Two members of the junior squad have achieved outstanding successes. First, Lu Edmunds has been selected to represent GB in the Coupe de la Jeunesse in Poznan, Poland next month. After a gruelling selection process at the National Water Sports Centre in Nottingham, 16-year-old Lu was selected to be a member of the girls' quad, which will compete against 11 other nations at the championships on Lake Malta, the venue for the senior Rowing World Cup last month. She is one of the youngest members of the squad, with the others being 17 or 18 years old. This is an outstanding achievement for Lu and we wish her the very best of luck!

The progress of Charlie McMahon, also a member of the junior squad has been quite stunning. Charlie swapped out of the quad which raced at Henley into his single for the British Rowing Junior Championships. His ninth place in the time trial got him into the semi final where he was second. In the final he was 5th at the half way mark, but a massive push saw him win bronze, his first national medal. This qualified him for the Home Countries Regatta in Cardiff the following weekend where he put in a superb performance, coming second. Charlie, this was an amazing result, very many congratulations!

Rio just days away

We were all absolutely delighted when Tom Ransley secured a place in the men's 8 racing in the 2016 Olympics in Rio. I am sure everyone will want to wish Tom and the rest of the crew all the very best of luck!

AGM 2016

As you will be aware from the June update, the 2016 AGM will be held on Tuesday, 20th September at 19.30. As usual, we will be electing the Officers and Committee members for the coming year. All posts are elected, so please do think about getting more involved in the activities of the club and helping steer the club in what promises to be a vital period. In particular, three current post holders have indicated that they will not be standing for re-election – Brian Snelson (Club Treasurer), Hilary Howe (Safety Advisor) and Dan Lewis (Men's Captain). Our most sincere thanks to these individuals who have filled these roles superbly. If you think you might be interested in these or any of the roles, please do get in touch with the current postholder or drop me an email and I will send you the role description.

Bar opening

We are keen to make more use of the boathouse and to bring the club together socially, so we are going to be opening the bar on the second Friday in the month from 7.30pm and if this proves popular, we will look to do this more often. So do drop in and bring friends with you. Dates for the rest of the year are 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November.

Fitbit Charge HR for sale

We have been given an almost unused 2016 Fitbit Charge HR. This link will give you more information <https://www.fitbit.com/uk/chargehr> it is available in exchange for a donation of £60 to boathouse funds, this being 50% of the cost new. If you are interested, please drop me an email to the address at the end of the update. First come, first served!

Bits and pieces of kit

I've got a few bits and pieces that I am selling off. I have just one YCRC beanie which was £16, but is available for a £10 donation to the boathouse fund. I also have three original cotton YCRC vests size 46" – 48". It's lovely soft cotton, but I dread to think what they were like to row in! Anyway, make a small donation to the boathouse fund and one is yours.

Damage reporting

The damage reporting system is still not being used as often or as usefully as it could be. If you damage equipment or you find it damaged, please use the link on the web site. It also helps if you can give as much detail as possible; if you don't know what something is called describe it. Andy is pretty good at working out what, for example, the "thingummy that joins the feet to the bottom of the boat" is. Better still, upload a photo. Please do fill in your email address so that Andy can contact you if he is not sure what the problem is and let you know when it's fixed.

Leave rigging alone

We had a near collision recently when a pair had had its steering disabled. The rigging on boats or the gearing of blades should never be changed without the permission of one of the squad or club captains.

New members

Last but my no means least, a very warm welcome to our new/returning members:

Shelly Main
Eliana Soma
Joss Clarke
Harry Perry
James Doleman
Nicola Peacock
Amy O'Halloran
Jo McSweeney
Gianni Gallelo
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