

THE OTRC SPIRIT

OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF OUNDLE TOWN ROWING CLUB



OTRC Annual General Meeting

Friday 9th
November 2018

Oundle
Rugby Club
7.30pm

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HUNTINGDON MATCH REPORT

Huntingdon Match Report, foreword by race organiser Simon Murray;

We haven't competed at Huntingdon Head for a number of years - being half term and only a couple of weeks after Bedford there hasn't been much enthusiasm for this event. However, four intrepid crews (hardcore?) decided to make the short trip over to the Great Ouse on Sunday.

It is a fairly relaxed event, only 40 something crews from 8 clubs took part, so a friendly atmosphere and only £2 for a bacon sandwich.

Three of our crews (all 2x) were entered in the same division and clearly all of them were so excited at finding a stretch of water as bendy as our own that they decided to explore the scenery as much as possible. The result - a first for OTRC where three crews all collide with each other, leading to an OTRC wipe-out. Fortunately, the "babes" quad, having been warned about the course, managed to keep their boat on line and finished as winners of their event. Well done girls!

Next event Star Club Head, back at Bedford on 18th November.

Nick & **Bish**

For the third time this year we did not cheat or practice for this race. We have had three races this season i.e. Leicester Regatta, Milton Keynes Regatta and now Huntingdon Head with no outings between.

The draw placed us in a group of Junior 15 & 16s. I don't understand the logic of placing us there as we should be faster, and this could cause difficulties with steering during the race and would give little encouragement to the younger crews.

For those reasons, I held back on the start to allow a good gap to open so that we would have a clear run. After about 1000 meters we overtook Erin & Laura who looked as if they had steering difficulties and were just getting back into their stride after hitting the bank. We were into a good stride and moving fast.

We passed Hartford Marina and moved to bow side to pick up the fastest racing line past what I know as the Regatta field, but a Junior 16 2X were on that line and would not give way so I was forced to move further to bow side to avoid a clash. They were left very quickly when I notice more puddles in front of us, this crew also would not give way, so I had to switch sides again to avoid a clash with them. Shortly after gaining a good lead more puddles were seen in front and this time it was a Junior 18 1X who again would not give way, so I had to switch sides for the third time.

Unfortunately, by then we had reached the start of a series of big bends about 750 meters from the finish line. We drew alongside of this sculler who started to sprint to hold us off and began to move over to our side thus cutting off the corner. I had nowhere to go and we ran into a tree and stopped dead. From that point on the crews that we had worked so hard to overtake were on us and at no point from then on did we achieve single file rowing on that difficult part of the course and began tree hopping and clashing with other crews passing including Erin/Laura & Will / Jacob (Sorry to each crew). That effectively was the end of our race and after a promising start our time was not good.

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Jacob Cruise and Will Pratt J15 2x

We rowed up to the start nervously as this was one of the furthest races we have done. After rowing up to the start we realised that 3k was much longer than we thought but began to take our layers off. We turned around and rowed up to the start. As we heard the world 'go' it dawned on us that this was it. The first 2k was strong. However, as we approached the final 1k we began to become very tired and our muscles began to ache but we kept pushing on. As we reached the last 500m we had some steering issues as the course was extremely bendy. After overcoming these issues, we crossed the line.

Laura & Erin

Erin and I were really excited though a bit nervous the week before the race as we hadn't done a 4k head race in so long. On the day, I presumed we were meant to arrive just over an hour before our race but when I arrived Erin was already standing beside the rigged boat and she explained that we had to get on the water in ten minutes or so!!!!

Once the race started, we did set off at a good rate and were gaining on the double ahead, however on the first bend I managed to crash into the corner, but we managed to efficiently get out. We then got back into the right rating and pushed hard on the legs. After a few more very tight corners and no more long straights I sadly crashed again and then after that on one of the endless corners around 500m to the end we crashed slightly with Bish and Nick's double. However, we continued pushing till the finish. Overall even though it wasn't the best course for a 4K or our best performance, it was still a good learning experience and the cold was a bit of a surprise to Erin after getting back from Portugal the day before!!!!

Thank you to everyone for arranging it!!

Your Club Needs You

The OTRC AGM is scheduled for next week. This is the time of year when we look for fresh blood for both the committee positions and for non-committee tasks, where help is always needed. **All positions are available for new volunteers. Even if you think someone is currently doing the job well, if you fancy giving it a try, step up. The current encumber may just be waiting for you to relieve them of their duties.**

There is a definite vacancy for **Club Captain, as Angela is stepping down from the post.** If you think you could take on either Captain or Vice Captain, or are interested in one of the other posts, please have a chat with either Angela or any other committee member for more information.

Elections for the new committee take place next Friday at the AGM. Please attend. Please put yourself forward.

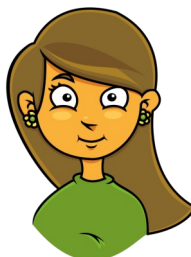
Think not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club.

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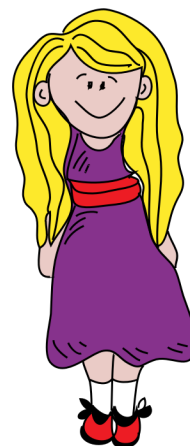
Club Captain:

- Develop the club strategy for rowing
- Set aims and objectives for each season
- Decide on the club racing calendar
- Specify the coaching/training programme
- Establish equipment requirements
- First point of contact for enquiries about the club
- Report to the committee on rowing matters



Junior Coordinator and/or Vice Captain

- Administer the day-to-day rowing needs of members
- Gather information about crew preferences and propose crews for the season
- Adjust crew line-ups during the season as necessary (availability etc.)
- Agree equipment allocation
- Coordinate availability for events
- Integrate new members (experienced and novice) into the relevant squads/crews
- Additional for Junior Coordinator – to liaise with parents on all aspects of junior rowing



Treasurer:



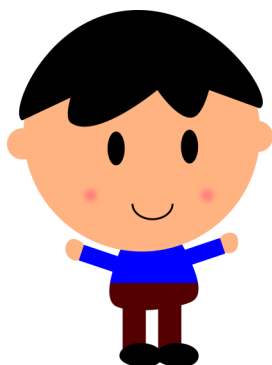
- Pay invoices submitted and receive monies due to the club.
- Bank monies received into the club bank account.
- Maintain an accurate record of club income and expenditure.
- Prepare the club accounts for annual audit and submit the accounts to the clubs accountant.
- Present the audited accounts to the club AGM.
- Provide recommendations to the Club Committee and AGM in partnership with the Membership Secretary for changes to the club annual membership fees.

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**AGM NEXT
FRIDAY - 7.30PM
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NEEDS YOU.....**

Development Coordinator:



- Welcoming new members into the club
- Developing the “pathway” for rowers joining the club whatever level (beginner or experienced)
- Obtain details of course participants and appropriate registration with BR
- Organisation of, and getting the necessary help from members for:-
 - Taster sessions
 - Learn to row courses
- Ensuring equipment is available for each course
- Publicising the timetable of courses via website etc.
- Encouraging membership of the club at the end of the courses
- Help with integrating new members into the relevant squads for training or recreational rowing as required

Events Coordinator:

- Manage the club entries via the BROE system
- Collect race fees from crews and coaches (juniors)
- Arrange payment to organisers via the treasurer
- Check boat/oar allocation to avoid clashes



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Club Secretary:

- Give appropriate notice to committee members for quarterly meetings
- Create agenda for each meeting
- Book venue for meeting or AGM
- Take minutes of meeting
- Circulate minutes to committee meeting after meeting and arrange for them to be placed on website
- Be main point of contact for BR and their handbook
- Compose and dispatch letters as directed by the committee and chairman

Social Secretary:

- Book The Ship for Pub social approx. monthly.
Plus annually arrange;
- BBQ and Club racing event, organise refreshments, rotas, prices etc.
- Big winter event
- Socials also have a fundraising element, money handling, floats sorted etc.



Publicity Officer:



- Produce quarterly OTRC newsletter
- Produce Match Reports following each event
- Produce Posters and advertising for club events
- Send out OTRC articles to local newspapers as and when occasion demands
- Ensure website editor has up to date content

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Fundraising Officer:

- Identify and assess funding streams
- Liaise with Committee regarding opportunities & funding criteria.
- Develop plans in required format
- Write bids
- Complete forms, secure supporting documents & submit.
- Liaise with Grant Funders

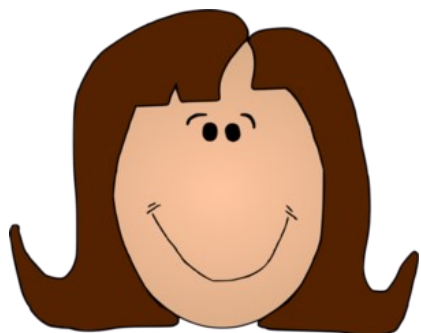


Website Editor:

- Maintain website, up date with new content and news.
- Continue to modify site structure/layout as required
- For all new requests to join the member area, check validity of requester and authorise if genuine
- Handle all inbound contact requests and pass to relevant committee member for response.
- Provide a holding response to the initial email.



Welfare Officer:



- Information and advice on British Rowing's Safeguarding policies for Children and Vulnerable Adults.
- Ensuring the club adopts and follows BR's Safe guarding Policies and procedures
- Promote awareness of policy through the club
- Keep necessary records of CRB checks
- Receive information from those with a concern and refer it to the relevant bodies in line with BR guidance, keeping all parties informed as necessary

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Membership Officer:

- Process Club membership applications and keep a database of club membership details, which includes, current membership status, British Rowing Membership numbers, dates of birth, contact information and medical considerations that club coaches should be aware of.
- Ensure that the data is protected as required by the Data Protection Act whilst making it easily available for Club coaches, committees, officers, British Rowing and outside agencies on a strictly need to know basis.
- Ensure that all club members hold current British Rowing Membership.
- Ensure membership fees to both club and British Rowing are banked and accurately categorised in the club accounts.
- Provide recommendations to the Club Committee and AGM in partnership with the Treasurer for changes to the club annual membership fees.
- Ensure that accurate club membership numbers are submitted annually to British Rowing and the correct annual affiliation fees are paid.



Site Manager:



- To be responsible for the maintenance and development of the club's buildings, facilities and grounds, to include:
Being the main point of contact with:
 - ⇒ Hills & Dales regarding shared facilities (roadway, security and access)
 - ⇒ Barnwell Estate Office regarding payment of rent
 - ⇒ Buildings Insurance provider ensuring adequate insurance cover is maintained
 - ⇒ Utility service providers ensuring continuance of supply
 - ⇒ The council regarding rates and other relevant matters
 - ⇒ Any other person or body with an interest in the club's buildings, facilities and grounds
- To arrange for the repair and maintenance of the club's buildings, facilities and grounds in as cost effective-a-way as possible
- To co-ordinate specifications for the development of club buildings, whilst liaising with fund raising team
- To co-ordinate appointment of appropriate contractors, as necessary, for development of club buildings – from planning to construction

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Equipment & Boathouse Officer:

- General boat maintenance and repair of minor damage and keeping a regularly updated inventory of their condition.
- Regular maintenance of all kit including the painting of blades and keeping a regularly updated inventory of their condition.
- Maintenance and repair of various electrical items.
- Repairing and replacing trestles.
- Trailer servicing, including lights, wheels and braking system .
- Organisation of spares, backup kit and replacement parts to enable easy access to all.
- Maintenance and servicing of Rib and Launch and Outboard Motors.
- Ensuring safe environment within boathouse including racking.
- Generally keeping the boathouse tidy.
- Organisation of the storage of boats.
- Assessment of future needs for new boats and equipment.
- Processing insurance claims.
- Ensure the club boats are registered on purchase and annually with British Rowing and the annual registration fees are paid



Safety Officer:



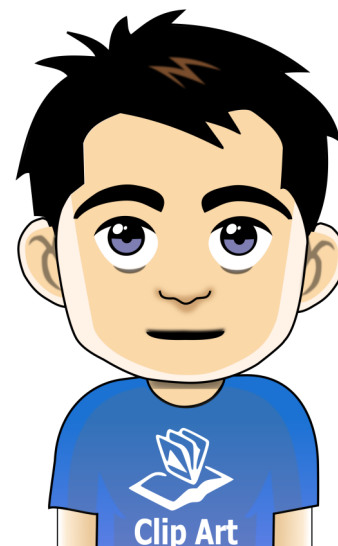
- Carry out the annual safety audit and submit it British Rowing to meet their required deadline.
- Carry out risk assessments for club activities and equipment.
- Submit Accident Reports for incidents as required by British Rowing.
- Investigate safety incidents and make recommendations for changes to improve safety within the club.
- Ensure the club has adequate Civil Liability and Third Party insurance.
- Ensure that club safety equipment is in good condition and maintained to the required standard.
- Ensure that the club premises have adequate fire protection and fire extinguishers are maintained to the required standard.
- Ensure that the club's first aid equipment is adequately maintained and available.
- Ensure that the club safety manual is up to date and available to all members.

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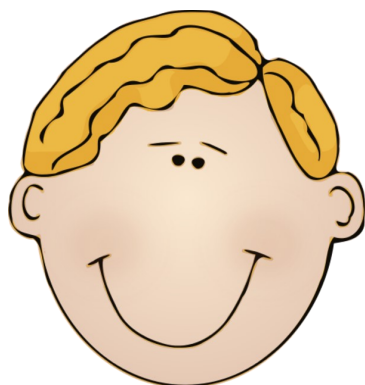
Recreational Coordinator:

- Organising Sunday morning session(s) including boat allocation and safety cover
- Report concerns, needs etc., of recreational members



Junior Representative:

- To represent the Junior section of the club at committee meetings
- To foster good communication and good relationships between the juniors at the club
- To promote good communication between the Juniors and other sections of the club.



See you there
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