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Regional Chair's Report

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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

Club affiliation

426 out of 522 clubs have completed their 2022/23 affiliation, this leaves 96 clubs outstanding as at 17:00 Tuesday 5 April 2022 and they are listed by region and attached. The deadline for completing affiliation and paying fees was 1 April 2022. All Regional Chairs will be emailed week beginning 11th April, with an update on the affiliations which have been completed since 17:00 on the 5th April, and which clubs still have outstanding payments.

Emails sent to clubs:

1. Club Affiliation Renewal: ClubHub Login reminder - sent 9th February
2. Club Affiliation 2022 Renewal: 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 – sent 14th February
3. Club Affiliation 2022/2023 Renewal: 2½ weeks to go reminder – sent 14th March
4. Club Affiliation 2022 Renewal: Due by Friday 1st April – sent 28th March

Affiliations & Resignations (please note all the below have been approved by the relevant Regional Rowing Councils and the BR Board of Directors)

Board, 24 January 2022

New Affiliations

Clubs

James Allen's Girls School BC – Thames London 7 – JAG

Cheltonian Society RC – WAGS – CHS



Board, 21 March 2022

New Affiliations

Clubs

Coastal Rowing Academy Club – Wessex & SE Coast – CRG

Merchant Taylors' School BC – North West – MTS

Competitions

Salford Sprint Regatta - WAGS

Name change

Norfolk Long Distance Sculls (E) have changed their name to 'Norfolk Sculls and Norwich Small Boats Head.

To note:

Durham ARC (N) is in the process of moving from a non-incorporated members club to a Registered Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee. In legal terms the move includes a name change as such the legal entity will be Durham Amateur Rowing Club 1860 Limited

The club intend to keep the name Durham ARC for racing purposes.

LYR BC (TSE 8) (formerly LYR Tradesmen) are now located at Royal Docks which changes their sub-region from TL 6 to TSE 8. The Thames Regional Rowing Council have acknowledged the change.

The following changes have been approved by the Sport Committee

New kit design for the University of York BC, this does not affect their club colours

New kit design for Collingwood College BC, this does not affect their club colours

New Blade design for The Leys School BC, this does not affect their club colours.



The Big Row / Love Rowing

Love Rowing's annual fundraiser The Big Row is back from 1-30 May and we're calling on all rowers – young or old, indoor or on-water, experienced or new – to come together to help us row around the circumference of the world – 40,075km!

All you need to do is choose your own challenge – it could be time or distance based, individual or with your crew/ club mates, over one day or a full week or month, on water or indoor. If you're feeling brave you could even target a record attempt! You can take part at home, online, in school or at your club or gym.

Whatever you decide for your challenge, you can then raise funds through sponsorship using your personalised fundraising page and help more people experience the benefits of rowing, by either supporting current inclusive rowing projects or enabling new ones to get off the ground.

Sign up [here](#) to help us raise funds to make rowing more accessible to all by supporting our inclusive rowing projects!

Support for Ukraine

British Rowing is appalled by developments in Ukraine and condemns the actions taken by Russia against Ukraine. Our thoughts are with the members of the Ukrainian rowing community and the Ukrainian people. There's lots of ways we can support Ukraine here is the link to the front page of the website <https://www.britishrowing.org/2022/03/supporting-ukraine/> which has lots of ideas, and advice where we advertise what people are doing to raise money.

If you have a charity event or challenge to support Ukraine? Email us at comms@britishrowing.org to be added to this page.

British Rowing staff attending events

JIRR

Sophie Lawton, Head of Digital, Alexandra Fraser, Digital Communications & Marketing Executive will be attending as well as Peter Sheppard, Deputy Director of Olympic Pathways, Tom Pattichis, Olympic Pathways Manager, Dan Cooper, U19 Programme Manager, along with all the START coaches as START are running a camp there at the same time.



BUCS

Phil Pring from the Community Support Team who is the lead for universities will be attending on the Saturday, please let your universities know and they can make an appointment to see by emailing him at philip.pring@britishrowing.org

The performance talent team will be at BUCS regatta doing talent I'd for the Student Development Programme. More information about the criteria for the programme and the programme itself can be found here: <https://www.britishrowing.org/gb-rowing-team/performance-talent/sdp/>

The team will also have a Beach Sprint boat on display to promote the GB Beach Sprint Team if anyone would like to learn more about this. More information about the GBBST here: <https://www.britishrowing.org/gb-rowing-team/rowing-for-gb/beach-sprints/>

Rower development Guide

Next week a new and updated version of the Rower Development Guide will be launching. The Rower Development Guide is British Rowing's unique interactive tool to help coaches and rowers develop. Giving coaches an overview of their rowers and areas for their development whilst helping rowers learn the appropriate athletic, physical literacy and knowledge to help progress safely and enjoy the sport for longer. This will be a public beta and we are still very keen to have feedback on the platform... More information can be found here: <https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/rower-development/rower-development-guide/>

Fulham Football Club Pier

Fulham Football club (FFC) are looking to build a pier into the river across the Fulham flats so ferries can dock on match days and also become a stop for the commuter ferries, the pier will be 85 meters long and will be directly opposite Barn Elms boat house. If FFC get permission to do this, it will not just affect the all the water users locally it will affect all the major tideway heads that finish in Putney and other events like the great river race.

A campaign has been started by all the river users call Stop The Pier and a petition has been set up on Change.org, the campaign has the support of the Fleur Anderson the MP for Putney and she has already raised this in the House of commons.

Please could you make your club members aware of this and ask them to sign the petition.



https://www.change.org/p/save-our-sports-on-the-river-thames-stop-the-pier?cs_tk=AqjTczPRYHcPS3lOTmlAAXicyyvNyQEABF8BvPteomscBEeqNKOCiWPhSW8%3D&utm_campaign=648e122330e345fc8ebc72a773445a7d&utm_content=initial_v0_2_0&utm_medium=email&utm_source=petition_signer_receipt_welcome&utm_term=cs

Flood relief funding

After the recent three storms Sport England has reopened its Community Emergency Fund, clubs can apply for up to £15,000, see the Sport England website for details on what they will and will not fund.

<https://www.sportengland.org/news/emergency-funding-available-storm-damaged-facilities>

See British Rowing's website for advice on how to mitigate the damage caused by flooding <https://www.britishrowing.org/2019/11/flood-action-tips-for-rowing-clubs/> and also check out the club management guide for more information here: <https://clubs.britishrowing.org/tools-resources/club-guide-club-management-guide>

As flooding is becoming more common and we are now seeing facilities that have not traditionally done so, clubs may be interested in doing some flood prevention and resilient work, so you can get back into your club quicker and back on the water. This website has great practical advice and offers grants towards this <https://www.floodguidance.co.uk/grants-funding/english-grants-and-funding/>

Taking Equipment to Europe

As clubs return to normal and coaches are thinking about training camps in warmer parts of Europe, we would just like to remind you that after Brexit there are rules on moving equipment about Europe that now need to be followed. The GB Rowing Team has put together helpful guides on what needs to be done before you get on the boat or train to training camp.

This is not a short process, so please advise your clubs to not leave it to the last minute as it could cost a lot of money in taxes, get your equipment impounded, or even stop equipment from leaving the country

<https://www.britishrowing.org/2022/02/training-camps-towing-to-the-eu-guidance/>

<https://www.britishrowing.org/2022/02/the-days-of-throwing-some-boats-and-equipment-on-a-trailer-are-sadly-long-gone/>



Check Clean Dry

British Rowing is supporting this campaign to raise awareness about non-native species affecting the ecosystems that rowers enjoy. An invasive species is a non-native biological organism, and its introduction can impact British plants, animals and their environment. Sometimes they can help native organisms, but they can also devastate entire ecosystems.

As rowers, we spend most of our time on the water (or occasionally in, if you're unlucky!), therefore it is our responsibility to check our equipment and clothing to make sure we don't spread non-native invasive species.

To help protect the water sports we love, we can follow three simple steps when leaving the water:

Check – our equipment and clothing for live organisms

Clean – and wash all equipment and clothing thoroughly

Dry – all equipment and clothing, as some species can live for many days in moist conditions.

By following these simple steps, not only will you help protect the environment, but a clean boat is also a speedy boat for racing season!

With Easter camps and the summer racing season coming up, your boats will be travelling across the country and even across the continent to warmer climates. So make sure you follow the three simple steps; Check, Clean, Dry to ensure you don't bring any unwanted hitch hikers back to your home water.

To learn more visit the [GB non-native species secretariat website](#).

Irwin Mitchell offer to affiliated clubs and competitions

In partnership with Irwin Mitchell, British Rowing is offering free access to a secure online suite of legal documents to help your club comply with all its legal obligations. Irwin Mitchell are here to support you when you need it. If you have any questions or you'd like to speak with someone, you can call the free British Rowing Legal & Tax Helpline on 0333 010 0345

<https://clubs.britishrowing.org/tools-resources/irwin-mitchell-legal-portal>

<https://www.irwinmitchell.com/british-rowing/legal-portal>



EA Licence update

The EA prices for the Stour and Ancholme are now available on the Boat register part of ClubHub.

Stour

| Boat Type | Navigational Water | 22/23 Fee | 23/24 Fee | 24/25Fee |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Standard | Stour | £19.71 | £25.52 | £31.33 |
| Junior | Stour | £6.29 | £7.95 | £9.60 |
| Coaching Launch | Stour | £14.82 | £17.32 | £19.82 |

Ancholme

| Boat Type | Navigational Water | 22/23 Fee | 23/24 Fee | 24/25Fee |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Standard | Ancholme | £19.71 | £25.52 | £31.33 |
| Junior | Ancholme | £6.29 | £7.95 | £9.60 |
| Coaching Launch | Ancholme | £29.35 | £34.65 | £39.65 |

Thames

| Boat Type | Navigational Water | 22/23 Fee | 23/24 Fee | 24/25Fee |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Standard | EA | £29.54 | £30.72 | £31.33 |
| Junior | EA | £9.05 | £9.41 | £9.60 |
| Coaching Launch | EA | £59.30 | £69.30 | £79.30 |

For more detail information follow this link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-environment-agency-national-navigation-boat-registration-charging-schemes/national-navigation-boat-charging-schemes-from-2022#part-1>

Platinum Jubilee Reflections Flotilla

On Saturday 24 September 2022, the Jubilee Reflections Flotilla will mark the River Thames' celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Reflections will be an opportunity to come together to capture the enchantment of the night river, creating reflections as the boats glide peacefully by.



At dusk an illuminated flotilla of invited vessels, both manpowered and motorised, will parade down through central London from Chelsea to Tower Bridge. All craft will be decorated in white lights which will reflect on the water's surface, creating a river of light. With this being the River Thames' first night-time flotilla, the event will merge light and dark, working in harmony and unison with the superb Illuminated River display, as well as with the lit buildings and structures bordering the banks of the Thames.

The event will raise funds for the RNLI, supporting their construction of a new lifeboat station at Waterloo Bridge. Promoted as part of Totally Thames 2022, it is being created by Thames Alive who played a central role in the delivery of the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant in 2012.

If you are interested in taking part, please go to the Thames festival trust website and register your interest <https://thamesfestivaltrust.org/reflections-2022/>

Club Masterclass

The next club masterclass will be on "Managing Club Membership", it will be on Thursday 28th April at 7pm, we have membership secretaries from Maidenhead, Bewdley & Nottingham on the panel, please let club memberships secretaries know to sign up on the [Google Form](#) and but the zoom link in their diary's <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82962181036?pwd=TndCaWlRd3lQK3ByRFF6SUtzc0pHdz09>.

We are currently organising a masterclass with Irwin Mitchell on the tax and legal advice and Finding Funding and Adaptive Rowing, once these are finalised we will publish dates, but we are aim to have them in the last week of the month.

Club Guides (People Guide)

Following consultation in 2019, this guide is one of several developed in response to clubs' requests for more guidance and support on a wide range of club related topics. We hope it will help to build good practice in how clubs manage and develop their most important resource, their people, so that everyone continues to enjoy their involvement with rowing at all levels for many years to come. If rowing is to prosper as a sport, we need a network of strong and sustainable clubs that give members the best club experiences. In this guide, we cover a range of topics to help you manage and develop your club's volunteers and coaches.

This guide:



- Highlights the key issues and challenges of managing volunteers and coaches.
- Flags key questions to ask yourself and your club committee about people management.
- Provides top tips and practical advice to help you attract, retain and manage your club volunteers and coaches effectively.
- Signposts you to additional guidance and resources, either on the British Rowing website or through third parties.

This the last of the guides, you can find all the guides [Here](#)

If you have feedback on any of the documents or examples of good management practices or experiences from your club, that we could include in the guide we would love to hear from you. Please email the community support team clubsupport@britishrowing.org

British Rowing Learning Education & Development (LEaD)

Open Course Calendar

Open Level 2 courses:

| Start Date | Closing Date | Location | Course Type | Link to book | Region |
|------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|---|---------------|
| 07/05 | 08/04 | Saltford | Club Coach | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=3DAA8AFAC02210171BADED297DE20BD4EC1D1E02 | WAGS |
| 07/05 | 07/04 | London (PTRC) | Club Coach | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=C413AE5630A0EDE29A2E10329ABB297FFA3B7940 | Thames London |
| 14/05 | 15/04 | Plymouth | Club Coach (fxd) | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=7D8AE074CCE3CA1695B9C80DF6E750243AD8F047 | West |
| 21/05 | 21/04 | Dorney Lake | Session Coach | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=9CF70509525F1C36012055C9BCA10C927567ABEC | Thames |



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| 16/07 | 17/06 | Peterborough | Club Coach | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=AECEA20514EB4E583659E207794197577DDA6CA4 | East |
| 13/08 | 15/07 | Chester | Club Coach | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=9C6E5438E32A011C401685263F21DB007B9D4617 | NW |
| 22/08 | 22/07 | M Maidenhead | Club Coach | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=170802D3E2349DF07C25A02EB3654EFCC9433BDC | Thames |
| 24/09 | 08/03 | L3 2022 | Senior Club Coach | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=ACBF5166CAE49B8407B4704B6ED2907845B3A50D | National |
| 01/10 | 02/09 | Peterborough | Club Coach | https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=C19004D96999CB7B86CBC4A15B430116540CBF56 | East |

Level 4 Information Day – 19th May 2022

The British Rowing Level 4 Information Day in collaboration with the University of Gloucestershire and British Equestrian, takes place on virtually on Thursday 19th May 2022 10:00- 12:30

The session will give prospective coaches a chance to meet the lecturers, hear about the structure of the Post Graduate Diploma in Professional Sports Coaching and the Level 4 criteria, take part in a taster session and ask any questions about the programme.

- Link to bookings: <https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=DA26A1A39D860F7536696B4DD4DA755F7F84B59D>
- Link to Level 4 page on website: <https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/courses-qualifications/coaching/ukcc-level-4-for-the-advanced-coach/>

The Diploma in Sporting Excellence (DiSE)

The DiSE programme supports athletes through two years of study alongside their existing studies, whether that be A-Levels, BTec or T-Levels and provides them with skills and tools to better manage education and a potential career in sport. DiSE applications open in April, for further information visit the DiSE webpage <https://www.britishrowing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/DiSE-A4-flyer.pdf>



Level 3 Senior Club Coach

Applications are still open. If you missed the Information day then please visit the webpage for further information on the programme <https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/courses-qualifications/coaching/senior-club-coach/> and email your expression of interest to education@britishrowing.org

The next course starts on Saturday 24th September 2022

Learning, Education and Development Stakeholder consultation event.

Following on from last year's stakeholder consultation, the British Rowing Learning, Education and Department are seeking feedback from our stakeholders and partners on the learning offer to further support the future development and delivery of high quality, engaging and empowering learning, education, and development activities for the rowing community.

I am pleased to attach the final draft of the British Rowing Learning, Education and Development Plan for you to review.

British Rowing will be delivering an optional stakeholder's consultation event if you would like to offer your feedback and contribution to the priorities for 2022/23.

The consultation will take place on Wednesday 4th May. Di Ellis Room, Hammersmith 11:00-15:00

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions regarding the plan or the consultation event education@britishrowing.org

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment to this project and I look forward to finalising the priorities and implementation.

Coaching Week

Save the date 17th-25th September 2022. Coaching week will celebrate our coaching community and the value of coaching. There will also be the opportunity to unite coaches through a series of virtual and in-person events. More details to follow in the coming months. If you would like to be involved in coaching week, please let us know education@britishrowing.org

Safeguarding Online Classroom

UK Coaching Safeguarding & Protecting Children (Online Classroom)



Welfare officers, coaches and volunteers can still undertake UK Coaching Safeguarding and Time to Listen training online. 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 setting. 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. 16–18-year-olds can still undertake training. UK Coaching have added an online classroom workshop developed in partnership with the Child Protection Sport Unit (CPSU) of the NSPCC, created specifically for coaches and volunteers aged 16 to 18 years old. Further details can be found [here](#)

First Aid

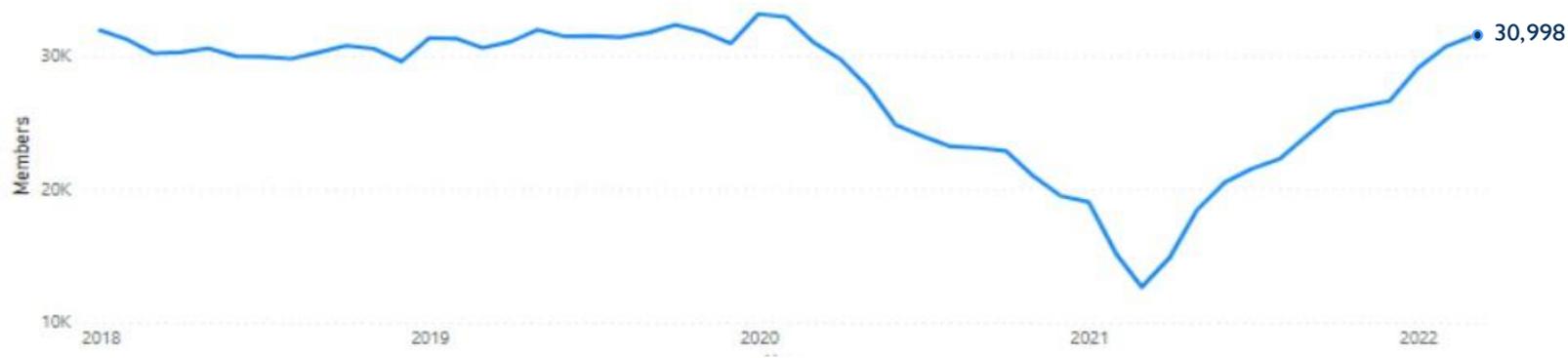
Some first aid providers are now offering face to face training once again. The red cross offer a number of training courses including a 4-hour First Aid for Sport. Further details can be found [here](#)



3. National membership figures

Total Members (including Indoor) – Since January 2018

March 2022

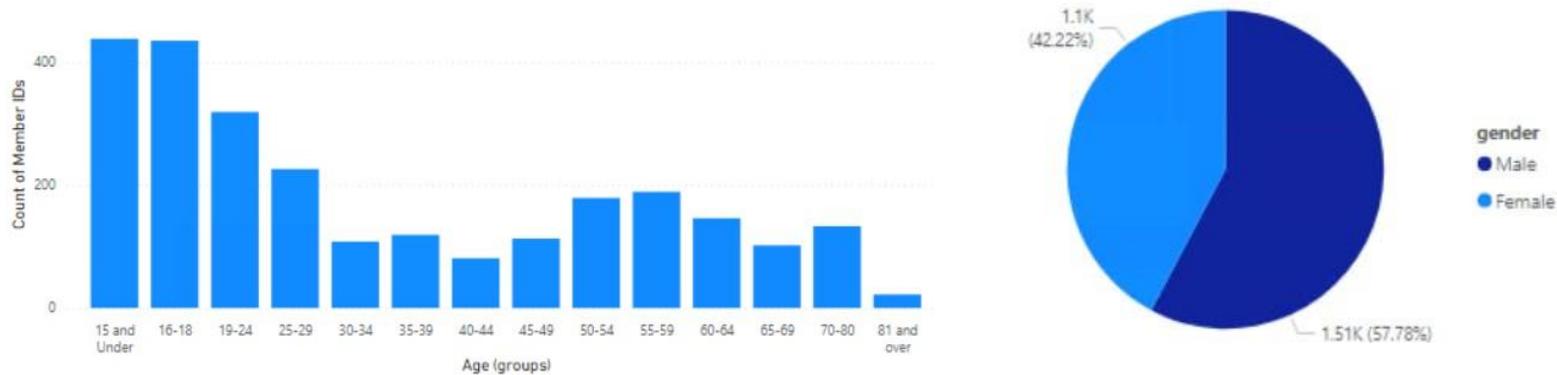


- The number of **total members (including Indoor)** has decreased from mid-March, despite the increase in on-water members. The decrease in indoor members since mid-March has slightly outpaced the increase in other members, resulting in the 1-member decrease since the mid-March figures.



March Members Age & Gender

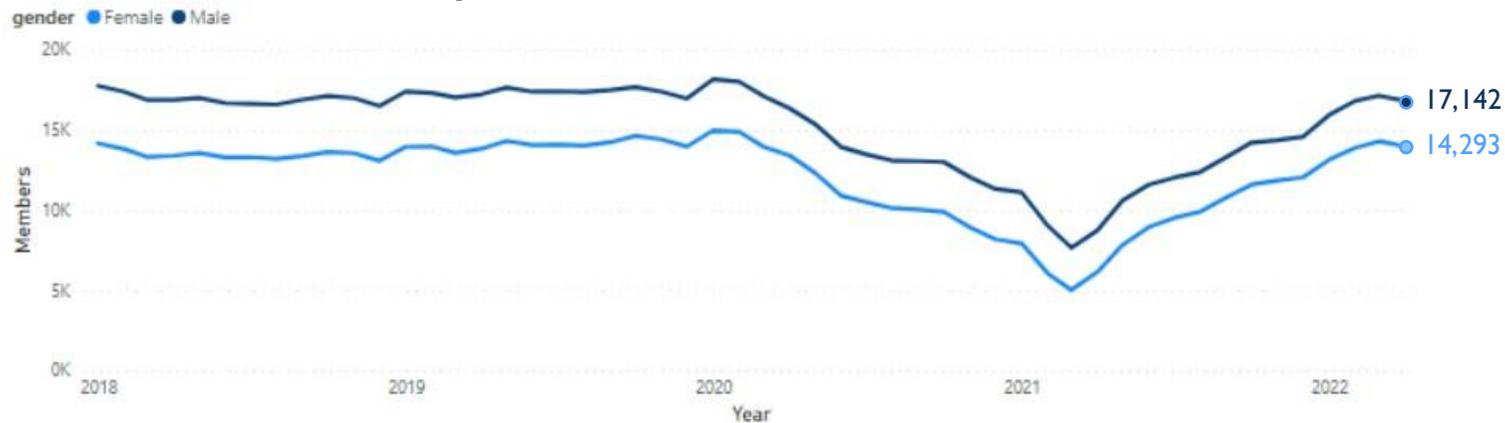
March 2022



- 42.2% of new memberships in March are female which compares to 38.0% in February. This slight increase is closer to the general British Rowing population gender split of 45%:55% of Female to Male.
- The biggest age groups joining in March continue to be the Junior categories: Under 16s and 16-18 year olds.
- There are more female members than male members in the under 16 and 16-18 age group, and the gender split is more or less even for 40-54 year olds, while the other age categories continue to skew male.

Total Members by Gender

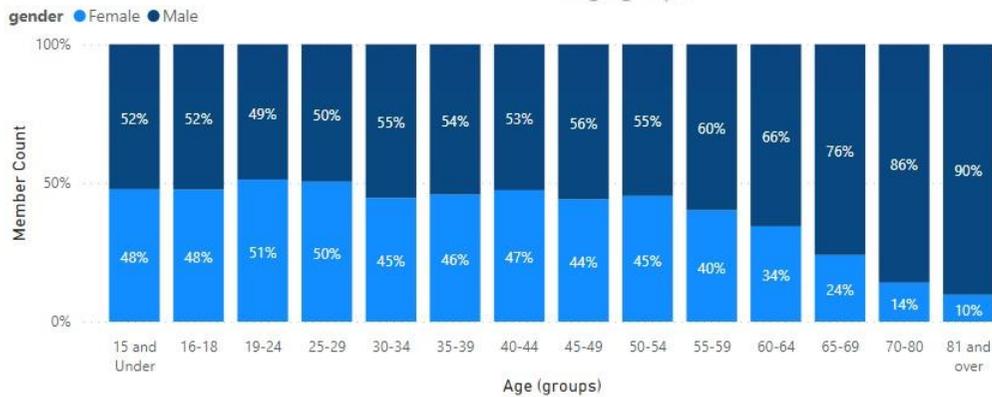
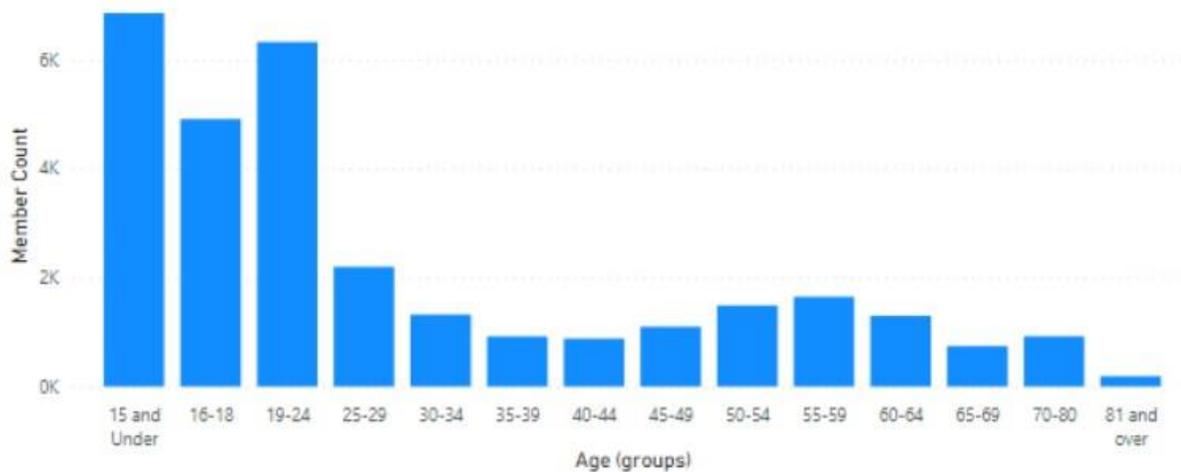
March 2022



- The percentage of female members has continued to increase since mid-March.
- The percentage of female members has increased by 0.3% from February to March, a significant increase after the gender split had remained virtually unchanged since November 2021.
- This increase in percentage of female members was relatively consistent among many age groups, rather than being mainly down to a lot of new female members joining in a particular age-group, as was the case in mid-March.

Total Members by Age Band

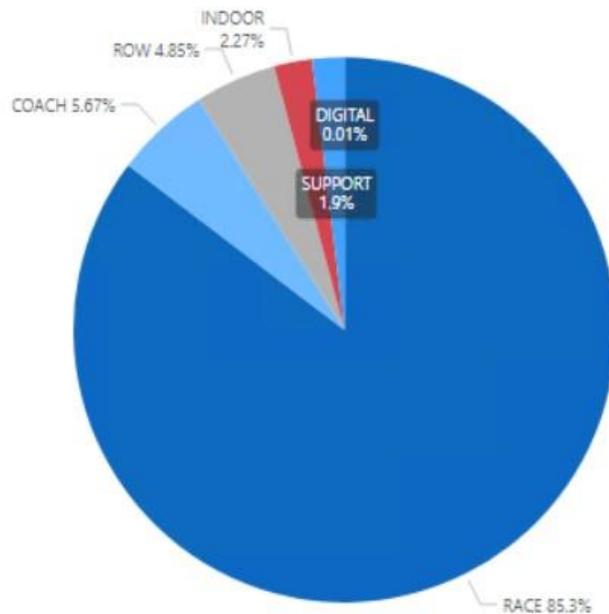
March 2022



- The under 16's continue to make up the biggest part of BR membership with 6879 members followed by the 19-24's with 6322 members and the 16-18's with 4909.
- The graph below shows how gender and age interact. In the 19-24 age group, there are more female than male members. The 25-29 age group has changed from being more female than male in February to being split evenly in March. All other age groups have more male than female members, with the greatest disparity being in the older age groups.

Memberships by Type

March 2022



| Membership Type | Feb-22 | Mar-22 | Net change | % Change |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| RACE | 27,606 | 28,240 | 634 | 2.3% |
| COACH | 1,876 | 1,881 | 5 | 0.3% |
| ROW | 1,564 | 1,588 | 24 | 1.5% |
| INDOOR | 798 | 747 | -51 | -6.4% |
| SUPPORT (incl FOBR) | 613 | 615 | 2 | 0.3% |
| LIFE | 173 | 173 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 32,630 | 33,247 | 617 | 1.9% |

- RACE membership has grown the most out of any membership this month and makes up 85% of memberships. This month marked the largest races in the Head season calendar including the Women’s, Men’s, Veterans, and School’s heads of the river.
- Only INDOOR memberships didn’t increase this month, as they continued to decrease, which has been the case since October 2021.

Membership Type ● RACE ● COACH ● ROW ● INDOOR ● SUPPORT ● DIGITAL



4. Useful Links and other contacts

Active Partnerships

<http://www.activepartnerships.org/active-partnerships>

Sport England

<https://www.sportengland.org/>

Environment Agency

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

Canal & River Trust

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/>

UK Coaching

<https://www.ukcoaching.org/>



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

Other 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

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>

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>

Paul Lorenzato

Head of Community Development

8th April 2022