

What's happening in your region?

DORNEY SHAPES UP

You're probably in a very small minority if you're not yet aware that London has been awarded the 2012 Olympics. The current location planned for the 2012 Olympic regatta is within the Thames Region, at the new international standard rowing facility at Dorney lake.



At the end of May, the region's volunteers came out in force for the first proper test of the venue, with the hosting of the first World Cup regatta of 2005. Those helping during the event included many of the juniors who went through the Junior Official training hosted by the Thames Region earlier in the year (see page 7) as well as a large contingent of familiar faces from both the Thames and the other regions, who helped to make the regatta a great success.

The Coupe de la Jeunesse also took place at Dorney at the end of July providing another opportunity to test out the venue with international competition before the 2006 Senior World Championships arrive in a year's time.

The World Champs runs over an entire week, so again volunteer input is going to be critical to the success of the event. Anyone in the Thames Region who would like to register as a volunteer can do so via the TRRC website, (www.thames-rrc.org) or contact **Martin Humphrys** for a form.

SALVAGE ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Salvage Association's findings on Tideway rowing and the PLA's response to those findings have been at the forefront of regional discussions over the last three months.

As well as attempting to disseminate information and collate the views of our membership on the hefty report and its numerous findings, the TRRC has been working hard behind the scenes to improve the region's relationship with the PLA and other river user groups.

Council members attended a river users group meeting chaired by the PLA at London Corinthians Sailing Club at the beginning of July, and are working with the PLA to set up an implementation group, chaired initially by the PLA Chief Executive and involving two rowing representatives (**Chris George and Bill Mitchell**), and representatives from other river user groups.

The implementation group is initially expected to meet monthly and the TRRC will also be setting up a sub-committee/consultation group to advise our two representatives.

We need to draw on the experience of our membership to ensure that all aspects and options have been considered, therefore anyone who would like to join the TRRC's advisory sub-committee/consultation group, should contact the regional chairman, **Martin Humphrys** for more details.

GOT YOUR NUMBER? - An update on Boat Numbering requirements

As of the 5th August 2005 all Tideway clubs should have been sporting a full set of boats and coaching launches with six digit alpha-numeric identification codes as per the ARA guidelines issued back in April.

- Even if your club doesn't normally row on the Tideway, your boats will have to carry a six digit code if you wish to row below Teddington lock—either for training purposes, head races, regattas or simply a change of scenery.
- The codes are made up by combining each club's three-letter code, (as used in the National Championships) together with a three digit fleet number (including zeros) allocated by the Club e.g. ROW112.
- Lettering must be in capitals, in a regular sans serif (Arial "style") font, with a minimum height 6cm and clearly readable (in a contrasting colour) on both port and starboard bow, sax board or vertical surface.
- Clubs are responsible for maintaining a log of codes so they can easily identify a particular boat (and its owner in the case of a sculling boat) from the code.
- The TRRC will be checking for compliance and boats without the identification coding may not be allowed in Tideway competition.



TRRC AUTUMN SEMINAR SERIES

The popular TRRC Seminar Series will be back in the Autumn and will feature seminars at locations upriver as well as downriver.

Keep an eye on the website for more details on this year's extended schedule but in the meantime you may want to make a note in your diary as **9th October 2005** is provisionally scheduled for the six hour "**Applying British Rowing Technique**" seminar which finally makes it to the Thames Region!

More details will be available in early September

ADAPTIVE ROWING

You may be aware that rowing has recently been made a Paralympic sport.

The increased participation in the adaptive events at Nat Champs is one outward sign that adaptive rowing is flourishing in the UK and the move to Paralympic status has already led to more requests for information on facilities and opportunities, arriving with the Div Reps.

As a first step to co-ordinating adaptive rowing in the Thames region, and so we can help perspective rowers find somewhere to row and keep their records up to date, we are asking clubs to inform the TRRC whether they would be able to cater (or indeed already do cater) for any adaptive groups, including persons with sensory, learning or physical disabilities.

Please also let us know if you have any specialist facilities or coaching experience for these groups.

Attached to back of this newsletter (pages 8 and 9) is a "**self audit**" sheet which is designed to help clubs start to think about the reasonable adjustments to their facilities as set out by the Disability Discrimination Act. Please fill it in and return to the address given

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY LICENCES

A reminder to all Thames region clubs and private boat owners that rowing boats on Environment Agency waters (i.e. the Upper Thames above Teddington Lock) are required by law to display a valid EA license on their vessel at all times whilst afloat.



Rowing Clubs can obtain a limited number of free licenses from the Environment Agency on an annual basis but these are not transferable between boats, so clubs and single scullers will have to purchase additional licenses, at a cost of **£21.50** per year, from the EA to ensure that all of their fleet is covered.

The annual "unpowered vessel" licenses run from January to December and can be purchased either from the EA (forms are available on their website at the address below) or directly from the following locks:

Iffley, Abingdon, Culham, Benson, Mapledurham, Caversham, Blakes, Sonning, Shiplake, Marsh, Hambleden, Hurley, Temple, Marlow, Cookham, Boulton, Bray, Boveney, Romney, Bell Weir, Penton Hook, Chertsey, Shepperton, Sunbury, Molesey and Teddington.

Environment Agency staff do occasionally check that boats are carrying a valid license and can impose fines on river users if they are not in compliance.

The need for a license applies to visiting boats, although if you are only visiting for a regatta or training camp and don't need to be licensed for the full year, you can purchase a visitor's permit from the same sources.

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/navigation/747419/499814/499910/>

ARA NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

TRRC committee member Judith packer was presented with the Thames region volunteer award at the inaugural ARA Volunteer Awards on 16th July.

Each of twelve regions put forward an individual who has shown great dedication and inspiration in their volunteer work within rowing. The recipients were then treated to an award lunch at the National Water Sports Centre during the National Championships, after which they received their awards from ARA Chairman Di Ellis.

Judith was responsible for setting up and running the Junior Officials training, which took place at Dorney lake earlier this year.



(Judith is pictured here second from right in the front row)

TRRC SEMINAR FOR EVENT ORGANISERS

Every year there are about 90 Regattas and Head Races in the Thames region, all creating their own solutions to similar problems.

All too frequently regatta and head race organisers work in isolation, without sharing best practice with other organisers or understanding how other events really work behind the scenes.

Well you now they have a chance, at the **Thames Regional Rowing Council Events Seminar**, which will be held at Leander Club, Henley on Thames, on Saturday September 3rd, from 10am to 4pm,.



The purpose of the day is to share ideas and experiences in running Regattas and Head Races, and so establish some "best practice" that we can all apply. The day will be informal, and depends for success on participants bringing plenty of ideas and questions. So please bring examples of competitor documents, admin paperwork, computer output, etc with you.

There will also be a chance to meet Regional and National officials with whom you interact, as well as other event organisers tackling the same problems as you do. We are confident that everyone will learn something, whether you're a seasoned hand or new to the role.

Places are available on a first-come first-served basis, and you're welcome to apply for more than one place for your event. All event secretaries in the region should have already been posted this information and an application form (see below)

Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be available, and there will be a charge of £5 per head to help with costs. Further details about the agenda will be sent when we confirm your place(s) on the seminar.

It's been some time since we've held such a seminar in the Thames Region, and we hope you'll seize this opportunity to improve the organisation of your event.

TENTS FOR HIRE!

As well as renting out megaphones, umpire flags, bell and radios to the region's events, the TRRC can now offer tents for hire!

The Kingston Regattas have six **4m by 8m** tents which can be rented out via the TRRC at a cost of £100 each for an event of up to three days.

The price includes transport within 15 miles of Hampton Court Palace, as the Kingston owners will supervise erection and dismantling (they will need some assistance). For events further away, additional miles are negotiable and will depend on number of tents being hired for each event etc.

As is the case with all TRRC equipment, the hirer is responsible for insurance and taking due care.

For further information, please contact the TRRC Equipment Officer, **Richard West**.

A PAT ON THE BACK

Praise is due to Maidenhead Regatta organisers for the standard of their safety documentation and in particular their exemplary circulation pattern.

All the paperwork for the regatta was submitted to the Thames Regional Water Safety Advisor over a month before the event and organisers are also commended for making it available on their website.

The circulation pattern can be admired at :
<http://maidenheadrc.org.uk/2005Circulation.pdf>

And provides a good example to other events who are looking for ways to improve their documentation

TRRC EVENT SEMINAR APPLICATION FORM

To:- A.J.Evans, 25, Greenside, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5TW

.....Regatta /Head would like place(s) at the Event Seminar at Leander Club on Sat. Sept 3rd.

I enclose a cheque (payable to TRRC) for (£5 Per head)

Name.....Address.....

Contact No.....e-mail.....

Name.....Address.....

Contact No.....e-mail.....

MEETING THE DEMAND FOR COACHES

The ARA's Forward Plan predicts that there will be 3500 active qualified coaches in England by 2009; so as the Thames Region has just under half of the country's rowing activity, we should expect that there will be around 1500 of these in our region.

The results of last year's club survey indicates that there are currently only 600 active qualified coaches in the region -although there are plenty more inactive qualified coaches and many active unqualified coaches as well.

The Thames region has qualified increasing numbers of coaches every year over the past few years, but to get the number of qualified coaches we think the region will need - and to simply keep up with demand - we will need to run even more in the future. This increase in demand for courses coincides with a major change to the coaching structure in the UK.

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

The United Kingdom Coaching Certificate (UKCC) is a government initiative to raise and harmonise the standard of coaching across all sports in the UK. All sports will have a 5 level system and there will be equality across sports - so that a level 3 rowing coach will know the same about, for example, physiology, as a level 3 rugby coach, but each will know how to apply it to their own sport.

In rowing, the Level 2 Award will replace the IA, the Level 3 the Bronze, and so on. There will be no Level 1. The methods used for assessment will change and there will be more opportunities for candidates to use the internet for submission and marking of coursework.

Material in the courses will be updated and revised slightly so, for example, there will be more on warming up in the Level 2 - something which has never been featured in the IA. If you have an existing qualification it will still be valid and once the new system is fully up and running there will be opportunities for those existing coaches who wish to, to attend refresher sessions and bring their knowledge up to date.

More details on the changeover will be published on the ARA website through the autumn and the TRRC is also planning to look into how we can run modular courses within the region, once the new syllabus is published.

The new Level 2 is being introduced gradually from October and by January the IA will no longer be offered. As with the IA the region will continue to rely on the goodwill of clubs to host Level 2 courses, and on qualified volunteers to deliver them. The region needs more of both. If your club could organise and host a course at any stage in the next year, please contact **Simon Blackburn**.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The region would like to publish a schedule of all of the forthcoming coaching courses but can not at present because we do not know which clubs are going to volunteer to run courses. Even if you're just tempted by the idea and would like more information please drop Simon a line.

Similarly the TRRC is looking to train up more Tutors and Assessors for the new Level 2. Financial support is available on completion of the training and the ARA pays Coach Educators to deliver the courses.

Tutor training runs according to demand, so even if you're only interested for now, please let **Simon Blackburn** know and you'll receive more information when it's available.



GRUMPY UMPY COLUMN

This is the column where umpires get the chance to air their views on matters that cause them, some concern and frequently discomfort.

I have a passion for old black and white English films, have you seen the one where George Formby rides a cart horse in the Grand National and comes in first against all the odds, and a similar story in one of the first St Trinians? It was great rousing patriotic stuff, and in the dark post war era, it helped to boost our national morale, and inspire young boys in short trousers and scratched knees.

Of course with advancing years we can look back and say it only happens in the movies, so why, do some coaches, persist in the belief that ambition only, can surmount all odds?

I have recently umpired races where it is very clearly plain to all, that the competitors are far from race readiness. I witnessed a WJ13 sculler take fifteen minutes to get attached to the stake boat, whilst her competent competitor waited patiently, then after two strokes the race was decided, leaving the less able to trail in behind by a distance measured in enclosure lengths rather than boat lengths.

Recently I watched a boys octuple struggle for ten minutes to get attached whilst the opposition crews waited, and the backlog of races grew larger, then, the offenders had the audacity to complain that they were not ready when they got the go.

I can appreciate that coaches want to set targets for their crews and give them race experience, but doing it this way is no just no help to anybody. Competitors losing by massive margins can only leave downhearted and despondent, seeing only insurmountable mountains in front of them. The winning crews are cheated of a proper race and left with hollow victories, which in turn does the regatta no good.

Races are delayed by the time these competitors waste getting attached, the programme is disrupted causing irritation to many, and the safety teams are called off station to cover the race which jeopardises safety in other areas.

It is of no benefit to anyone to have crews entered in regattas when they are not up to race standard



APPLICATION FOR RYA NATIONAL POWERBOAT CERTIFICATE FUNDING - THAMES REGION

PERSONAL DETAILS

CLUB NAME:

CLUB CAPTAIN (print)

HOW MANY LAUNCHES DOES YOUR CLUB OWN?

DO YOU USE LAUNCHES THAT BELONG TO ANOTHER CLUB? Y / N

IF YES – PLEASE NAME THE CLUB(S) CONCERNED

SPONSORING CLUB

NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

CONTACT E-MAIL:

CONTACT PHONE No:

DO YOU DRIVE LAUNCHES ON THE TIDEWAY? Y / N

CLUB CAPTAIN'S AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE AND DATE

Name and Address where refund should be sent on completion of course (club or individual).

n.b. Cheques will be made out according to the details given

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF YOUR LAUNCH DRIVING EXPERIENCE

WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FOR LAUNCH USE OVER THE NEXT YEAR?

PREFERRED CHOICE OF COURSE (Please tick the course you intend to enrol on)

Note: non-tideway drivers may enrol on the more expensive Tideway course if they wish to get the experience, however all Tideway drivers should ensure the course they enrol on does include a tidal aspect.

TIDEWAY – CHAS NEWENS MARINE – FULL 2 DAY COURSE	
OTHER TIDEWAY COURSE	
UPPER THAMES – LONGRIDGE SBC – FULL 2 DAY COURSE	
UPPER THAMES – LONGRIDGE SBC – 1 DAY COURSE	
UPPER THAMES – LONGRIDGE SBC – 3 HOURS TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT	
UPPER THAMES – LONGRIDGE SBC – 1.5 HOUR – DIRECT ASSESSMENT ONLY	
OTHER NON-TIDAL COURSE	

FOR THIS SECTION FOR ADMIN USE ONLY	
REFERENCE NUMBER:	
Date Application Received:	Funding Approved? Y / N Date Approved: Date Applicant Informed:
Course booked:	Date of Course:
Total Cost:	Passed? Y / N
Amount of Funding to be paid:	Confirmed by?
Cheque Issued? Y / N Date: Amount reimbursed: Issued By:	If approval is being delayed due to other club members currently in the system, please note relevant reference numbers below:

Please return completed forms to: **Martin Humphys; Chairman; Thames Region Rowing Council; Suite 203; Belsize Business Centre; 258 Belsize Road; London; NW6 4BT** (chairman@thames-rrc.org)

JUNIOR OFFICIALS

The Junior Officials Scheme has more than achieved its first year targets and is well on the way to developing a strong team for the World Championships August 2006.

Over the three days of the World Cup (26-28th May) 41 Juniors manned the start pontoons under the supervision of FISA umpire, **Gary Painter**, ML Umpire **Judith Packer**, CDO **Sarah Birch** with additional adult support from **Andrew Tyrrell**, **Mick Howe** and **Nicole Szabason** from local clubs.

The juniors received great feedback from both national and visiting umpires alike, and the great kit they were given made their other rowing friends rather jealous! By the end of Saturday, most were sporting autographs on various different pieces of attire as they managed to brush shoulders with their local heroes.

Opportunities for the Juniors expanded somewhat at the Coupe de la Jeunesse (29th - 31st July) where with only 26 juniors each day, we managed to run not only the start pontoons but also the intermediate timing points and lane number issue/return.

One junior even celebrated her 13th birthday on Sunday 31st July by getting up at 6:30am to make it to Dorney for the 7:30am start! Now there's dedication!



The juniors also held the national flags to lead in the countries during the opening ceremony - a great photo can be seen on the banner of **Chris Parry's Website** for the coupe - just follow the link on the ARA website.

Other photos of the juniors in action can be found on the same website under 'non-racing photos'. Here are a couple taken by **Sean Farrally** from Great Marlow School who helped Sarah, Judith and Mick at the Coupe.

Seeing the younger athletes made one junior made known her ambition "I could be rowing in this event in a couple of years time". Maybe that was what gave her the incentive to do a PB on the ergo the following Monday!

Over the two events, 50 Juniors from our region from a wide range of clubs and schools have now had a taste of an International Regatta on home soil (or rather water!). All juniors who helped at these regattas will be presented with a Junior Rowing Leader Award Certificate by the ARA in early October - invitations and more information will be issued shortly together with plans for next year's build up to the World Champs!

As part of the run-up to these international events, the Juniors helped at a number of national regattas at Dorney Lake - Wallingford, Ball-Cup & Marlow and we are hoping that we can include these ML regattas in the training for next year's juniors.

Apart from having great fun (and of course getting great kit), the Juniors have really shown that with some guidance and support, they are not only very capable but can make a valuable contribution to these 'manpower demanding' Multi-Lane events.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—COUNCIL EVENTS

				<i>for details contact</i>
Monday, 22 August 2005	Executive Meeting	Kingston Rowing Club	1930 hours	Hon Secretary
Saturday 3rd September	Forum for event organisers	Leander Club	1000 hours	Tony Evans
Saturday 17th September	Junior Officials' training day	Dorney Lake		Judith Packer
Monday, 19 September 2005	Full Council Meeting	Molesey Boat Club	1930 hours	Hon Secretary
Monday, 17 October 2005	Executive Meeting		1930 hours	Hon Secretary
Saturday 22 October 2005	J15 / J16 Training Day	Dorney Lake		Sarah Birch
Sunday 23 October 2005	J15 / J16 Training Day	Dorney Lake		Sarah Birch
Sunday, 22 November 2005	Annual General Meeting		1400 hours	Hon Secretary
Monday, 19 December 2005	Executive Meeting		1930 hours	Hon Secretary

THAMES REGIONAL ROWING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (*new personnel and offices are shown in italics*)

President	<i>Chris Sprague (LRC)</i>	president@thames-rrc.org
Chairman	<i>Martin Humphrys (LRC)</i>	chairman@thames-rrc.org
Hon Secretary	<i>Edward Rees (LRC)</i>	secretary@thames-rrc.org
Hon Treasurer	John Chapman (Marlow RC)	treasurer@thames-rrc.org
Upriver Representative	<i>Judith Packer (Weybridge RC)</i>	upriver@thames-rrc.org
Downriver Representative	<i>Nigel Smith (LRC)</i>	downriver@thames-rrc.org
Juniors' (Upriver) Representative	Nigel Weare (Dorney RC)	upriverjuniors@thames-rrc.org
Juniors' (Downriver) Representative	Ruth Hatton (TSS)	downriverjuniors@thames-rrc.org
Chairman Thames Regional Umpires Commission	Chris Sprague (LRC)	umpires@thames-rrc.org
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Chairman Regional Coaching Commission	Richard Philips (LRC)	coaching@thames-rrc.org
Chairman Regional Junior Rowing Commission	vacant	juniors@thames-rrc.org
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Chairman Regional Veterans Rowing Commission	vacant	veterans@thames-rrc.org
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Divisional Representative—Division 13 Middle Thames	<i>Tony Evans (MRC)</i>	div13@thames-rrc.org
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London Rowing Club Representative	Mike Williams (LRC)	lrc@thames-rrc.org
Thames Rowing Club Representative	Chris George (TRC)	trc@thames-rrc.org
Leander Club Representative	Ben Hunt Davis (LC)	lc@thames-rrc.org

THE FIRST STEP

The following questions outline some key access issues to be addressed. By addressing these issues your club is taking the first step to being able to make reasonable adjustments to their facilities as set out by the Disability Discriminations Act (DDA).

This is obviously not an exhaustive list of questions and a full detailed audit is also available.

Hopefully it will be clear from these simple questions that when we are referring to access we are not simply talking about access for wheelchair users but all persons with a disability.

If any of these questions raise any queries please contact your local CDO

Section A: ALL questions to be answered by ALL clubs

The approach to the premises

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| 1. Do you have car parking close to entrance? | YES / NO |
| 2. Are there any kerbs / steps that are not ramped? | YES / NO |
| 3. How good is the lighting? (on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is bad) | _____ |
| 4. Is the entrance clearly marked? | YES / NO |

The entrance

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| 1. Is the door wide enough for wheelchair access | YES / NO |
| 2. Is there space to manoeuvre by the door? | YES / NO |
| 3. Are there any steps, uneven ramps or raised areas that are not clearly marked? | YES / NO |
| 4. Can wheelchair users reach the door handles? | YES / NO |
| 5. Are there any doors with clear glass panels? | YES / NO |
| 6. Is there clear signage – clear font with good use of colours? | YES / NO |
| 7. Are symbols used where possible- toilet doors etc? | YES / NO |
| 8. Is there non-slip flooring? | YES / NO |
| 9. Are there any communication aids (Braille / Induction Loop)? | YES / NO |
| 10. Are there any hazards – e.g. glass tables/ sharp or protruding edges? | YES / NO |

Lobby/ Club rooms

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| 1. Is there the width and space to manoeuvre a wheelchair? | YES / NO |
| 2. Are lifts available where necessary? | YES / NO |
| 3. Are there internal ramps? | YES / NO |
| 4. Are the light switches and electrical sockets easily reached? | YES / NO |

Exits

1. Are emergency exits accessible by all?
2. Is there a visual alarm system?
3. Is there clear signage?

Section B: - Questions 1-3 to be answered by clubs with wheelchair access, Questions 4-7 to be answered by ALL clubs

Changing Rooms

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| 1. Is there a WC provided for wheelchair users? | YES / NO |
| 2. Is there a Shower provided for wheelchair users? | YES / NO |
| 3. Is there a shower chair for transfer from wheelchair? | YES / NO |
| 4. Does the shower tray have a raised rim? | YES / NO |
| 5. Is there an alarm cord in the toilet/changing room? | YES / NO |
| 6. Is there turning space in the changing area? | YES / NO |
| 7. Are the surfaces non-slip? | YES / NO |

Section C: Access to Water Based Activities - ALL questions to be answered by ALL clubs

Access to the Water

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Are there steps to the water? | YES / NO |
| 2. Is it possible to install a ramp? | YES / NO |

Please answer the following if you have answered NO to question 1 or YES to question 2 of this section

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| 3. Is there a pontoon available for wheelchair transfer-with correct width for wheelchairs, good transfer height (180mm off water level?) | YES / NO |
| 4. Is the landing stage /pontoon non-slip? | YES / NO |
| 5. Could a hoist be fitted to aid transfer? | YES / NO |