

# OTRC Match Report

## Peterborough Regatta Sunday 3rd June 2018

### Foreword by Race Organiser Simon Murray.....

Peterborough Regattas are popular events in the national racing calendar, and last weekend's event was no different - 443 crews from 72 clubs took part in the Sunday event alone. As it's local to us we try and make the most of the opportunity to indulge in multi-lane racing. Twelve Oundle crews entered this time, with racing spread throughout the day.

We couldn't have asked for better weather, glorious sunshine most of the time and no wind (so no excuses there then).

Those of us loyal enough to stay until the end of the regatta were rewarded by a stirring performance from Daisy and Becky who came storming through the evening light to clinch a win in the very last race of the weekend, the women's 2x final.

Elsewhere wins were hard to come by, however there were some excellent performances, especially from our junior crews; both J14 doubles (Charlotte/Jessica and William/Jacob) posting good times, the latter improving their heat time in the final. Most eye-catching was Erin and Laura's J16 double, who despite not winning their final were the club's fastest women's crew of the day.

As usual, none of this would have happened without all the support from racers, parents and supporters, Debbie, Rhona and Aline -thanks for cheering us on; for John and Dick who towed the trailer and all those who came back to the club in the evening for re-rigging.

The next club event to look out for is the CLUB REGATTA on Saturday 30th June. Already several members have signed up to compete (& bring cake). Have you?

OTRC Regatta

Saturday 30th

June 2018

From 2pm

Sign up at the boat  
house!



### Fancy a bit of baking?

Could you bring a cake to  
the Regatta?

Flapjack

Victoria Sponge

Chocolate

Brownie

Etc. Etc.



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## C'mon Oundle!

Jessica and Charlotte WJ14 2x

We arrived at Peterborough quite early, ready to rig our boat and make sure everything was in working order, before we set off for our Race, which was at 09:48am.

On our way up to the start we warmed up by rowing lightly and waited with the other boats. We made our way across to lane 2 when we got told to. When we got to the stake boat we had no trouble backing down and we were soon ready to start.

They called us forward to front-stops, so we squared our blades waiting for the flag to drop and for them to say go. Our racing start was good and we got away from the stake boats with ease, but the other boats were slightly ahead. We pushed really hard for 10 every 250m or so, but it was only halfway down the 1000m course we started to catch up with the other boat in lane 4 and at the 750m mark we were about 1 1/2 boat lengths away we got a bit closer to them but then I caught a crab, quickly recovered and got straight back into it, but we were still 1 1/2 boat lengths away as we finished the race with only a few seconds between us.

I think we both enjoyed the day. The other teams in our heat were very quick, however if we were in the heat before we would have made it to the final, but that's the luck of the draw. Overall our time was good and we did our best.

Well done to the rest of the crews!!

WMas D 2x (Jo and Vicky) 4.mins45.6secs

As the first crew from OTRC to race on the day, Vicky and I were delighted to wake to blue skies, no wind and flat water. So different to Nottingham city masters regatta the week before, when the waves were so big we thought we might need the life boat to come out through the Atlantic rollers and the cross wind were so strong we got blown out of our lane. That said, the one thing both weekends races had in common were the oppo! Champions of the Thames and Eaton excelsior. Having been beaten hands down by the same crews the week before, we knew we were out of our league, and therefore also knew that we were unlikely to make the final from our heat. Still, anything can happen...so we gave it our best shot.

We had a good start, and were well up in the mix for the first 500m. So much so that we began to worry that we might actually qualify, and Vicky wouldn't get away in time to do her Tesco's shop, which she had planned! However, as before, the Champs and Elton excelsior crews pulled away, and left us behind, with a gap of about 20seconds. Deja vue, just flatter water!

Despite coming third, we were happy to see that had we been in the next heat, we were faster than the crew that came second and might have been through to the final, where the Champs and Excelsior crews could have beaten us again!

These two crews went on to come first and second in the final, I went to watch the other races and cheer the club on, and lucky Vicky went to Tesco's!

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**Daisy and Becky W.2x (Band 2) – 04:17 WINNERS**

It was such a nice day at Peterborough as it was sunny and warm,

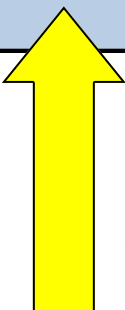
We both got there slightly early for our race to support the other crews at Oundle, as we were the last race of the whole event/day at 18:52.

We were ready for the race very early but we got on the water and practised a racing start, that we didn't really want to comment on (interesting...), However we got up the start with our other opposition (RAF and York University) and just chilled before the mad race! Our start was amazing, we pulled straight off of York and RAF and wanted to keep it that way!

So just before every 250meters we pushed hard for ten, and just managed to keep the other boats off but as we started to get tired, we heard the Oundle supporters and pushed again a lot harder! This was a really good boost for us and suddenly the finish line was just behind us, I think that was the best feeling to see the finish with a big boost beforehand. BEEP!! Wahoo!!

We would like to say a big thank you to John and Jo, Dick and Claire for towing the trailer and a huge thank you to everyone who supported us down the course.

It was a great last race with Becky before she heads off down under!



## OTRC SUMMER SOCIAL

**Saturday 30th June - From 5pm**

**BY THE RIVER AT**

**OTRC**

**BBQ**



# Match Report

**Men's Vet E/F Eight Final:**

(Cox: Anita, Str: **John M**, Jon H, Bob, Brian, Andrew, Leslie, Dick, Mark)

**Position: 3rd**

The Oundle Eight had raced at Nottingham Masters, in rough conditions, in a Vet F event the week before and had been beaten by a Star crew. OTRC now found themselves up against the same Star crew and two younger crews from Peterborough and City of Cambridge. Brian had tried to find the form of the younger crews, but despite spending hours on the internet looking up rowing sites, or so he claimed, he was none the wiser.

As a handicap event the older crews, Oundle and Star, started first and the youngsters, Peterborough and City of Cambridge, started a few seconds later. When you are the older crew the handicap never seems long enough, but when you are the younger crew it seems an eternity. OTRC and Star got off to a swift start to make the most of their advantage and for the first 300m all was good on the OTRC front as they holding the Star crew.

From 300m the younger Peterborough crew started to claw back the handicap and despite some calls and encouragement from the cox's seat the OTRC challenge petered out. The Star crew stormed ahead and Peterborough rowed through leaving OTRC to finish a distant 3rd. The consolation was beating the City of Cambridge crew, that couldn't believe that they had lost to an OTRC crew!

More training required, but some positives to take from the experience.

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Masters E Quad - **Gary**, Peter, Andrew, Nick

Our straight final and an evening boating time the heat of the day was thankfully easing. With nerves jangling our first stroke from the pontoon made the boat lurch embarrassingly to the stroke side, oh dear! Was this a sign that today wasn't going to be ours? Thankfully, we got our act together and paddled up the course towards the start like a crew that had met each other before. As we pause to practice our starts the message came up the boat "2/3<sup>rds</sup> - 1/2 - 2/3<sup>rds</sup> - full" yes a perfect time to revert to the old start!

We don't have long to wait and it was our turn, the marshals were impatient, hurrying us to the start.....

The starter holds us for what seem like an age, "come on, come on" I mutter, then it becomes apparent the Peterborough boat was still on its way up the course, "grrr". Finally all crews in place - attention - GO!!!! - the start goes well, 10 strokes in I glance to my left, we are behind Star and Maidstone, and ahead of Peterborough to our right, but only just, "Stride" I hear, assume that was Andrew, we lengthen but the rate stays high (feels like 32 spm) ooooooh why are the yellow lane marker bouys moving into our way, the umpire waves his flag ... oh yes steer idiot, then the bouys on the other side confirm our zigzag course, not great. Star and Maidstone to our left were long gone but I sense Peterborough to our right, ahead but not by much. 500 meters and the crowd is getting louder, some familiar welcome calls "Come on Oundle" lift us, we are side by side with Peterborough, we wander more in our lane as we (I) tire, how is it so difficult just to go straight? I glanced over to see the 750 meters marker, this is where Peterborough start to edge us out, our rate is still high but our blade work is getting more splashy and I feel I am at my max and I knew our planned sprint finish wasn't going to happen, 4<sup>th</sup> sounds better than it is.



WMasE 2x **Angela & Claire** Time 4:59

We came last. Boat rowed by 2 Limax maximus (Google it).

However, our lovely race organiser, Simon, did point out that, as we were in a handicapped event (E/F) and were relative youngsters, we did sit at the start for an INTERMINABLE 11 seconds handicap which takes our actual rowing time down to 4:48. Still not brilliant but better than we originally thought. Always look on the bright side of life ...

W Mas 4X E Jennie, Anita, Angela and **Claire**  
time 04:35

This race was a scratch crew and a big thank you to Anita for helping us out, allowing us a row in our quad at Peterborough's Regatta in Fiona's absence.

Competitors in our race were Sudbury, Broxbourne and Otters and the race was a straight final.

Our start, of the newly formed 3/4- 1/2 1/2 3/4 set us in good stead getting the boat moving quickly and we were well in the mix. We maintained a metronomic stroke rate trying to keep our stroke long...with some timely changes from Anita ( borrowed from her experience in the eight?!) which provided focus and a change in boat speed. Angela passed on the calls to the 'deaf old bird' at stroke, and Jennie navigated us adeptly down the course.

We reflected that we rowed well as a crew and although not winners, really enjoyed our race.

Thanks to Simon for bringing, as organiser for bringing the day together so well, and to John M and Dick for trailering our boats.

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W.J16.2x Laura and **Erin** (04:14)

Before the race we didn't rate our chances as we were in the middle of exams and I had been throwing up the day before!

This didn't get any better when we got to the boats late (having been soooo engaged in history revision) and in all the panic of being late we got into the wrong seats. After a quick change around, we rowed down to the start where there seemed to be a distinct lack of other girl's doubles. They were already on the start line.

By the time we eventually reached the start we were both quite stressed but calmed slightly after a quick pep talk from Eve on the stake boat. Our start wasn't too good as one of my oars wasn't fully squared and we missed a stroke so were already behind. However, with Laura's encouraging calls we were able to stay overlapping with the other two boats for the rest of the race. Later on, at about 500m, the unsurprising signs of 1 hour of sleep two nights in a row was very obvious and we felt that we slowed down a bit. Despite this, we kept on pushing as hard as we could (along with some odd groans of pain) and ended up coming third (out of 3!)

Overall, we were quite happy with how we rowed as there was only three seconds between all three boats which surprised us. Thank you for everybody's support and cheering and well done to all other crews!

## Jacob and Will's J14 double

We were really looking forward to this regatta, as neither of us had rowed at Peterborough before and we had heard great things about it.

We boated for the heats and rowed gently down the lake to the start. We waited patiently until we got instructions to go to the stake boat. As they called Oundle Town, nerves kicked in. We got a smooth start and our pace was good. Egged on by the Oundle supporters we rowed as well as we could and were delighted to come second and qualify for the final.

In the heat of the afternoon, we set off for the final. We knew we were up against some tough competitors and perhaps this wasn't the best time to catch a crab! However we rowed our best and although we came last, were very proud to have got into our first final.





# OTRC Regatta

Saturday 30th June 2018

From 2pm

Tea, Coffee and Cake

OTRC Social From 5pm

BBQ - Bring your own  
drinks and chair