

Captains Report – Annual General Meeting 26th March 2023

As you will be aware by now, this will be my last report to the club as the Captain, at least for the near future anyway, some of you may be overjoyed by this as you won't have to see my name appear in your inbox over and over again. However, I would just like to open my report this year by saying thank you to the membership for your support and trust that has allowed me to hold the position for the 4 years of my tenure. Within this time, I have had the privilege of seeing Tees host successful events of our own and also thrive at events hosted by others. The pride that I have for the club throughout my tenure has not just in the results we have achieved but also the comradery that has been shown between groups both at home and away. I know at times relationships have been tested, but overall, I believe we have done good!

Unlike last year, there has been no draft in my emails relating to COVID and it seems like a distant memory, touch wood, and I have to say that I believe we have come out of the end in a very strong position. Having a full year of the normal racing schedule being resumed, bar the usual cancellations because of our glorious British weather, there have been yet more great racing with wins and very strong performances. I won't write about all of the performances and races that we have attended, instead, I will paste a copy of the wins that Tees have had since the last AGM at the bottom of this report. However, for those of you who want to know the number of wins we have had, we had 38 wins across regatta season including a gold at Masters Championships, a B-Final win at Junior Championships, Women's Championship and Elite singles at Durham and 10 wins at our home event!

Following on from regatta comes the joys of head season, and again, it was a successful season with 32 wins across a number of events including Head of the Trent, Rutherford Head, Tyne Head of the River and of course, a number of wins at Tees LDS and SBH. Having the successes we do as a club across all membership categories as well as having the Tees RC name on so many start lists make me very proud and shows the aspirations that a number of members have.

As a community rowing club, Tees don't just focus on racing and there continues to be a strong contingent with the recreational section, regularly enjoying the river through their outings during the week. Many thanks to the leaders of this squad for continuing to enable such a section to thrive. As well as the racing and recreational, there continue to be steps forward with Infinity Boat Club, an initiative that is fully supported by the committee and I personally look forward to seeing this club take shape over the coming year.

The continued support for the committee and a sense of community and support among the memberships has been great to see throughout the year, whether at an event, throughout the Learn to Row Programme or at a minihead. Let's look forward to next year and hope that the 2023/24 season provides another year of success.

Now it comes to the time where I give my thanks for people across the club, I apologise in advance if there is anyone that I forget:

- The Committee – to all members that have been on committee throughout my tenure as captain I would like to say a massive thanks for the support that has been provided, acting as a sounding board when making decisions and providing me with the ability to continue to drive the club forwards whilst keeping me on the straight and narrow when needed. A special thank you to those members leaving the committee this year who have made it a joy to hold the position I have, all work and input is not just appreciated by me and other members of the committee but the club as a whole.

- Louise Summers – the work you have done as Treasurer has meant that anyone taking over this position is in a strong position and can provide the club the best financial support possible. It has been no mean feat to take this role on and staying in position, even after Ben left Tees, has been much appreciated.
- Ralph and Alan for continuing to keep the centre running and making the relevant updates required to the centre to keep it a facility of high standard that impresses visitors to the club.
- Kate O’Sullivan – continues to sit as Deputy Chair of British Rowing whilst heading up the junior section and bringing Infinity Boat Club to life, the work that you put into all of the areas you support is admirable and the results of your actions speak for themselves.
- The Junior Coaching Team – this year, the juniors have taken another step forward, growing in size and continuing to thrive with both results at events and the number of compliments given to the section both within and outside of the club.
- Learn to Row Coaches – this year has seen yet more successful Learn to Row programmes with a number of athletes joining the club as full members whilst the waiting list continues to grow. Your efforts and the time you have put in to develop these athletes is greatly appreciated and taking on such a task is no mean feat. A special thank you to Dick and Janet Wilkinson, who have decided to take a step back from the Learn to Row section, the work you have put in over the years is greatly appreciated and very admirable.
- Lucy Radley, John Lund and those that assist with repairs – with boats being back on the water and in attendance at so many events, there have been a large number of repairs required. Thanks go out to you from the wider membership, providing the repairs in a timely and efficient manner meaning that there is as little time for boats being off the water! This is no mean feat and is all highly skilled work!
- Finally, the wider membership – it has been a privilege being able to call myself the Captain of Tees for the last 4 years. The trust and support that you have provided to me throughout my tenure is much appreciated. I know I may not have always done things that everyone has agreed with, however, I have always done what I feel is right for the club. The guidance and opinions provided have all been taken on board and I hope you have felt listened to.

I would like to finish my report this year wishing the committee for the upcoming year the best of luck and reiterating my thanks to those that have supported me over the last four years. Please continue to support the committee to help the club thrive and hopefully next year we bring in more wins, a wider sense of community and keep smiling together.

Onwards and upwards from here for Tees Rowing Club.

As mentioned earlier in the report – please see below the wins the club has had over the last year. Apologies if I have missed any!

Regatta Season 2022	
Durham City Regatta	
WMasC/E4x-	Jo Lewis in Durham/Tees Composite
Tees Regatta	
WMasE/G1x	Jo Lewis
W1x (b2)	Rebecca Graham
WMasC/D/E4x+	Fiona Mortimer, Iona Macleod, Jill Patterson, Kendra Exley and Janet Wilkinson
OpJ151x (b1)	Cameron Murphy
WJ162x (b2)	Ruth Town and Ruby Morley
OpMasF8+	Sean Kenneally, Kim Thompson, Philip Stephenson, Stephen Heath, Chris Wood, Richard Olver, Tor Taverner, Ken Watson and Hannah Mortimer

OpMasF/H4x-	Chris Kenyon, Bob Bainbridge, John Lund and Ralph Pickles
OpJ162x	Adam Makepeace and Cameron Murphy
WJ161x (b2)	Ruth Town
Op1x (b4)	Aaron Preston (TUBC)
Hexham Regatta	
W1x	Rebecca Graham
Op4x-	Matthew Atkinson, Adam Makepeace, James Renn and Tom Hillier
Durham Regatta	
WCh1x	Rebecca Graham
WEli1x	Rebecca Graham
OpBeg1x	Aaron Preston (TUBC)
British Rowing Masters Championships	
OpG2x	Greg Beswick and Paul Stiller
Bradford Sprint Regatta	
W4x+	Daisy Thom, Charlotte Ransome, Felicity Mitchell, Sefi Ormston and Georgia Powell
O2x	Daniel Holdsworth and James Renn
OJ162x	Adam Makepeace and Cameron Murphy
WJ162x (b2)	Daisy Thom and Felicity Mitchell
WJ152x (b3)	Charlotte Ransome and Tillie McLone
WJ142x	Martha Anderson and Megan Pickering
Mx2x	Daniel Holdsworth and Georgia Powell
OJ181x	James Renn
WJ161x (b2)	Ruth Town
OJ151x	Cameron Murphy
Talkin Tarn Regatta	
OpMasF/G8+	Sean Kenneally, Nick Boyne-Cross, Philip Stephenson, Stephen Heath, Chris Wood, Richard Olver, Tor Taverner, Ken Watson and Hannah Mortimer
OpMasC/E4+	Sean Kenneally, Richard Olver, Stephen Heath, Ken Watson and Hannah Mortimer
British Rowing Junior Championships	
OpJ151x (B-Final)	Cameron Murphy
North of England Sprint Rowing Championships	
WJ141x	Megan Pickering
WJ142x	Megan Pickering and Martha Anderson
OpJ161x (b1)	Cameron Murphy
OpJ181x (b1)	James Renn
OpJ181x (b2)	Tod Manners
OpJ182x (b1)	James Renn and Tod Manners
OpJ184x-	Matthew Atkinson, James Renn, Tod Manners and Daniel Holdsworth
Op4x- (b1)	Ben Summers, Callum Holdsworth, Travis McLean and Tom Hillier
Head Season 2022/23	
Wansbeck Long Distance Sculls	
Op4x-	Daniel Holdsworth, James Renn, Dyfrig Williams, Matthew Atkinson
OpMasEG4x-	Tony Atherton, Mark Benson, Ian Burns and Steve Leigh
OpJ161x	Cameron Murphy
WMasAE2x	Angela Waburton and Jo Lewis
WJ182x	Olivia Douglas-Reeves and Ruth Town
Tees Long Distance Sculls	
OpMasE4x-	Mark Benson, Richard Harandon, Steve Bostock and Tony Atherton
OpMasFGH4x-	Chris Kenyon, Bob Bainbridge, John Lund and Paul Rutter
WMasBD4x-	Angela Warburton, Jo Lewis, Mary Dryden and Sarah Harker
OpMasAEG2x	Greg Beswick and Paul Stiller

OpJ161x (b2)	Cameron Murphy
W1x	Rebecca Graham
Tees Small Boats Head	
OpMasEFGH2x	Bob Bainbridge and Ralph Pickles
WJ154x+ (b2)	Martha Anderson, Tillie McLone, Nancy Manners, Seren Williams and Megan Pickering
Tyne Long Distance Sculls	
OpMasEGH4x-	Chris Kenyon, Bob Bainbridge, Paul Rutter and John Lund
OpMasACE1x	Paul Buckworth
Tyne Small Boats Head	
OpMasAFH2x	Bob Bainbridge and Ralph Pickles
OpJ181x	Adam Makepeace
South Hylton Long Distance Sculls	
OpMasCE4x-	Dick Wilkinson, Tony Atherton, Steve Leigh and Mark Benson
OpMasDEGH2x	Greg Beswick and Paul Stiller
WMasAEF2x	Jo Lewis and Angela Warburton
Durham Long Distance Sculls	
OpJ184x-	Daniel Holdsworth, James Renn, Joe Merriott, Matthew Atkinson
OpMasCEH2x	John Lund and Tony Stocking
Durham Small Boats Head	
OpJ184x-	Daniel Holdsworth, James Renn, Joe Merriott, Matthew Atkinson
OpJ182x	James Renn and Daniel Holdsworth
Rutherford Head of the River	
OpJ184x- (b2)	Daniel Holdsworth, James Renn, Dyfrig Williams, Matthew Atkinson
WMasDFG4x-	Sarah Harker, Mary Dryden, Jo Lewis and Angela Warburton
Tyne United New Years Head	
OpMasEGI4x-	Chris Kenyon, Bob Bainbridge, John Lund and Tony Stocking
Durham Small Boats Head	
OpJ161x	Cameron Murphy
Tyne Head of the River	
OpMasC/F4-	Steve Leigh, Jack Calvert, Chris Morill and Gary Bettinson
Yorkshire Head of the River	
OpMasB/I4x-	Chris Kenyon, Bob Bainbridge, John Lund and Tony Stocking
Nottingham Head of the Trent	
OpJ184x-	Cameron Murphy, Adam Makepeace, Matthew Atkinson and Daniel Holdsworth
Op4x- (b2)	Matthew Atkinson, Adam Makepeace, James Renn and Daniel Holdsworth
Derwentwater Head	
WMasE4x-	Mary Dryden, Jo Lewis, Denise McArdle and Angela Warburton