

MARCH 16 UPDATE

### Active York awards

YCRC was well represented at the recent Active York awards, with Sally Downing winning Sportswoman of the year. Three Club members in total were nominated and all were shortlisted for awards – Lu Edmunds was nominated by her school for Junior Sportswoman of the Year and Phil Jones for Coach of the year. Our congratulations to all three.

### Boat maintenance

There has been considerable debate recently over the state of our fleet of boats as there have been incidents of equipment failure in the middle of an outing. This is not just frustrating for the rower/crew involved, it is a potential hazard.

We **must and will** change our approach to reporting problems with or damage to equipment. Everyone who uses club equipment must report immediately any problem with kit or any damage sustained. No-one is going to mind making minor repairs that prevent major problems later. However, a very dim view will be taken by squad captains/co-ordinators, coaches and indeed by all other rowers of any failure to report equipment problems. Failure to report places not just the enjoyment but also the health of fellow club members at risk and will, quite simply, not be tolerated. Equally, no criticism of anyone reporting a problem will be tolerated, unless due to unacceptable recklessness or lack of care. With care and attention, our boats will last for many more years, but if we don't they won't!

There are several ways in which damage or faulty equipment can be reported. The club now has a new online equipment damage reporting facility [http://www.ycrc.co.uk/damage\\_report](http://www.ycrc.co.uk/damage_report); it can also be found on the left hand side of the home page on the club website. Please use this to report anything you think isn't right about any of the equipment, early reporting of problems reduces the amount of time you can't use the equipment.

When filling in the form please include as much detail as you can, and include pictures. Damage reports can also be submitted to [pleasefixthis@ycrc.co.uk](mailto:pleasefixthis@ycrc.co.uk). Alternatively, tell any squad captain/co-ordinator, or just collar Andy if you see him – he doesn't bite! NB if damage has occurred as a result of a collision, please also ensure a British Rowing incident report is also completed and include a brief description on the damage form as to what happened such that we can, if necessary fill out an insurance claim.

If a boat has red and white tape attached to it, this indicates that it is either awaiting inspection or is damaged and awaiting repair. Please do not remove the tape and most importantly of all, don't use the boat.

### Reporting capsizes, collisions or major equipment failures

Members are reminded that they should report any capsizes, collisions, equipment failures etc. to either their squad captain/co-ordinator or to Hilary Howe as Safety Advisor - [howedareyou@googlemail.com](mailto:howedareyou@googlemail.com).

Incident reports maybe helpful to the club in identifying recurring issues with equipment, locations or practices and may also be completed (anonymously) on the British Rowing website.

### York Spring Regatta

Our next event will be the York Spring Regatta, to be held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. Anne Homa will be seeking volunteers to help, so put the date in your diary now.

### Kathryn Wright

As many of you may know, Kathryn Wright is finally handing over her role as catering organiser for our events. Kathryn has done an outstanding job for the past 9 years and we are really grateful to her for giving York a reputation for really good grub at all our events – we've also enjoyed the cakes ourselves! Anne Homa has written round seeking people to replace Kathryn and we do hope you will think about volunteering for this crucial and much appreciated role. In the meantime, our most sincere thanks to Kathryn.

### New umpires

Congratulations to Carl Barker, Sue Browne, Anna Heathcote, Lucy Roberts and Lynne Robertson who have passed their umpire exams. We hope to see at least some of you in action at the York Spring Regatta.

### Fund raising event

The Committee has decided that Pat Evans, Club Captain, will be undertaking a sponsored cycle ride as a YCRC representative to raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance. As some of you may know, Pat's brother was recently very seriously injured in a cycling accident; had it not been for the rapid response of the Air Ambulance, he may well not have survived and the Committee felt it fitting that Pat takes his brothers place. Pat can be sponsored via his Justgiving link –

<https://www.justgiving.com/Patrick-Evans1974>

### Access to the Club

May I remind club members that they should access the club via the Lendal Bridge end if the flood barriers are open and not drive through the Esplanade car park, even if the bollards have not been replaced. We have received a couple of complaints recently regarding people driving through the car park to access the club when the flood barriers were open; we need to avoid this and maintain friendly relations with our neighbours.

### And finally

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

Sophie Harbord  
Caitlin Parsons  
Michael Thomas

Liz Porte

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