Junior Representative Report 2026

Introduction:

This year has been my first year as junior rep and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity.

This year has seen the junior squad grow to 31 members, and we have all become incredibly close. The atmosphere in training and at races has been wonderful to experience and the bonding of the junior squad has made every session enjoyable.

We all mourn the loss of our teammate Tyler Barrett and greatly miss him. We try to honour him in every race, aiming to make him proud. He was very much loved by all of us.

We all want to give a massive thanks to Liz, Howard, Ange, Sally, Zak, and Viren for coaching us this year and giving us the opportunity to grow from strength to strength. We would also like to thank all the other adult club members who have supported us in many ways at races and events throughout the season.

Races throughout the year:

This year the juniors have raced competitively at a range of different races and had numerous wins which include:

Lincoln Head Race:

W J16 1x – Scarlett Hardy

Bedford Head Race:

W4+ - Scarlett Hardy, Clementine Cowsill, Olivia Karas, Elinor Powis – coxed by Angela Holohan

Leicester Regatta:

W J17 2x – Clementine Cowsill, Olivia Karas

W J16 1x – Scarlett Hardy

W J15 1x – Elinor Powis

W J15 2x – Elinor Powis, Amelie Grest

Op 4+ - Joshua Helmkay, Andrei Badita, Oliver Hall, Zac Swift - coxed by Angela Holohan

Burton Regatta:

W J18 2x – Maddy Cufflin, Scarlett Hardy

W J17 1x - Scarlett Hardy

W J16 1x – Elinor Powis

Cambridge Regatta:

W J17 1x – Scarlett Hardy

W J18 1x – Maddy Cufflin

W J18 2x – Maddy Cufflin, Scarlett Hardy

W Band 2 4+ - Clementine Cowsill, Matilda Smith, Amelie Grest, Poppy McAuley - coxed by Liz Pulford

Ancholme Head Race:

Op J16 1x – Andrei Badita

W Band 2 2x – Clementine Cowsill, Olivia Karas

W J18 1x – Maddy Cufflin

W J17 1x – Scarlett Hardy

W J18 2x – Maddy Cufflin, Scarlett Hardy

W J16 1x – Elinor Powis

Highlights

This year has been incredibly successful for the juniors with a total of 20 wins. This has been lovely to see, and we are all incredibly proud of each other.

Leicester Regatta

This year Leicester Juniors won the Victor Ludorum which was an incredibly proud moment across the junior group. On this day the closeness of the juniors really shone whilst we all supported each other after the passing of our beloved member Tyler Barret. We all wore black armbands on this day to commemorate him and held a minute's clap along the riverbank. Whilst many tears were shed the care amongst the juniors shone and really encapsulated what it means to be part of a team. We would also like to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped this day run so smoothly.

Row the rhythm

This year the juniors continued their contributions towards the Row the Rhythm scheme and have all enjoyed this continued scheme. They have helped at one off sessions and the weekly Friday sessions and are excited for another year of this.

Junior Inter-Regional

This year we had five juniors compete at JIRR. Josh and Andrei in a composite quad, Elinor and Amelie in a double and Scarlett in a single. They all really enjoyed the opportunity and challenge that this provided – really pushing our juniors to succeed and giving them, a chance to perform at a higher level. They all did incredibly well and represented the juniors fantastically

Ancholme Head

At Ancholme we raced two octos in memory of Tyler. The parents and reccies raced the juniors. This was a fundraiser race which raised over 2000 pounds. We all want to thank the reccies and parents for providing a crew for us to race, also the coaches who made this possible. Additionally, we thank Ancholme Rowing Club for allowing us to use their event to commemorate Tyler. This day was a highlight of the year for many of the juniors. The joy throughout the juniors and the wider club was clear and the day was an amazing success for all.

Coaches

The coaches have supported the juniors incredibly this year and have helped us to grow and develop. They volunteer their time to support our growth and refinement of our skills and for this support we are all grateful.

Cake

The junior squad has created an informal agreement with each other to provide cake for birthdays and any given opportunity. We find it a highlight after sessions as a time to catch up, chat, and develop our team spirit. We have talked about creating a 'Bake-off' type event which we would invite other members of the club to take part in too.