



BRITISHROWING

# 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 2022 / 23**

Following an email update to all Regional Chairs from Sarah Leys on 3rd May, the list of Clubs at risk of being suspended from entering competitions has now been published on the BR website. You can read this post here and a pdf copy was attached to the email. If you did not receive this, please email [sarah.leys@britishrowing.org](mailto:sarah.leys@britishrowing.org) As of 09:00 Wednesday, 11th May –

- 506 clubs out of 522 clubs have completed their 2022 / 23 affiliation
- 20 clubs out of 506 clubs have outstanding invoices
- 16 clubs out of 522 clubs have not completed their affiliation Clubs and Competition Entries From 5pm Monday 16 May any club with unpaid affiliation fees will be automatically suspended from competing.

This means the clubs' access to the British Rowing Online Entry System (BROE) will be removed and this could impact any competitions the club may have entered or want to enter in the future.

If the club has entered any competitions immediately after the 16th of May, the competition organisers have every right to withdraw the entries of unaffiliated clubs when their competition takes place.

Full BROE access will be restored once the affiliation payment has been received. We will continue to chase unpaid fees separately as we have been in contact with these club administrators throughout the affiliation process and several clubs have contacted BR already.



**Clubs left to complete affiliation as of 09:00 Wednesday, 11 May 2022.**

Club Name	BR Region	Outstanding on 11/05:	Comments
Berkhamsted School Boat Club*	Eastern	not completed affiliation nor paid	22/04 - in contact with BR, emailed safety audit links
South Woodham Ferrers Yacht Club*	Eastern	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Roehampton University RC*	Thames London 6	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Streatham and Clapham High School BC	Thames London 6	not completed affiliation nor paid	25/04 - in contact with BR
University of East London BC	Thames South East	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Watermen, The Company of*	Thames South East	not completed affiliation nor paid	25/04 - in contact with BR
Sub Rosa BC*	Thames Upper 1	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Bishopsgate School BC	Thames Upper 3	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Aurum 1947 Boat Club *	Thames Upper 4	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Metropolitan Police RC	Thames Upper 4	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Gloucestershire, University of, RC	WAGS	not completed affiliation nor paid	20/04 - in contact with BR
Las Vegas Institute of Sport BC*	WAGS	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Meles BC*	WAGS	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Royal Agricultural University BC*	WAGS	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Shrewsbury High School BC	West Midlands	not completed affiliation nor paid	
Sheffield Hallam University RC*	Yorkshire	not completed affiliation nor paid	04/05 - in contact with BR
*Indicates an outstanding safety audit			



## Clubs with outstanding payments as of 09:00 Wednesday, 11 May 2022.

Club Name	BR Region	Outstanding payments on 11/05:
Hollowell Scullers	Eastern	completed affiliation but not paid
Stowe Sculling Club	Eastern	completed affiliation but not paid
Lancaster Schools RA	North West	completed affiliation but not paid
Ramsey RC	North West	completed affiliation but not paid
Grove Community Rowing	Thames London 5	completed affiliation but not paid
Imperial College School of Medicine BC	Thames London 5	completed affiliation but not paid
St Georges Hospital Med. Sch. BC	Thames London 5	completed affiliation but not paid
Chelsea Academy BC	Thames London 6	completed affiliation but not paid
Canterbury Pilgrims BC	Thames South East	completed affiliation but not paid
Gravesend RC	Thames South East	completed affiliation but not paid
Kent College BC	Thames South East	completed affiliation but not paid
Corpus Christi College (Oxford) BC	Thames Upper 1	completed affiliation but not paid
Lady Margaret Hall BC	Thames Upper 1	completed affiliation but not paid
Radley Mariners	Thames Upper 1	completed affiliation but not paid
The 1921 BC*	Thames Upper 3	completed affiliation but not paid
Tiffin School BC	Thames Upper 4	completed affiliation but not paid
Cheltenham Ladies College, The, RC	WAGS	completed affiliation but not paid
Canford School BC	Wessex & SE Coast	completed affiliation but not paid
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School RC*	West Midlands	completed affiliation but not paid
Hull University BC	Yorkshire	completed affiliation but not paid
BACS payments cleared up to 09/05/2022		
*Indicates an outstanding safety audit		
Red ! means the club is entered into competition after affiliation suspension date of 16 May		



### **The Big Row / Love Rowing**

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](mailto:comms@britishrowing.org) to be added to this page.

### **Adaptive Rowing Update**

British Blind Sport (BBS) "Have a Go Days" - We will be supporting several of the BBS Have A Go Days over the summer and autumn, these are multi-sport taster events that support blind and partially sighted people of all ages and abilities to come along and give indoor rowing a go. So if you know of anyone that might be interested in rowing - on or off the water, Have a look at the list of event days [here](https://britishblindsport.org.uk/bbs-have-a-go-days/) (<https://britishblindsport.org.uk/bbs-have-a-go-days/>) or email [participation@britishblindsport.org.uk](mailto:participation@britishblindsport.org.uk). - We are attending the Exeter,



Liverpool and Leicester Days - and if you would like to support us and are knowledgeable about blind sport - contact us [jo.atkinson@britishrowing.org](mailto:jo.atkinson@britishrowing.org)

With the [International Blind Sport - World Games](#) being held in Birmingham next year (2023) there's still time to find that next star!

There is a newly formed British Rowing Adaptive Working Group to help support the development of adaptive rowing and the members are Jo Atkinson (British Rowing Adaptive Lead - Clubs) Bruce Lynn (Marlow RC) Mark Dewdney (Stratford RC & Chair of the Community Adaptive Group) and Chris Boys (Guildford RC) anything you want to raise with British Rowing or general enquiries about developing adaptive rowing, please email [jo.atkinson@britishrowing.org](mailto:jo.atkinson@britishrowing.org)

Introducing Adaptive at your Club (workshop) - if you'd like to know more about hosting adaptive rowing at your club but feel you would like to know more and be able to discuss it with other like minded clubs & coaches - contact [Jo.atkinson@britishrowing.org](mailto:Jo.atkinson@britishrowing.org) - there will be a series of workshops in the autumn held around the county - register your interest

At the request of the adaptive community, there are plans underway to organise and run a Club Coach Course for prospective coaches that have a disability themselves (as they identified that some of the adjustments required for some attending might mean extra time is needed for both the course & any assessments, which may not be possible at every course) again if you have anyone suitable - check out the course outline [here](#) - and perhaps get them to work through the prerequisites listed in plenty of time, again - any queries please contact [jo.atkinson@britishrowing.org](mailto:jo.atkinson@britishrowing.org)

Resources - check out the Club Guide to Adaptive Rowing - [found here](#)

### **British Rowing staff attending events**

National school's regatta

Marieke Hagemans Director of Membership and Community and Angela Westley Head of Insight & Strategy will be attending on the Friday, Pete Shepperd will be attending all 3 days Dan Cooper and Paul Lorenzato will be attending on Sunday only.



### **Rower Development Guide**

The new and updated version of the Rower Development Guide is on the British Rowing website. This will be a public beta test 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=AqjTczPRYHcPS3IOTmlAAXicyyvNyQEABF8BvPteomscBEeqNKOCiWPhSW8%3D&utm\\_campaign=648e122330e345fc8ebc72a773445a7d&utm\\_content=initial\\_v0\\_2\\_0&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=petition\\_signer\\_receipt\\_welcome&utm\\_term=cs](https://www.change.org/p/save-our-sports-on-the-river-thames-stop-the-pier?cs_tk=AqjTczPRYHcPS3IOTmlAAXicyyvNyQEABF8BvPteomscBEeqNKOCiWPhSW8%3D&utm_campaign=648e122330e345fc8ebc72a773445a7d&utm_content=initial_v0_2_0&utm_medium=email&utm_source=petition_signer_receipt_welcome&utm_term=cs)

### **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](#).

### 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
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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	24/25 Fee
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 with our partner Irwin Mitchell it will be on Thursday 26th May at 7pm, we will have members of their Legal and tax teams on the Panel. Please sign up to the webinar date is confirmed

Irwin Mitchell is 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>

We are currently organising a masterclass on Finding Funding and Adaptive Rowing, once these are finalised we will publish dates, but we are aiming 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](mailto:clubsupport@britishrowing.org)

## **British Rowing Learning Education & Development (LEaD)**

### **Open Course Calendar**

Open courses:

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Course Type</b>	<b>Link to book</b>	<b>Region</b>
16/07	17/06	Peterborough	Club Coach	<a href="https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=AECEA20514EB4E583659E207794197577DDA6CA4">https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=AECEA20514EB4E583659E207794197577DDA6CA4</a>	East
13/08	15/07	Chester	Club Coach	<a href="https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=9C6E5438E32A011C401685263F21DB007B9D4617">https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=9C6E5438E32A011C401685263F21DB007B9D4617</a>	NW
22/08	22/07	M Maidenhead	Club Coach	<a href="https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=170802D3E2349DF07C25A02EB3654EFCC9433BDC">https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=170802D3E2349DF07C25A02EB3654EFCC9433BDC</a>	Thames
24/09	08/03	L3 2022	Senior Club Coach	<a href="https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=ACBF5166CAE49B8407B4704B6ED2907845B3A50D">https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=ACBF5166CAE49B8407B4704B6ED2907845B3A50D</a>	National
01/10	02/09	Peterborough	Club Coach	<a href="https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=C19004D96999CB7B86CBC4A15B430116540CBF56">https://britishrowing.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=C19004D96999CB7B86CBC4A15B430116540CBF56</a>	East

### **Level 4 Information Day – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:education@britishrowing.org)

The next course starts on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### **Coaching Week**

Save the date 17<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

There are no national membership figures at present due to a problem with reports in the system, as soon as we have them, we will send them out. Once this is fixed, we can then roll out the regional version for regional chairs.

## 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](http://www.sportingcapital.org.uk)

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund**

The Queen's Platinum jubilee activity Fund aims to use sport and physical activity as a means of bringing a community together and tackling inequalities via awards of between £300 and £10,000 from a pot of

### **Spaces & People**

£5 million of national lottery Funding. More details on how to apply and the criteria can be found [Here](#)

A £7 million pot with up to £10,000 available in match funding for crowfunder projects, as part of a Birmingham 2022 commonwealth games package to help community sport and physical activity groups improve places and spaces across the country. More details on how to apply and the criteria can be found [here](#) .

Paul Lorenzato  
Head of Community Development

11th May 2022