



# TEES ROWING CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2026

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Dear Members

Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy this edition of the TRC newsletter. Please send any feedback and articles to [Elizabeth Bostock](#), Assistant Secretary.



## Celebrating Alan's Achievements

Centre Manager Alan Pearce is hanging up his spurs and retiring at the end of January. Alan joined the club in July 2015, and over the past decade his impact on the club's finances and resilience has been significant and lasting. Read Richard Olver's article [here](#).



## Our New Centre Manager

We are delighted to welcome Mark Trodden as our new Centre Manager. Read more [here](#).



## (Almost) everything you need to know about rigging but were afraid to ask

A useful [guide to rigging](#) is now available on the Tees RC website. Thanks to Janet Wilkinson (and Weybridge Rowing Club). Photo: Dick Wilkinson and his elf assistant (aka Karen Hamilton).





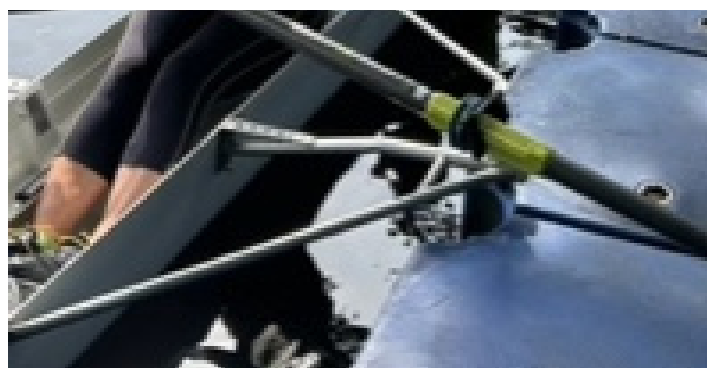


## The great blade project continues ...

Many blades now have new *vortex tips* (the black strips along the edge of the spoon). To help keep the blades in good order, please place the spoons on the pontoon/ground as shown above, Please see Chris Kenyon's email to club members of January 11th 2026.



## Launches



## The 'Recs'

Recreational Rowing at Tees Rowing Club is ideal for people of all ages who wish to row for health, wellbeing and friendship and have the freedom to turn up for rowing without the need to either commit to being in a regular squad or pre-booking a boat.

The Recs hours are 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and 1--5pm on Saturday and Sunday,

If any members would like to join in or find out more, please contact [Paul Bury](#) direct or via the [Tees RC website](#)



## Dates for your diary

1. **Dragon boat banana** (seat is horizontal across width of boat - passenger sits next to the driver)
2. **Tees RC banana** (seat runs along length of boat - passenger sits behind the driver)
3. **Tees RC rib** (last in for quick access in case needed for a rescue).



## Join the Tees RC 100 Club

For £5 a month, you have 12 opportunities a year to win a cash prize and support the club.

£1,505 was raised in 2025. Contact Mike

Fallaize [here](#) to join in the fun.

**Bangers, Beer & quite possibly Bingo**, Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Organiser: Liz Leigh

Liz asks that you bring any odd gifts you might have for a raffle. Wine and non-alcoholic drinks will also be available. Tickets around £15 for beer tasters and £10 for others. Watch out for the email.

**Spring Head** - plans are underway to run a 'Private Match' (Tees, Yarm, Infinity, another invited club) on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Organiser: Steve Heath

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