

LEICESTER ROWING CLUB AGM 2022

Junior Representative Report 2022:

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to the whole committee for all the hours and work you put in. I would especially like to thank Liz and Ang for taking on the junior squad, organising them to get out on the water and running indoor sessions. I would also like to thank Howard, Alex, Hazel, Sophie, Tim and Sally for their help coaching on the bank. The support provided has allowed the juniors to have 3 coached sessions a week.

The juniors have taken part in a number of races throughout the year and have gained some very valuable experience and even collected some wins. This year we had Junior wins at:

- Newark Head (4/12/21)
 - J18 1x – Teddy Sherman (fastest men's single sculler)
 - WJ18 2x – Emma Stewart & Lydia Gough
- Lincoln Head (13/03/22)
 - J18 1x Band 1 – Teddy Sherman (fastest single of the day)
 - W4x-Band 1 – Emma Stewart, Lydia Gough, Thomasin Storey (Loughborough), Isabelle O'Toole (Loughborough) – (fastest women's crew of the day)
 - WJ18 2x – Emma Stewart & Lydia Gough (fastest women's double of the day)
 - WJ18 1x – Blythe Lyons
- Cambridge Junior Sculling Head (19/03/22)
 - WJ17 1x – Emma Stewart
 - J16 1x – Jeremy Gundle
 - Best steering prize – J17 2x – Josh Sangster & Lucas Bredariol
- Bedford Head (10/04/22)
 - J18 1x – Teddy Sherman
 - Op.Band1.1x – Teddy Sherman
 - W.Band2.2x – Emma Stewart & Blythe Lyons
- Leicester Regatta (24/04/22)
 - W4x-Band1 – Lydia Gough, Kathryn Scott, Thomasin Storey (Loughborough), Isabelle O'Toole (Loughborough)
 - J17 2x – Josh Sangster & Lucas Bredariol
 - WJ18 2x – Emma Stewart & Blythe Lyons
 - J17 1x Band2 – Ethan Brown
 - WJ18 1x – Blythe Lyons
 - WJ17 1x – Emma Stewart
- Shrewsbury Regatta (07/05/22)
 - J16 1x Band1 – Jeremy Gundle
 - WJ16 2x Band2 – Riyaa Sandhu & Becca Carpenter van Barthold
- Nottingham City Regatta (21/05/22)
 - J18 2x – Teddy Sherman & James Bradshaw
- Nottingham Masters & Club Regatta (22/05/22)
 - J18 1x – James Bradshaw

- Burton Regatta (10/07/22)
 - J14 1x – Igor Miedzak
 - WJ17 1x – Emma Stewart
- Bradford Autumn Regatta (17/09/22)
 - WJ15 4x+ - Eleanor Gough & Anna-Maria Rennie (Composite with Derwent Rowing Club)
- Ancholme Head (09/10/22)
 - WJ18 1x – Emma Stewart
 - W 1x Band1 – Emma Stewart (fastest women's single scull)

The junior squad also raced (but unfortunately with no wins) at:

- Head of the Soar (Loughborough)
- St Neots Regatta
- Nottingham Autumn Head

I would also like to mention the higher-level events some of our juniors raced at:

- National Schools Regatta
- Metropolitan Regatta
- Women's Henley Regatta
- British Junior Championships

We have been able to run 2 junior taster days over the past year. Taster days are only able to be run with the help of Clare, Liz, Howard and Ang, so again another big thank you. Both days required huge help from the juniors themselves to coach, cox and row. These days are were extremely successful and have enabled us to recruit more members for the club.

Recently, Liz (along with help from the juniors) has applied to the Rowing Foundation for a boat refurbishment grant for the junior boats. This application was supported by letters written by Jeremy Gundle, Riyaa Sandhu and Agi Cygan. We haven't heard if the application has been successful yet but I hope to see some much-needed attention given to our most used junior boats (including Bubbles & Squeak, Bangers & Splash, Joan Bateman and Poseidon).

As the effects of COVID were finally disappearing the club could get back to running its usual events which included Christmas club races. It was good to see the juniors getting competitive and also socialising with the rest of the club (as this had been limited in the last few years). This year we also ran some junior only events to allow for those who hadn't been rowing long to still be able to have a go. I think this worked extremely well and it would be nice to see this carry on next year. It is clear to see the friendliness of the juniors and how cohesive they are as a squad. And the efforts made to extend this to the whole club is reflected by Halloween party Riyaa Sandhu organised with the help from the rest of the squad.

Thank you for all the help and support I have received while being Junior Rep. and to the junior squad as a whole. I am confident that Riyaa will do an all-round fantastic job by helping the juniors and by what she will bring to the committee as Junior Rep. and wish her the best of luck.

Emma Stewart
 Junior Representative
 12th November 2022