

MONTHLY UPDATE JUNE 16

Boathouse Development

Some of you may have seen that the Old Boathouse is now on the market. Although it will realise a very significant sum, we do still need to raise more funding if we are to expand and develop the way that we wish to. Our thanks to those who have already volunteered to be part of this drive; we do need more active people so please let me know if you would be willing to help in whatever way you can.

Recent successes

YCRC members have been doing remarkably well on the national stage. First, Lu Edmunds has been undergoing trials for the GB junior squad in recent months. Final trials will take place next month, from which this year's international teams will be selected. 11 junior girl scullers have been invited to final trials; Lu is one of a further 6 who have been invited to a race for the remaining 3 places. This is a really great achievement for Lu who is only 16 and therefore younger than most of the rest of the squad. Lu, we all wish you the very best of luck.

The Masters squads picked up 3 golds at the British Masters last weekend. Anne Homa won the Masters D 1X; Hugh Dawick, Michael Porte, Martin Walsh, Neil Paveley and cox Maisie Swindells won the E4+ and Anne Homa, Lucy Roberts, Philippa Press, Karen Williams and cox Ali Gray won the WD 4+. In addition, Margit Rezacova won bronze in the WA1X. Well done to all crews!

Too loose, too tight

Please would all crews take care when transporting boats. All hatches need to be closed securely so that they do not come off in transit. Top nuts and rigger nuts, however, should not be done up so tightly that they are almost immovable as this runs many risks, including rounding off of the bolts. As Goldilocks would say, they all need to be just right.

New single

We have a new single for the junior squad arriving! To be named "Sally Downing", we have been able to purchase it with grants from the York Children's Trust and Nestlé, and with a major fundraising effort from the junior squad. Very many thanks to everyone who has contributed to raising the funds for this purchase.

York Summer Regatta

As all of you who were there will know, the Summer Regatta was a great success. The changes Anne Homa and her team introduced helped enormously in making the event run seamlessly and there were some very exciting races. Our thanks to Anne and the rest of the organisers, and also to the very many people who helped on the day.

Boat repairs

Anyone attempting to fix something on a boat must be certain that they know what they are doing. We have had an incident recently when someone "fixed" a problem with a boat. Unfortunately in this case, steering wires were double crossed and so the boat went in the opposite direction. This was not discovered by the crew until they started racing. They had to stop immediately, thereby missing out on the main focus of their season. The lesson from this must be that unless you are totally confident of what you are doing, you should seek advice and/or report the problem.

Kill cords

One or two launch drivers have been spotted recently without the kill cord attached. This is about as sensible as driving at speed without a seat belt. That 1% of the time when something goes horribly wrong it can be a life saver. Please make sure it is always attached.

And finally

Last but not least, a very warm welcome to our new member_Lynne Robertson.

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