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Please note that all information in this report is in the public domain and can be freely shared with clubs, events, members and volunteers.



1. Governing body update

British Rowing Club Emergency Fund

A British Rowing Club Emergency Fund was launched on 8 June 2020 to deliver grant funding to those Affiliated Clubs that are most in need as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and whose future would be in jeopardy without support. The fund was designed to supplement, rather than duplicate, support from Sport England, the Government and other sources.

The fund is currently open until 8 September although this is subject to review and may be extended.

Full details of eligibility and the criteria for funding are set out on the British Rowing website. This includes who can apply, what will be funded and not funded, supporting information required and FAQs.

Applications must be made using the online form available via this www.britishrowing.org/clubemergencyfund.

[To date we have received 12 applications, three of which are still subject to review by the Club Emergency Fund Assessment Panel \(including two where additional supporting information has been requested\). Of the nine applications assessed, three have been successful. Applications that have not been successful failed to meet the stated eligibility criteria.](#)

BRIC 2020

We're currently reviewing the format of this year's Mizuno British Rowing Indoor Championships, subject to the evolving situation regarding COVID-19 and regular updates to government guidance. Prior to lockdown, the Mizuno British Rowing Indoor Championships 2020 had initially been planned to take place at the Lee Valley VeloPark on 5 December, 2020.

Over recent months, however, we've been closely following the ongoing situation and considering several options to ensure that this year's BRIC can be as accessible, enjoyable and inspiring as in previous years - whilst complying fully with government regulations.



The BRIC OC and the Directors' Team Covid-19 Situational Review Group has now agreed that Mizuno British Rowing Indoor Championships will not run as planned but we are looking at possible changes to location and competition format and we have encouraged all potential competitors to save the date of 5 December, 2020 via email communication.

We will aim to provide further clarity as soon as we can, and in the meantime will continue to weigh up all available options with the necessary parties.

British Rowing Plus

British Rowing Plus is our new content hub with exclusive content for British Rowing members. This includes the best rowing stories, workouts and technical advice for all types of rowers. New content is uploaded every week with regular columns from some of the top rowing writers including Martin Cross, Patricia Carswell, Martin Gough and Daniel Spring. There will also be regular updates from Matt Rossiter and Beccy Muzerie, taking us behind the scenes in the GB Rowing Team camp.

British Rowing members are able to login using your normal username and password. Non-members can purchase a membership from less than £3 a month and receive immediate access to content.

British Rowing Plus will bring you the

British Rowing club affiliation

Since the last update there has only been a small change on the number of clubs that are yet to renew their affiliation for the March 2020 – April 2021 period. 496 clubs have completed their affiliation and 43 clubs are outstanding, 26 clubs have not responded to any emails relating to club affiliation. Emails have been sent out on the following dates 27th Jan, 17th Feb, 30th March, 21st April and 10th July. Another reminder will be sent in September. Currently outstanding clubs have not been suspended, but this could change after September when we apply the six month rule.

If you have any questions please contact clubs@britishrowing.org.



Back to Rowing / Competition

The latest advice to clubs on COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.britishrowing.org/2020/06/latest-british-rowing-advice-on-coronavirus-covid-19/>. We are moving to Phase F as scheduled from 29 August.

Our proposal to restart competitions has been approved by the DCMS and this has now been published on the British Rowing website. This includes information for organisers and competitors.

Challenge Hub

Challenge Hub is a new online platform that will host a range of on and off water, remote/ distanced rowing challenges and leagues for both individual rowers and clubs, including schools and universities. A beta product was launched on 26th August, with an initial 250m time trial challenge. Further skill and distance challenges will then follow.

The platform aims to provide a competitive offer that complements the annual rowing calendar as well as alternative offerings for recreational rowers and newcomers to the sport. It also aims to support a safe return to competitive on-water activity. Considerable flexibility is being built into the platform and its development will be informed by feedback from the rowing community.

Sport England / Government support for clubs

Sport England has announced that its Community Emergency Fund has been paused to allow them to process over 8,000 applications. We will let you know if/ when the fund reopens.

Others funding sources are still available and these are listed below with links. We recommend that clubs investigate the loan options available, some of which are interest free for a year and then have a very low interest rate if they are not paid off in the first year.

Governments Grant Funding Schemes for Small Business Grant Fund / Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/882809/small-business-grant-and-retail-leisure-hospitality-grant-guidance-for-businesses.pdf



General Information to find out what financial support you can get for your business

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-support-for-businesses-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

You can find financial support and advice for your Club at the following:-

<https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder> & <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-support-for-businesses-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Business rates holiday for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-your-retail-hospitality-or-leisure-business-is-eligible-for-business-rates-relief-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

Temporary changes to VAT payments to help manage cash flow.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/deferral-of-vat-payments-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance for Small Business Grants Fund (SBGF) and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-business-support-grant-funding-guidance-for-businesses>

Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme>

Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-coronavirus-bounce-back-loan>

Other additional resources that may be useful to anyone paying staff

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-support-for-business-from-outside-government>



Club Matters has also launched a [Club Matters Coronavirus page](#) on their web site which will be updated regularly. It provides guidance, toolkits and case studies.

Keeping your club going

Please let us know at clubsupport@britishrowing.org what your club is doing so we can share it with rest of rowing community. We have been publishing the ideas we are receiving from clubs [here](#).

It is really important to make sure everyone stays safe while using online tools – our advice on this is available at: <https://www.britishrowing.org/2020/03/reminder-safeguarding-and-online-tools/>

Tell us #YourStories

A reminder that if you have any interesting stories you'd like to share with the rowing community, remember to let British Rowing know via our page [here](#). #YourStories is designed to celebrate, inform, educate and highlight opportunities within rowing – whether it's fundraising, club development activities, key milestones you'd like to celebrate or dedicated volunteers you'd like to thank.

British Rowing Education & Training update

UK Coaching Review:

UK Coaching has completed its research into the British Rowing education and training programme and are now in the analysis phase. The recommendations from this process will inform a new strategy for British Rowing's education and training programme.

The education and training department would like to thank all those rowers, coaches, coach educators and parents of young rowers who took the time to complete the survey or take part in the interviews. Your help is very much appreciated and will help shape our education offer and strategy.

**Diploma in Sporting Excellent Programme:**

If you have an athlete in your region who is aged 16 – 18 years or aged 19 – 24 years and on an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan, who would like to combine their training and education, they may be interested in our diploma in sporting excellence programme. For further details of this programme with testimonials from former students, please follow the link [here](#). The closing date for this programme is 1st September 2020.

Safeguarding Online Classroom:

While the face to face safeguarding workshop has been suspended, UK Coaching have developed an online workshop to fill the gap and give coaches and club leaders the opportunity to continue their learning. This Online Classroom will raise your awareness of the tell-tale signs of abuse and give you the tools and confidence you need to deal with any issues sensitively, appropriately and effectively should the need ever arise in your coaching career. To book a place on this 2-hour workshop follow the link [here](#). Please note, this online classroom session is for over 18's only.

First Aid:

Some first aid providers are now offering face to face training once again. The red cross offer a number of training courses including a 4 hour First Aid for Sport. Further details can be found [here](#).

British Rowing Autumn Webinar Series:

Planning is taking place for the Autumn Webinar Series. It isn't too late to let us know of your suggestion for future webinars. You can simply fill in the suggest form [here](#).

Coaches with outstanding Club Coach Independent Assessments:

The Education and Training team are starting to work with our coach educators to bring back parts of our programme, starting with those coaches waiting for their Club Coach Independent Assessment. A statement has gone out to all coaches waiting for assessment but if you are in touch with a coach who would like to undertake their assessment, then please ask them to get in touch with Pippa Harrison at education@britishrowing.org and we will help them to make arrangements for their assessment to take place.



British Rowing, Women's Development Programme

We're looking for the next generation of coaches to inspire the next generation of rowers. Details on the role can be found here:

<https://www.britishrowing.org/job/british-rowing-womens-development-programme-support-coach/> Applicants should complete this [application form](#) and send it to our HR Manager, [Kasia Szkatulska](#). They do not need to provide a CV or covering letter. Applications will close at 09.00, 14 September, but we encourage interested parties to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Love Rowing Challenge and Film Screening

Still to be formally announced...

On Friday 11th September, Love Rowing will be launching a participation challenge which will run for 4 weeks. We will be encouraging as many of our athletes, staff, clubs and members to get involved as possible. Participants will take on a challenge (this could be a row, swim, bike, run or a n other!), donate to Love Rowing, post their workout and nominate three people to complete the challenge. The aims of the challenge are to promote inclusion and diversity within rowing; raise awareness of Love Rowing's aims, objectives and activities; and fundraise for Love Rowing.

Love Rowing is also excited to be hosting an online screening of the documentary 'A Most Beautiful Thing' on the weekend of the 18-21 September. Arshay Cooper, the author of the book on which the film is based, will join us for a panel discussion on the evening of Monday 21st September. We will be marketing this soon and asking people to make a donation to 'attend'. On the weekend of the screening, a link to the film will be provided on the Friday evening which will be live for 3 days and we will then host the panel discussion on the Monday evening.



2. Regional membership figures

Eastern

July 2020

Region	2020	2019	Net Year Change	% Year Change
Eastern	2,964	3,816	-852	-22.3%

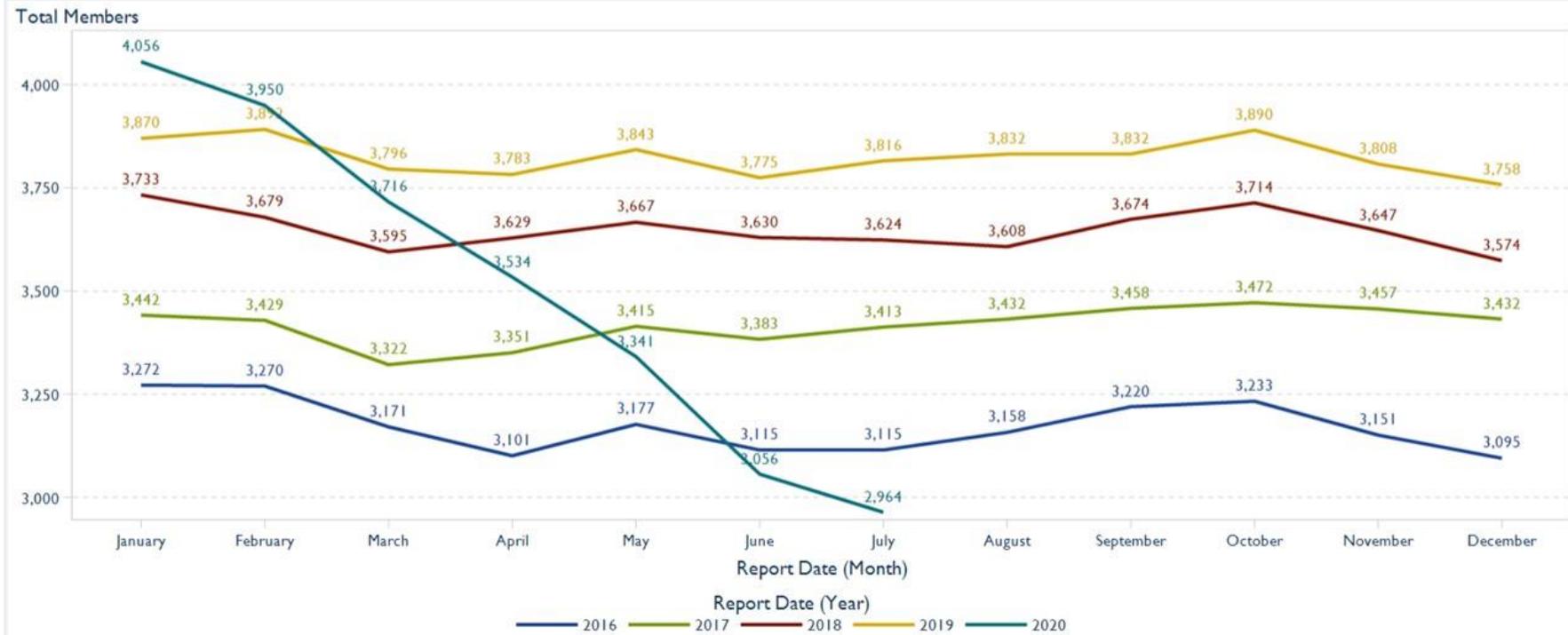


Please note where the sum of members by membership type or status does not match the overall figure, this is due to some individual members holding more than one membership.



Eastern

July 2020





3. National membership figures

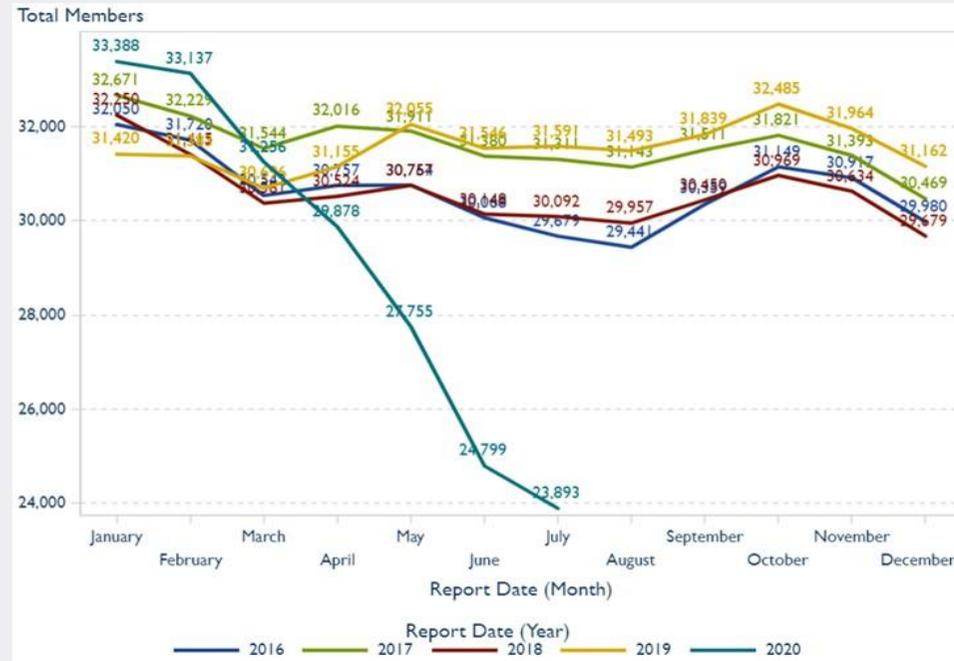
Total Members 2016 to Present

July 2020

We have 23,893 distinct active members as of the end of July 2020. Since 1 August, the phased return to crew boats has begun beginning with pairs and doubles. This will allow less competent individuals who may not feel comfortable in a single scull to return to rowing. The ability to row in a crew boat should allow clubs, schools and universities to operate with more participants. This in turn should see an increase in memberships as lapsed members return to rowing in August and beyond.

The record number of members in July is 31,591 in 2019. After record high values in January and February, Covid-19 has had a detrimental effect on membership numbers.

Return to competition will be vital to re-engage RACE members as they primarily stated that they held a membership solely to be able to compete in British Rowing affiliated competitions.



Total Members 2016 to Present

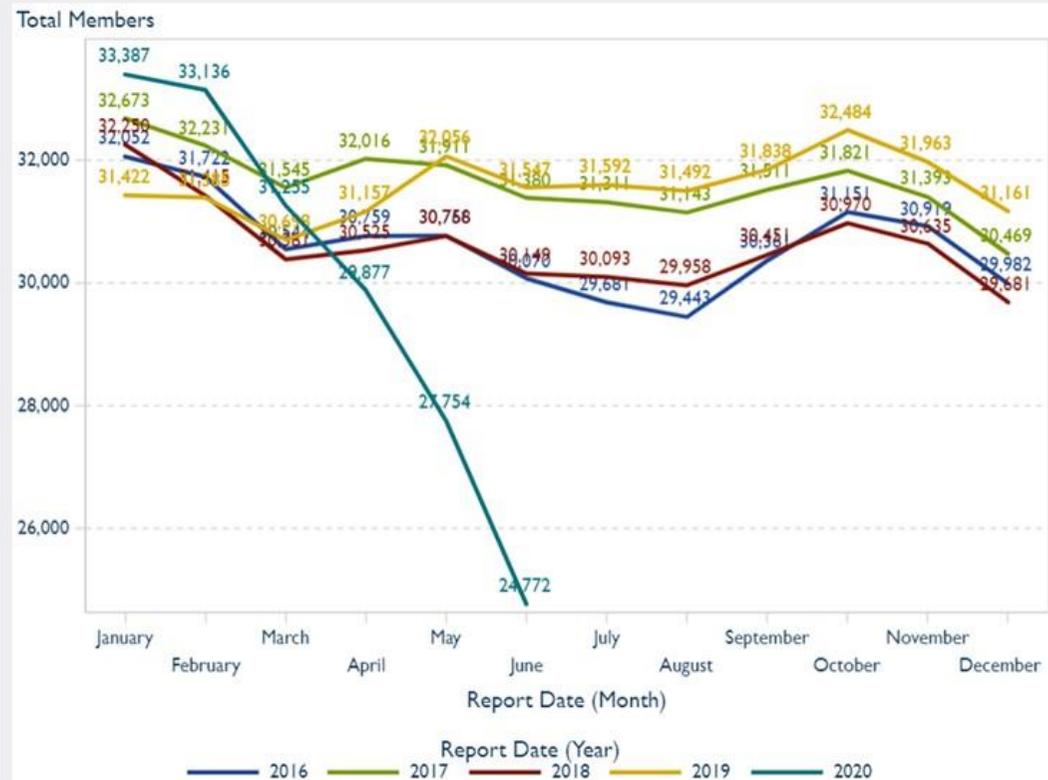
June 2020

We have 24,772 distinct active members as of the end of June 2020. Since mid June there has been the return of limited rowing activity at clubs. Privately owned and club singles can be used meaning that competent individuals are getting back on the water.

However, there is still no rowing for school or university students. These groups make up the majority of the membership demographic and these memberships are unlikely to recover until September when schools and universities go back.

The record number of members in June is 31,550 in 2019. After record high values in January and February, Covid-19 has had a detrimental effect on membership numbers.

The majority of our members hold a RACE membership. With no racing individuals are choosing not to renew. One option could be to remind members of the insurance benefits they access with their membership. This is an important aspect especially with singles going out without safety launches.



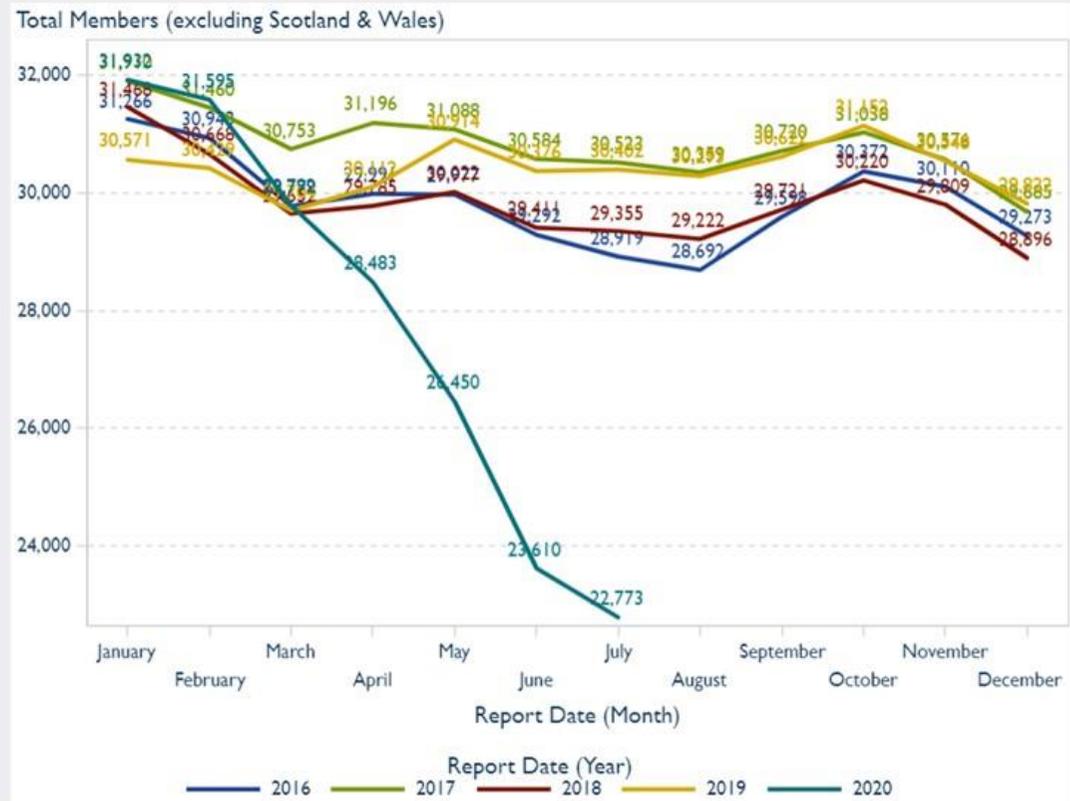
Total Members excluding Scotland & Wales

July 2020

The total number of members excluding those in Scotland and Wales is 22,773 in July 2020.

Comparing this to July 2019, there was a decrease of 7,929 members (-25.1%). The yearly percentage decrease is greater when excluding Scotland and Wales showing that the number of members in these regions have not decreased as greatly as British Rowing members as a whole.

Before the new membership system in November 2018 we didn't include Scotland and Wales in the total member figures. These figures are best used for comparison before the change in membership.



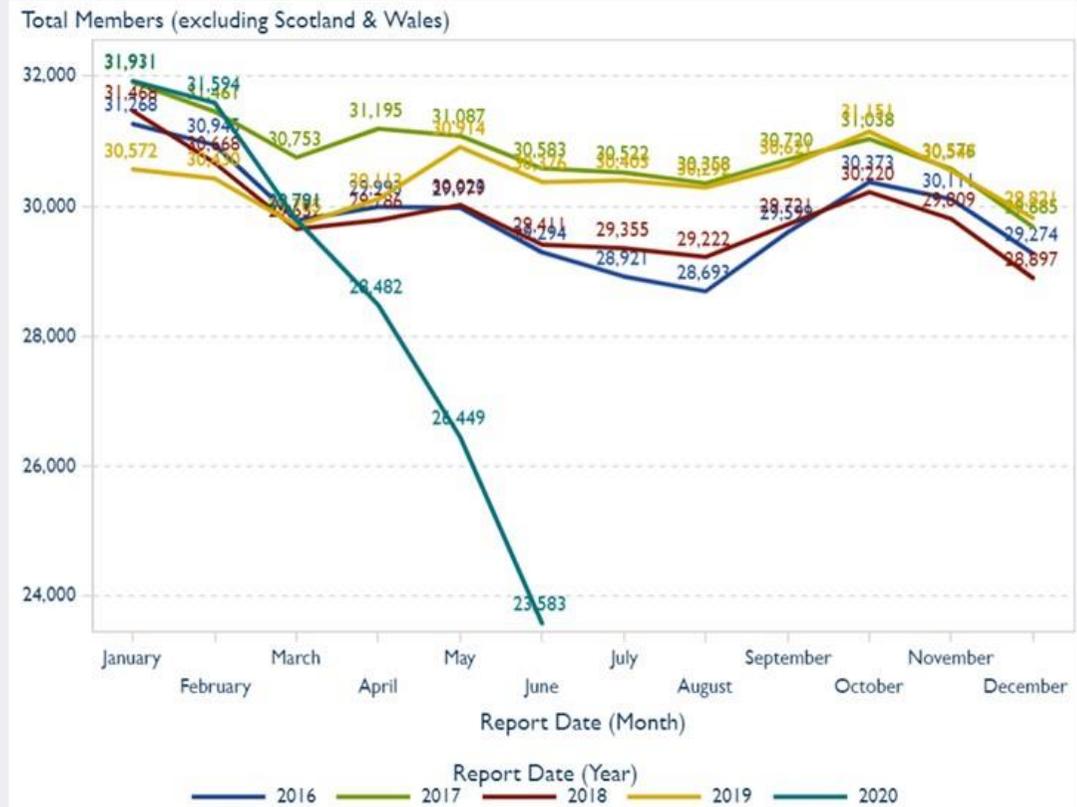
Total Members excluding Scotland & Wales

June 2020

The total number of members excluding those in Scotland and Wales is 23,583 in June 2020.

Comparing this to June 2019, there was a decrease of 6,793 members (-22.4%). The yearly percentage decrease is greater when excluding Scotland and Wales showing that the number of members in these regions have not decreased as greatly as British Rowing members as a whole.

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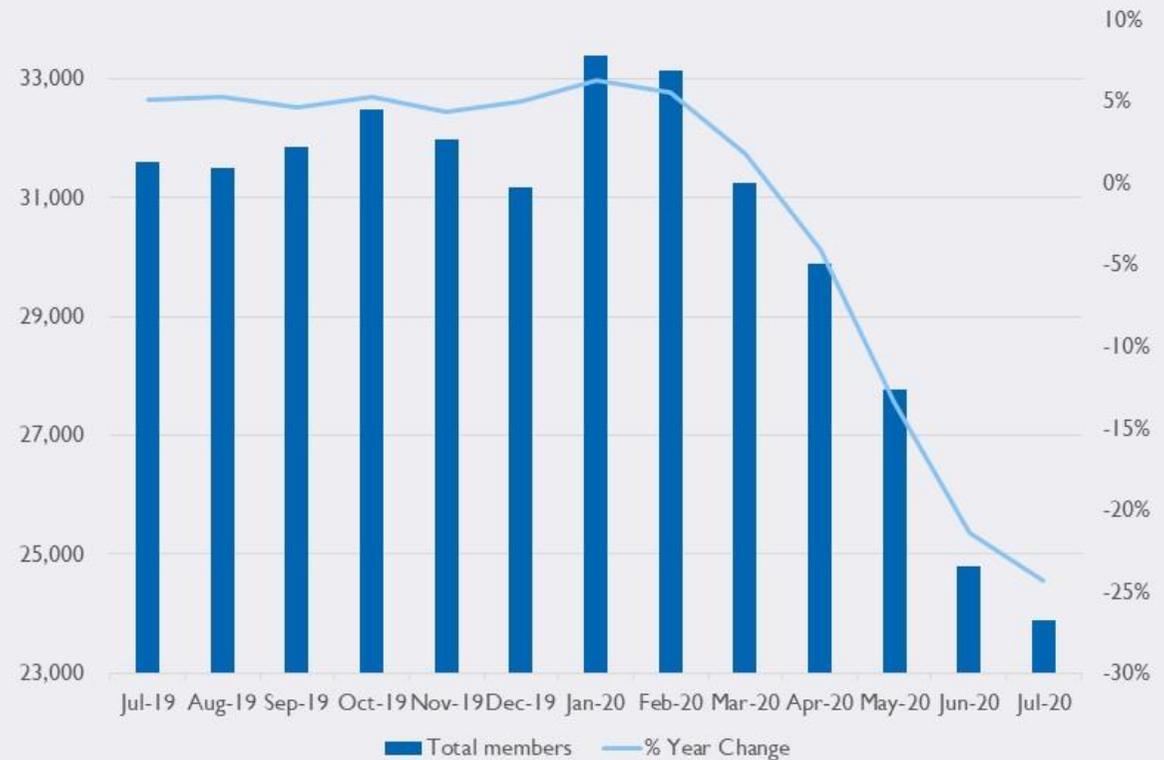
Total Members Yearly Change

July 2020

July 2020	23,893
July 2019	31,591
Net Year Change	-7,698
% Year Change	-24.4%

In July 2020, the number of members decreased by 24.4% compared to the same month last year. This has fallen further compared to the 21.4% year-on-year decrease in June.

Although club rowing has returned, members are still not renewing at the usual rate. This is likely due to competitions being suspended until the end of August meaning there will be no summer regattas in 2020.



Total Members Yearly Change

June 2020

June 2020	24,772
June 2019	31,550
Net Year Change	-6,778
% Year Change	-21.5%

In June 2020, the number of members decreased by 21.5% compared to the same month last year. This has fallen further compared to the 13.5% year-on-year decrease in May.

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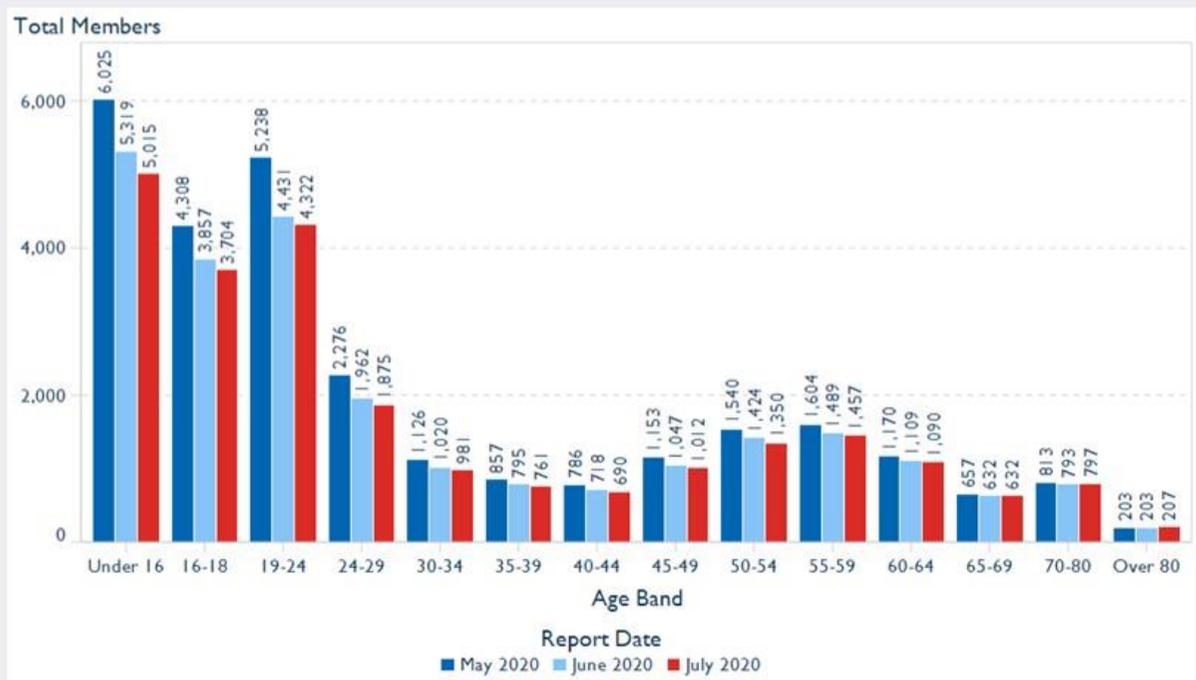


Members by Age Band

July 2020

The Under 16 age group saw the largest percentage decrease in members, this is likely caused by school juniors often having their membership purchased by teachers which will not be occurring when there is no school rowing. Both the 70-80 and Over 80 age groups saw a small monthly increase in members, a promising sign that some members are renewing now that rowing is restarting.

Age Band	Monthly Net Change			Monthly % Change		
	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Under 16	-781	-706	-304	-11.5%	-11.7%	-5.7%
16-18	-443	-451	-153	-9.3%	-10.5%	-4.0%
19-24	-229	-806	-109	-4.2%	-15.4%	-2.5%
24-29	-126	-314	-87	-5.2%	-13.8%	-4.4%
30-34	-76	-105	-39	-6.3%	-9.3%	-3.8%
35-39	-62	-62	-34	-6.7%	-7.2%	-4.3%
40-44	-37	-68	-28	-4.5%	-8.7%	-3.9%
45-49	-78	-107	-35	-6.3%	-9.3%	-3.3%
50-54	-116	-116	-74	-7.0%	-7.5%	-5.2%
55-59	-89	-115	-32	-5.3%	-7.2%	-2.1%
60-64	-55	-61	-19	-4.5%	-5.2%	-1.7%
65-69	-13	-25	0	-1.9%	-3.8%	0.0%
70-80	-13	-20	4	-1.6%	-2.5%	0.5%
Over 80	-5	0	4	-2.4%	0.0%	2.0%



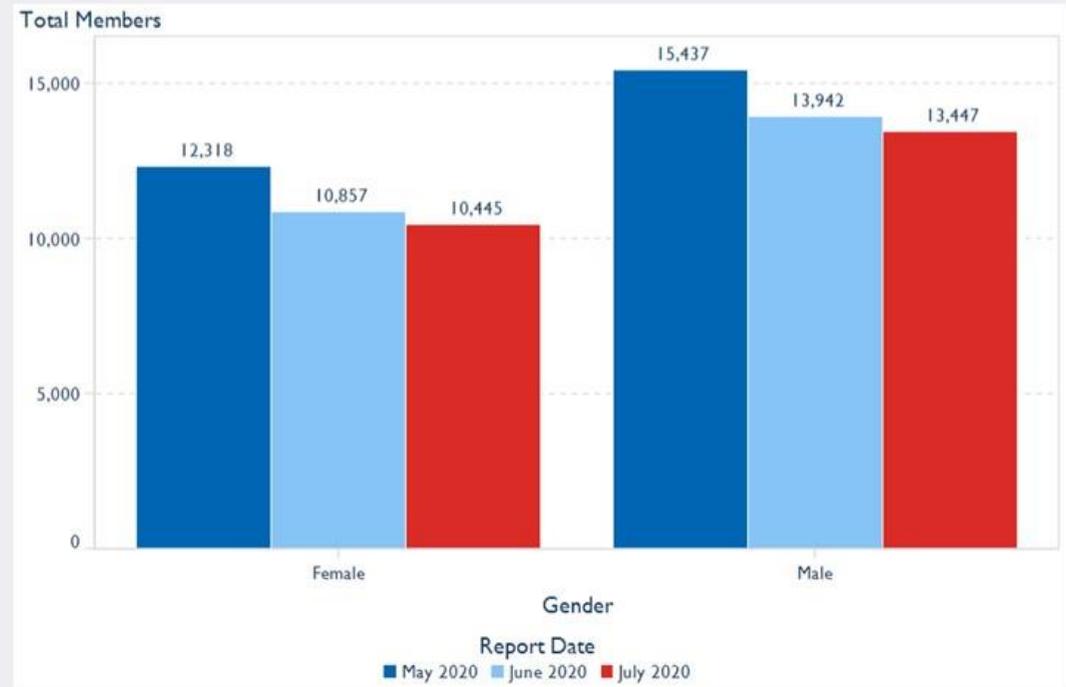
Members by Gender

July 2020

In July 2020, there were 13,447 Male members (56.3%) and 10,445 Female members (43.7%).

Female member numbers have decreased more over the period of Covid-19 restrictions. The monthly changes below show that the fall in memberships are levelling off and becoming more equal between males and females.

	Monthly Net Change			Monthly % Change		
	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20
Gender						
Female	-1,104	-1,461	-412	-8.2%	-11.9%	-3.8%
Male	-1,019	-1,495	-495	-6.2%	-9.7%	-3.6%



Members by Gender & Age

June 2020

Age Band	Gender	2020	2019	Net Year Change	% Year Change
Under 16	Female	2,518	3,544	-1,026	-29.0%
	Male	2,800	3,946	-1,146	-29.0%
16-18	Female	1,767	2,096	-329	-15.7%
	Male	2,089	2,436	-347	-14.2%
19-24	Female	2,210	2,874	-664	-23.1%
	Male	2,217	2,807	-590	-21.0%
24-29	Female	935	1,263	-328	-26.0%
	Male	1,027	1,500	-473	-31.5%
30-34	Female	434	601	-167	-27.8%
	Male	585	728	-143	-19.6%
35-39	Female	355	496	-141	-28.4%
	Male	440	523	-83	-15.9%
40-44	Female	345	460	-115	-25.0%
	Male	372	500	-128	-25.6%
45-49	Female	493	637	-144	-22.6%
	Male	555	678	-123	-18.1%
50-54	Female	637	802	-165	-20.6%
	Male	787	945	-158	-16.7%
55-59	Female	580	693	-113	-16.3%
	Male	903	1,068	-165	-15.4%
60-64	Female	352	362	-10	-2.8%
	Male	753	822	-69	-8.4%
65-69	Female	126	168	-42	-25.0%
	Male	503	567	-64	-11.3%
70-80	Female	87	74	13	17.6%
	Male	702	748	-46	-6.1%
Over 80	Female	12	16	-4	-25.0%
	Male	188	191	-3	-1.6%

Groups highlighted in red decreased more than the average decrease in membership of 21.5%.

Members by Type

July 2020

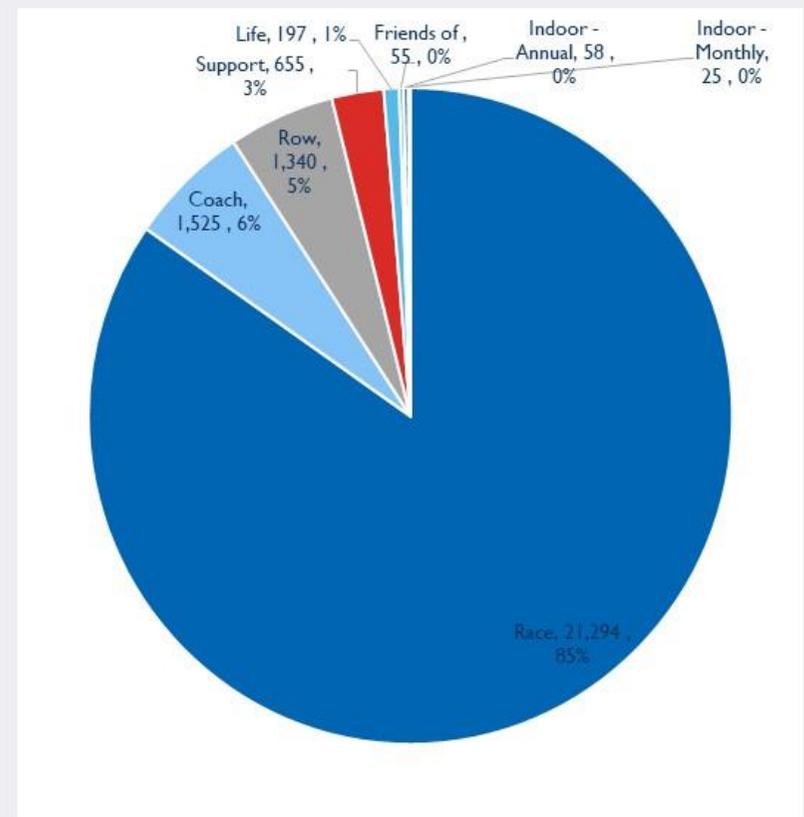
With 21,294 memberships (84.7%), RACE makes up the vast majority of all memberships. There are 9,595 female (45.1%) and 11,699 (54.9%) male RACE members, the most equitable of all membership types. RACE memberships fell by 4.3% from June to July.

ROW memberships decreased by 1% (-14) compared to June 2020. There are 1,340 remaining memberships of this type. There are 538 (40.1%) female and 802 (59.9%) male ROW members.

There was a 2.4% (-37) decrease in COACH memberships compared to June this year. The total number of COACH members is 1,525 of which 467 (30.6%) are female and 1,058 (69.4%) are male. This type has the least equal gender split of all types.

SUPPORT memberships make up 2.6% of all memberships with 655 memberships. This is made up of 221 (33.7%) females and 434 (66.3%) males. In July 2020, SUPPORT memberships only decreased by 0.6% from June.

There were no Friends of British Rowing memberships sold in July 2020, leaving the rolling total at 55.



Members by Gender & Age

June 2020

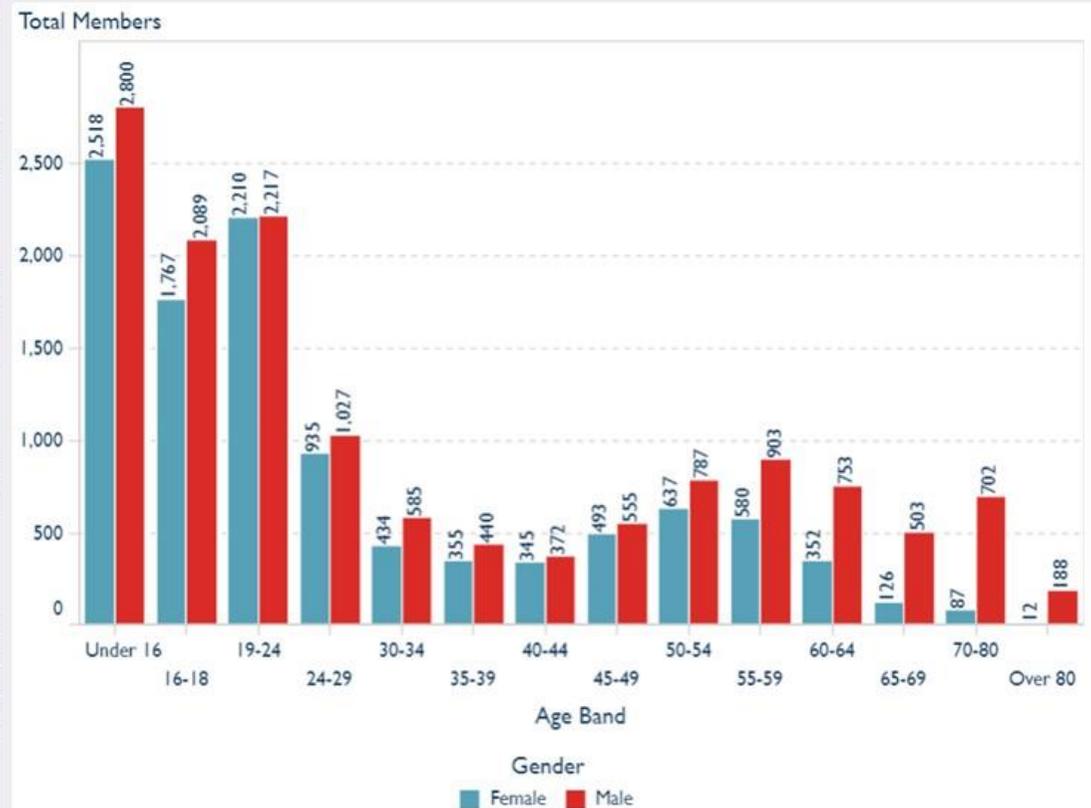
In June 2020, there was 13,921 Male members (56.2%) and 10,851 Female members (43.8%).

Only one gender and age band saw a positive increase in members since June 2019. Females aged 70-80 increased by 13 members (+17.6%).

Both female and male under 16 age groups decreased by nearly 30% since June 2019. This is possibly due to coaches in schools often facilitating membership purchases.

The 19-24 age group also saw a larger decrease than other groups. This group may contain a high number of university students that are currently not rowing.

In general, the percentage decrease in female members across age groups was greater than their male counterparts since June 2019. This could possibly indicate that females were less likely to renew their memberships throughout the Covid-19 inactivity.



Membership by Type

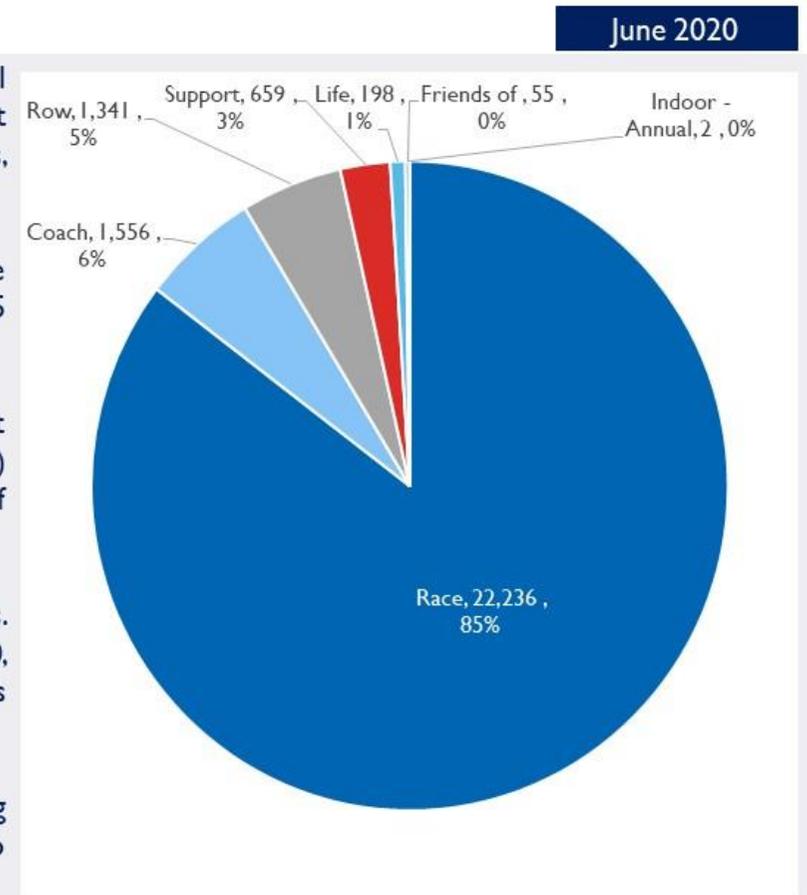
With 22,236 memberships (85.4%), RACE makes up the vast majority of all memberships. This group decreased by 6,175 memberships (21.7%) since June last year. There are 10,008 female (45%) and 12,228 (55%) male RACE memberships, the most equitable of all membership types.

ROW memberships decreased by 48% (-1,238) compared to June 2019. There are 1,339 remaining memberships of this type. There are 546 (40.7%) female and 795 (59.3%) male ROW memberships.

There was 21.3% (-421) decrease in COACH memberships compared to June last year. The total number of COACH memberships is 1,556 of which 477 (30.7%) are female and 1,079 (69.3%) are male. This type has the poorest gender split of all types.

SUPPORT memberships make up 2.5% of all memberships with 659 memberships. This is made up of 223 (33.8%) females and 436 (66.2%) males. In June 2020, SUPPORT was the only membership type to see an increase compared to this time last year. There was an increase of 53 (8.7%) memberships.

There were no Friends of British Rowing memberships sold in June 2020, leaving the rolling total at 55. Two annual Indoor memberships were sold in June prior to the official release.



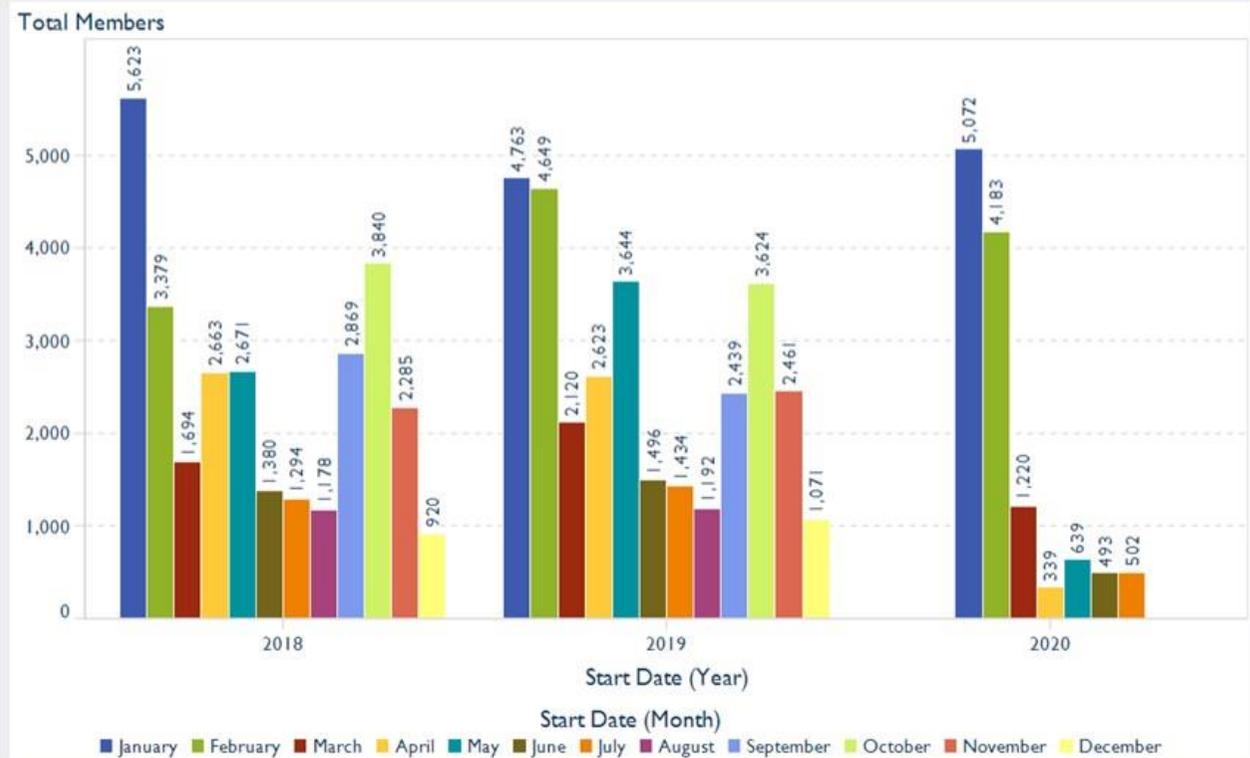
Net Sales

July 2020

The graph opposite shows the monthly membership sales to distinct members. In July 2020, 502 memberships were sold compared to 1,434 in July 2019. June, July and August are usually lower in membership sales as those wishing to compete in summer regattas will have likely bought before this period.

In July 2020, membership sales increased by 1.8% when compared to June 2020.

This slide includes INDOOR subscriptions which were launched at the beginning of July.

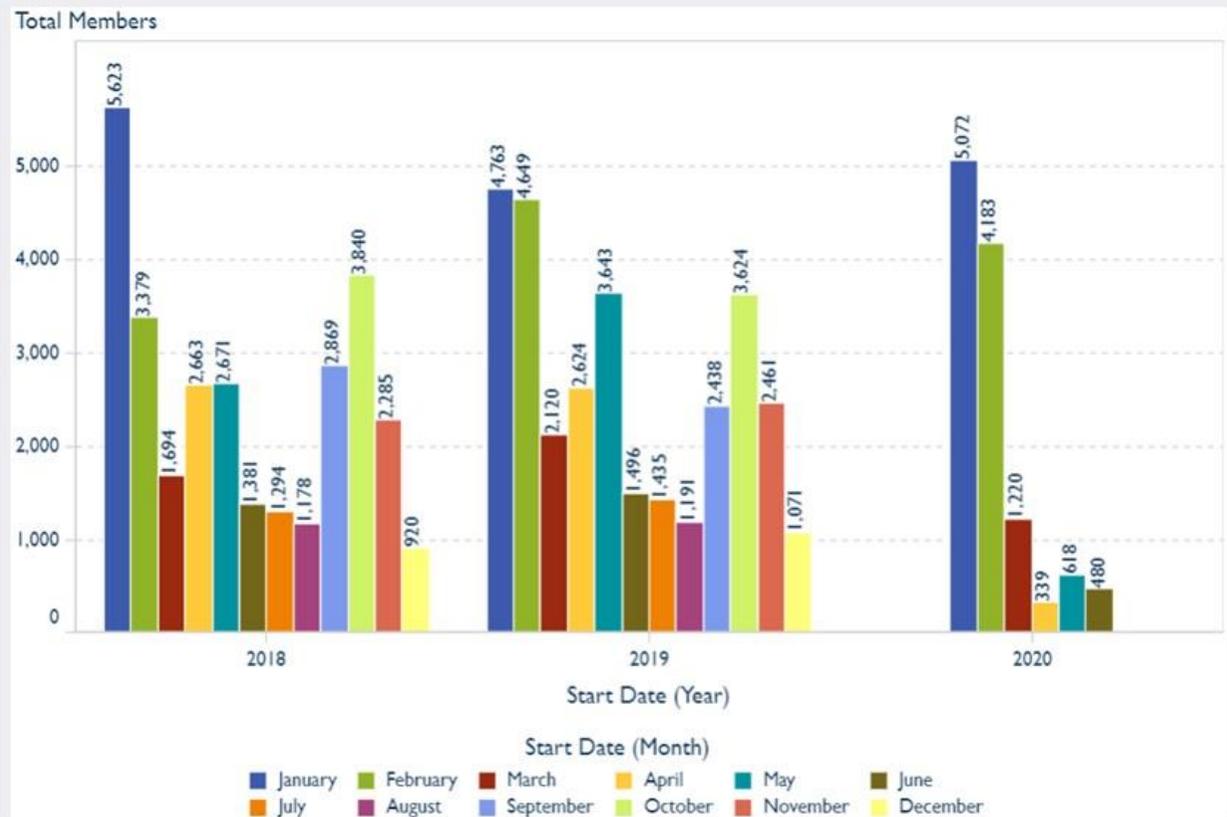


Net Sales

June 2020

The graph opposite shows the monthly membership sales to distinct members. In June 2020, 480 memberships were sold compared to 1,496 in June 2019. June is usually a lower month for membership sales as those wishing to compete in summer regattas will have likely bought before June.

In June 2020, membership sales decreased 22.3% when compared to May 2020. However, if you look at the proportion of 2019 sales June membership sales performed better than May.



Net Sales

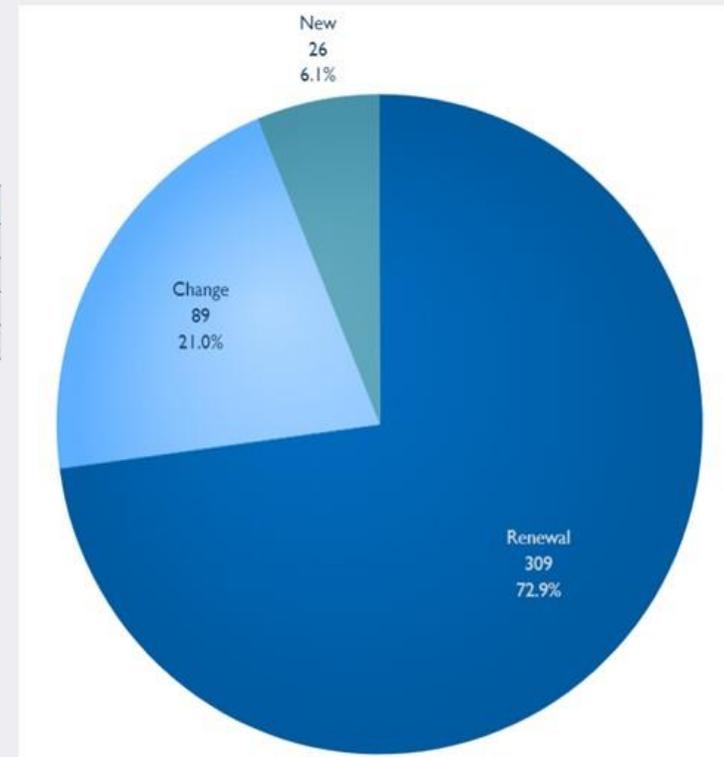
July 2020

The sales rate is the proportion of 2019 sales sold in 2020. Therefore the sales rate for July 2020 was 29.6%, this has decreased from June 2020 where the sales rate was 32.7%, as displayed in the table below. These figures exclude INDOOR subscriptions.

Memberships Sales					
Month	2020 Sales	2019 Sales	Net Change	% Change	Sales Rate
May	617	3,679	-3,062	-83.2%	16.8%
June	492	1,504	-1,012	-67.3%	32.7%
July	434	1,466	-1,032	-71.2%	29.6%

Of membership sales in July 2020, there was only 26 new members (6.1%), the other 398 memberships sales (93.9%) were renewals or changes. The number of new memberships sold in July increased from June, although only by 2%.

New members currently make up 30.3% of total members. During the period of rowing inactivity there is a very limited number of new members joining and this has a significant impact on the net monthly sales. The majority of new memberships are usually in the Under 16 and 19-24 age groups. This is likely to be fuelled respectively by juniors rowing at school and students at university for the first time. We expect there to be new members in these groups as school and university rowing recommences in September.



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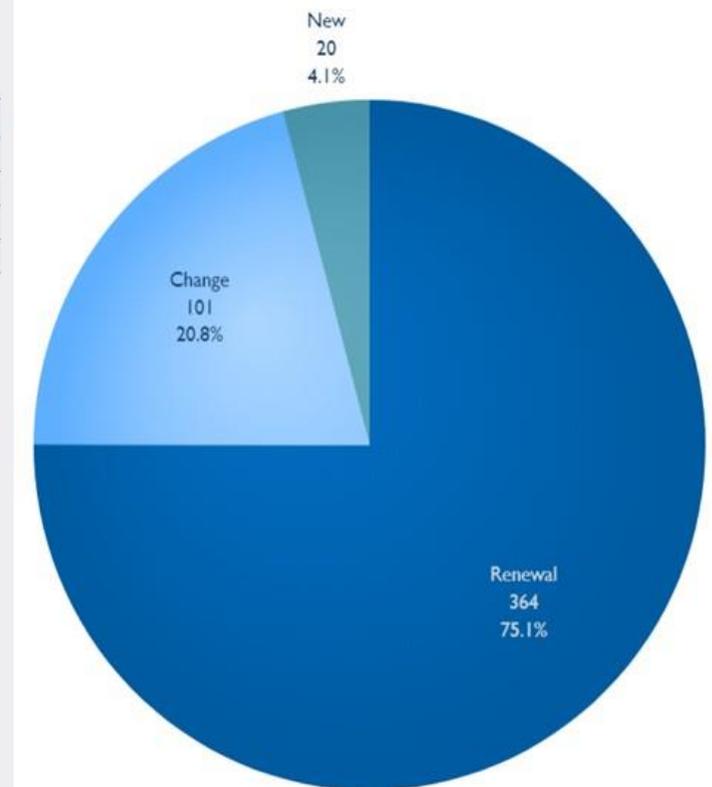
The sales rate in membership sales in June 2020 was 32.8%, this has increased from May 2020 where the sales rate was 16.8%, as displayed in the table below.

Memberships Sales					
Month	2020 Sales	2019 Sales	Net Change	% Change	Sales Rate
April	338	2,641	-2,303	-87.2%	12.8%
May	617	3,679	-3,062	-83.2%	16.8%
June	494	1,504	-1,010	-67.2%	32.8%

Of membership sales in June 2020, there was only 20 new members (4.1%), the other 465 memberships sales (95.9%) were either renewals or changes.

New members currently make up 31% of total members. During the period of rowing inactivity there is a very limited number of new members joining and this has a significant impact on the net monthly sales. The majority of new memberships are usually in the Under 16 and 19-24 age groups. This is likely to be fuelled respectively by juniors rowing at school and students at university for the first time. Since schools and universities are currently shut this causes a loss of new members from these groups.

Individuals that are choosing to renew at this time are likely wishing to support British Rowing.





4. Active partnerships and other contacts

- Bedfordshire: Team Beds - Coach development: michelle@teambedsandluton.co.uk
- Buckinghamshire: Leap - skitson@leapwithus.org.uk
- Cambridgeshire: Living Sport - info@livingsport.co.uk
- Essex: Active Essex - Volunteer and Club Development: Toby.Andrews@ActiveEssex.org
- - Coaching lead: Lauren.Neve@ActiveEssex.org
- Hertfordshire: Herts Sport Partnership - info@sportinherts.org.uk
- Norfolk: Active Norfolk - Club development: aaron.roberts@activenorfolk.org
- Northamptonshire: Northamptonshire Sport – info@northamptonshiresport.org
- Suffolk: Suffolk Sport -Info@suffolksport.com



5. Funding opportunities

Sport England

The Sport England funding page has lots of information on finding funding, so if you are looking to purchase equipment or improve facilities more information on their funds and how to apply can be found on their website - <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/>

Active Partnerships (Old CSPs)

Active Partnerships are networks of local agencies committed to working together to increase the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity. Most of the Active Partnerships have funding pages which have information on local and national funding sources. For more information on Active Partnership please visit the Active Partnership Network website - <http://www.activepartnerships.org/active-partnerships>

Tesco Bags of Help Grant

Bags of Help is Tesco's local community grant scheme where the money raised by the carrier bag charge in Tesco stores is being used to fund thousands of community projects across the UK. The projects must meet the criteria of bringing benefits to the community.

Bags of Help is administered by Groundwork who is working with Greenspace Scotland to support successful projects in Scotland. Visit the website for more information - <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/boh-grant-for-project-tes>

Sport Capital Fund

Sporting Capital is the first social investment fund in England that focuses specifically on organisations and projects that help to develop communities through sport and physical activity. They have a £3m Fund that provides loan funding of between £50,000 and £150,000 to eligible organisations. Further details can be found on their website - www.sportingcapital.org.uk