This newsletter includes minutes from the committee meeting (September 07) as well as general news about the club.

President’s Reception
The President’s Reception will be held on Sunday 16th September 2007 at 1pm at the boathouse. This is being held to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the Juniors over the last 12 months. Refreshments will be available. Dress code: Formalwear (for men: - shirt and tie, club (or representative) blazer preferred). Please come along.

Community Sports Coach
Gavin Coates has accepted the appointment as the new CSC and will start sometime in September. Gavin is currently working as a CSC for the Birmingham Schools Rowing Association, Henley Stewards Charitable Trust, and Stratford Upon Avon BC.

Help needed!
Would anyone volunteer to help prepare a club handbook/starter pack to be given to all new members?
And would anyone like to take over as novice coordinator (or even coach). On both counts, please speak to or email Gendie Lash.

Tyne Long Distance Sculls (6th October 2007)
We need your help to organize this year’s event. Please can you sign up to one of the following. Let Graeme Huggan know (by email) or sign up on the noticeboard:-
• Donating food (cakes, mars bars, lucozade drinks, pre-packed sausage rolls etc)
• Working in the kitchen / serving food on the day
• Cleaning out the boathouse (upstairs rooms, kitchen, changing rooms) before and after the event. Empty the bins before and after the event and take one or two to the tip
• Help get boats on and off the steps, and help with parking on the day
• Need people to go in safety boats / launches to marshal the racecourse
• We also need 4 timekeepers/spotters
Without your help, we would not be able to run these events. All of our money (for Tyne LDS) is made from catering so any food donations (pre-packed food is best) are gratefully received.

Regatta Committee
A new sub-committee has been set up to discuss the forthcoming Long Distance Sculls event as well as Rutherford Head and the regatta next year. If anyone would like to be involved, please let Graeme Huggan know by email or in person. First meeting is 6pm on Monday 17th September. Your help would be much appreciated.

Junior Squad
Hollingworth Lake
There were wins for:-
J2- Adam and Stu McCluskey
E 1x Kieran Emery
WJ16 1x Bryony Pitt
WJ14 1x Natalie Hardy
N2x Phil with his brother Michael in a Tyne/DARC composite
I hope that no-one has been missed out.

Future Events
The Juniors will be racing at some of the Long Distance Sculling series events

Men’s Squad
GBR Weekend
Wes Maccabe won the S3 1x event at Gloucester Regatta (borrowing a Burgashell from Ross Rowing Club). The Reading University/Ross/Tyne composite Eight raced in the S2 8+ category at Ross Regatta but lost their heat after one of the Reading lads' seats came off.

Future Events
There is a S4 mixed quad (Carol, Rebecca, Wes, Graeme) currently training for the Boston Marathon (16th September). Charlie is racing in the S4 1x category. Following Boston, the men's squad will be concentrating on training for the forthcoming Long Distance Sculling series. There is a winter training plan in place.

Women’s Squad
Hollingworth Lake
There was a win for the S3 4x of Rebecca Maccabe, Alex Haley, Sarah Percy and Kate Lindsay. There were close results in the 8, the 4+, the 2x and the other 4x.

Future Events
There is a mixed quad (Rebecca Maccabe, Carol Parker) and double (Laura Croisdale, Tonya Lawson) competing at Boston Marathon.

Laura Gilbert will be racing at Boston Marathon (16th September) in her single. She is racing on behalf of the NSPCC. Please can you make donations at the following website:- www.justgiving.com/lauraiscrazy. Please give generously as it's a very worthy cause.
A Training plan has been established for the winter season and the women will be setting up some training sessions with Tees women's squad over the winter.

Veteran’s Squad

Future Events

The following veterans are taking part in the Boston Marathon on 16th September:

- Vet E 4: Andy Kirkwood, Martin Bell, Ian Wagstaff and John Goddard (the second time this combination have done Boston)
- And Vet C 1x: "Kamikaze" Ken Hardy.

Great North Run

Once again Gendie is running the Great North Run (30th September) - and she needs your money!!! She is running for Action Medical Research, who fund many different research projects (for details of their work go to www.action.org.uk). Gendie has set up an online sponsorship account (www.action.org.uk/~gendie), so please go visit and give as generously as you can. Alternatively she will be around the club with a sponsorship form.

AGM

The AGM will not be held on 20th September as originally planned. A revised date will be issued shortly.

Final Note

Thanks to all those involved in reorganising the boathouse and racking, and thanks to all those who have helped with the painting.

Next newsletter will be circulated on 27 September.

Thanks to Gendie Lash, Ian Boyd, David Robinson and Chris Parsons for their contributions.

Graeme Huggan (13 September 2007)

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