

Boathouse update

Good progress is being made in relation to the sale of the Old Boathouse. Jackson-Stops Staff will be handling the sale and we expect the publicity materials to be ready very shortly. Bids will be submitted some four to six weeks later.

The Old Boathouse is a unique site, so it will not be until it is sold that we really know how much funding we will be able to generate from its sale. Once we know that we will have a much better idea of the scale of development we will be able to undertake, but we already know that we would like to be able to do more than we will be able to just from this sale. We will need to generate other income and so we are very much looking for people with fund raising and bid writing skills and experience to work with us. If you think you can help, please do get in touch with me – lizporte29@gmail.com.

Competition review

As you may have heard, British Rowing is changing the way competitive events are classified. Each individual rower will have a ranking index and event organisers will be able to arrange events with boats of similar ability competing against one another. The link below takes you the British Rowing website where you will find more information:

<https://www.britishrowing.org/events/competition-review/>

Henley Royal Regatta

Club members have, in the past, made enquires with regard as to how they go about getting guest badges for HRR. If anyone wishes to attend the regatta Ian is happy to assist in the purchase on their behalf and can be contacted on ianhazalgant@yahoo.co.uk.

Next events

Our next event is the York Summer Regatta, to be held on Sunday, 19th June. It was fabulous to see so many people supporting the Spring Regatta, so please do put your name forward again – let Anne Homa know if you can help on annehoma@btinternet.com. After that, we will be hosting the Dragon Boats racing on Sunday 10th July. Although we are not running this event, it is still an important fund raiser and makes us many friends in the city, so please put the date in your diary now. Further details will follow next month.

Press coverage

Either directly or indirectly, the Club has been the subject of very positive press coverage of late – the naming of the boats “Tom Ransley” and “Fossgate”, and Pat’s amazing bike ride. They show three very different sides to YCRC – sporting excellence, part of the community of York and raising funds to help others. If you have missed any of these stories, click on the links below, they will take you to the articles.

[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/sport/14454428.quot It s awesome to come back quot Olympian Tom Ransley honoured by his old City of York mates/](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/sport/14454428.quot%20It%20s%20awesome%20to%20come%20back%20quot%20Olympian%20Tom%20Ransley%20honoured%20by%20his%20old%20City%20of%20York%20mates/)

[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14464673.Hundreds attend successful Fossgate Festival/](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14464673.Hundreds%20attend%20successful%20Fossgate%20Festival/)

[http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14495265.York man takes brother s place in race following devastating accident/](http://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/14495265.York%20man%20takes%20brother%20s%20place%20in%20race%20following%20devastating%20accident/)

Bled 2017

It may seem a long way off, but we are already beginning to plan to take a strong squad of members to the World Masters Rowing Championships to be held in Bled in 2017. If you think you may be interested in going and would like to be added to the circulation list for information and updates, please let me know.

Be visible

With the better weather finally here (well it was at the weekend and fingers crossed that I've not just jinxed it), members are now getting out in smaller boats, but the amount of river traffic is also increasing. It's therefore really important that single scullers and those in the bow seat of coxless boats wear bright or very light clothing so that they can be seen by all river users.

And finally

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

Gayle Meikle

David Hugh

Tania Sharp

Alejandro Delgado

Liz Porte

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