



**TYNE**  
rowing club



## MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN

The season is drawing to a close and the club is meeting with success at all levels with in excess of 100 wins this season, including 60 so far by our formidable Junior squad. The Tyne MJ16 4- were selected for the GB team in the Anglo French Match on 9th July and won their event in Abbeville, France contributing to the GB winning the whole match 8 races to 4. Some very hard work by the crew and an excellent performance to win the 4- trials and their GB kit! At the National Championships the same crew won gold in J16 4- and Gold and Silver in J16 2-, racing twice within 40 minutes. From the same gene pool, Francis Fletcher stroked the GB U23 4x to a Silver medal at the Hazewinkel World Championships.

This year Tyne RC has raced at Henley Royal Regatta, and Women's Henley for the first time in many years and all squads have won numerous events locally and nationally.

I am pleased to say that I am supported by a highly competent and effective committee who are driving the club forward at considerable speed, but much credit must also go to the squad coaches and organisers. With the aid of donations from some Senior Members, we have purchased a brand new Filippi Italia S racing eight. The Foundation for Sport & Art have generously given us money to purchase two Filippi coxless fours which will arrive at the end of July. The Community Foundation have part-funded the purchase of three training sculls, a set of eight oars and six sets of sculls together with three new ergos. Credit must go to the fundraising efforts of the Club Secretary.

As regards the future, I am pleased that the members approved at General Meeting, for the club to liaise with our partners on the river in order to co-ordinate development plans under the Sport England Community Club Development Plan. The club is buzzing with activity at the moment and the future looks promising. For the next season we will keep the momentum going and build on the substantial foundation laid down this year.

*Paul Armstrong*

**19th August 2006**  
**"The Captains Regatta"**  
**Starting at 12:00am with Boat Naming Ceremony**



## INTER-REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

for

**ENGLAND & WALES**

Nottingham 14th May 2006

**J16 4x D Howie, K Emery, W Fletcher & S McCluskey**

**SILVER MEDAL**

GB MJ16 4- representative  
at the Anglo- French Match on 9th July



Winners: Senior 2 4x  
Peterborough Regatta 3rd June 2006



### Chester le Street Regatta

Chester le Street regatta returned to the racing calendar and there was a considerable Tyne presence. Despite the attempt of some to rearrange the stake boats, Tyne met with six wins including the novice double Paul Wales and Graham Huggan who also won novice coxed fours.



### CAPTION COMPETITION

The picture above shows a Tyne Committee member re-arranging the stake boats of the reinstigated Chester le Street regatta. Some contributions received are:

*Misquoting from Scott's last expedition "I'm going on the water now and I may be some time"*

*Don't worry, this will really psych out the opposition*

*Can you call me a cab please?*

*From stake boat person, "No, I'm supposed to be holding onto your stern"*

Observant readers will notice there is not just one racing boat at fault in this picture. Please email your captions to: [paularmstrong@christison.com](mailto:paularmstrong@christison.com)



### The Tyne Second Eight

Tyne Rowing Club sent two eights to compete at the HERR. The young first eight won the Tyne Head outright a few weeks previously, with only eight weeks training and in a borrowed boat, they moved up from 216th to 130th beating most local crews and finishing only one second behind Durham University. A very creditable result that bodes well

for the future. The second eight starting well down the field at 371st had a good row until a Durham College, with no bow ball crashed into them just before the finish and seriously damaged their boat, slowing them down by at least 40 seconds. Despite this they still finished 371st. On the Sunday a very experienced Veteran F eight rowed at the Vesta Head moving up from 156th to 127th finishing 8th out of 12 in their category. A special mention should be made of the young lady coxes Alex and Tonya who coxed superbly in their first ever race on the Tideway, and to former Tyne member Denis O'Neill of Agecroft for his last minute coaching of them.

### The Head of The River Race



### The Tyne First Eight



# JUNIOR SQUAD

The Tyne Junior squad has had a busy 2005 -2006 which started with persuading David Robinson to take on the challenge of coaching the Junior senior squad with participation in this years National Championships as the main goal. The period started off well with Kieren in his single along with Kerri and Danielle in the double having a go in the 2005 Nat Champs. The year ended with LDS 2005 series resulting in many wins and one or two other clubs beginning to take notice. The consolidated winter training programme the saw the expanded junior squad split in two. With David looking after the more experienced older 'senior' group and Alex Shiel looking after the 'junior' group and beginners. Winter training for the senior group involved many cold, dark nights spent on land training running from the club to the rail crossing and back followed by circuits and the dreaded ergos. When out on the water for the Saturday sessions the techniques were concentrated on along with endurance and although the juniors would not necessarily agree, others within the club began to see the improvements. A very helpful addition to the plan at this time was the appointment of Charlie Mulholland as the ARA appointed junior coach who amongst other tasks was able to assist David in the ongoing training of the senior group.

Having finished off the HOR season all 11 of the senior group were entered for and ultimately selected to represent the North in the Junior Inter Regional Trials held at Holme Pierrepont in the beginning of May. Results of all this hard work:

**J16 4x D Howie, K Emery, W Fletcher & S McCluskey  
SILVER MEDAL**

*J16 4+ W Fletcher, S McCluskey composite with QE 4th*

*WJ16 4x A Haley, K Pringle, R Maccabe & D Hardy 5th*

*J16 2x D Howie & K Emery 5th*

*WJ14 2x B Pitt & V Wilkinson 9th*

*J14 1x B Robinson 7th*

Finally and to those of you reading this newsletter and may not be able to keep up with events down at the club on a regular basis rest assured in the knowledge that the juniors are not only doing themselves proud with their efforts, professionalism and humour but also have shown a much wider audience within the rowing world that Tyne RC has a junior squad to take note of.

*Talkin Tarn 1st July 2006* proved another good day for the club, with a mix of juniors and seniors racing with a contingent of vets in fours and sculls. There was some very close racing with two pairs making the S3 final and two singles in the S4 final. Ben and Josh had another go and were beaten by a narrow 3ft by St Leonard's in their final. Gendie and Alex made the final of WS4 2x and in a three boat race lost out to the Hardy/Percy Tyne crew. At the end of a day of some intense racing wins were notched up in:

S3 4+ (Will, Stu, Dan, Kieran cox Alex Hayley)

S4 1x (Will), WS4 2x (Danielle and Sarah)

J16 1x (Kieran), WJ14 1x (Vicki)

WJ12 1x (Natalie) V 1x (Mullholland)

VC 4+ (Robinson, Hardy, Mullholland, Chappell cox Liz Bray)

# Women's Squad



*Women's Eight – Alex Wilberz, Liz Bray, Lucy Kerr, Barbara Millns, Tonya Lawson, Laura Goodfellow, Katherine Lee, Carol Parker, Pip Earle (cox)*

The women's squad year got off to a good start at the Women's Head of the River Race which takes place over 4 ¼ miles on the River Thames. The race, on the 11th March saw the Tyne Women's eight move up from their position of 199 the previous year to 173 showing a good consistent performance. The Tyne Women's squad put out a convincing performance at the first regattas of the season at Chester-le-Street and Nottingham on the 22nd April. Laura Gilbert and Susie Wilkinson travelled to Nottingham City Regatta to race at Holmepierre Point. Both women put up sterling performances and Laura came third in WS2 1X, in a strong field which included international scullers. The rest of the women's squad had many convincing wins at the local regatta at Chester-le-Street which included Lucy Kerr winning WN 1X, Lucy Kerr and Tonya Lawson winning WN 2X and Pip Earle winning WS3 1X. As the season progressed, the squad continued to produce positive results at Durham City. The future is looking bright for the women's squad which is growing in numbers and talent, year by year. The rest of the season sees the women's intermediate four and senior quad racing and Henley Women's Regatta and a full compliment of doubles and singles being raced at all levels, as well as the four and quad at Durham Regatta on the 6th/7th May. Laura Gilbert won the WS3 1X and the quad consisting of Pip Earle, Susie Wilkinson, Laura Gilbert and Katherine Lee made sculling look easy by comfortably winning in the WS3 4X. There was also strong performances put out by the WS4 4+ of Barbara Millns, Tonya Lawson, Gendi Lash and Carol Parker, and the WN 2X of Alex Wilberz and Carol Parker, who despite having a mishap with a stray blade in their first heat, managed to fight back through several rounds and get to the final, where they lost by only a narrow margin.



*Womens Four – Barbara Millns, Tonya Lawson, Gendi Lash, Carol Parker, Pip Earle (cox)*

# The National Schools Regatta

*Incorporating the Third Vlls and Colts Regatta*



Congratulations to all who took part in a sunny and at times, very wet Nottingham. The girl's day consisted of a quarter final, a semi and then the final and the boys were at least a semi and a final if not a quarter-final to start also. They did the club proud, not only by being there but as you can see in the results

*Friday: WJ14 2x Bryony and Vicki 5th*

*Saturday: J16 4x Will, Dan, Stuart & Kieren 3rd, Bronze Medal*

*Sunday: J16 2x Dan & Kieren 3rd, Bronze Medal*

*Left: Matthew Pinsent congratulates the winners and tells them to attend Henley next year*

## Hexham Regatta 3rd June 2006

The Hexham Regatta held on 3rd June produced the following wins:

MS34x Dan, Kieran, Will, Stu

J2x Dan and Kieran

WJ142x Vicki and Bryony

WJ131x Natalie

VC4+ Robinson, Hardy, Mullholland, Wheeler, cox Hardy

(not a pretty row but experience got them through!)

plus our juniors rowing as Ponteland HS, Vicki WJ14 1x and Bryony

WJ14B 1x

Ben (with equipment problems) lost by 3ft after a 20 minute judges conference; Stu (by 3ft) and Will all narrowly lost. WN8 lost by about a canvas in their heat and Danielle didn't have a good race and lost by about 31 in WJ16 1x. Graeme won a couple of rounds in his single and one round with Paul in the double. Tonya lost her heat by half a length, WS4 2x were disqualified in a race where they would have beaten the DU/NU composite they were racing - clashing in 'neutral' water just before the line when they were half a length up! Gary and Les enjoyed themselves, frightening off the opposition in round one when they scratched but lost in round 2.

## The New TS515 Training Sculls



We now have delivery of three training sculls. The TS515 is a very stable scull that can be used safely by people of all ages. The foamed construction makes the scull unsinkable even in the unlikely event of the hull being holed. Easy to remove stabilizers makes this scull

virtually impossible to tip, although some Veteran Tyne scullers might disprove this. At 5.15 metres long, each scull weighs approximately 20 kilograms unrigged. All settings and measurements, like spread and height above water, are identical to those on a standard racing scull. This makes the TS515 perfect for progression to conventional sculls.

## Peterborough

### 3rd June 2006



*Above: The Womens S2 Quad get ready at the start*

*Below: The Mens Senior 2 boat for their final*





## Durham Regatta 10th June 2006

Tyne Ladies won Elite Quads on the Saturday and we had a number of Junior wins as detailed below. There was also a thrilling race in J18 coxed fours against Yarm school who are the National Champions and were almost beaten by the younger Tyne crew. Winners were:

WJ14 2x Sat and Sun  
MJ16 1x Kieran, Sun  
MJ4x- Sun  
WJ14 1x Sat  
Elite W 4x-



## Durham City 6th May 2006

The new Fillippi 8 recorded it's first victory winning Senior 2 eights convincingly on the Saturday. On the Sunday the Tyne entries into mixed eights were affected by both Guy and Laura's engagement party on the Saturday night and by a Tyne Committee Member attempting to back it down during the race

## Henley 2006



Above -The Tyne Wyfolds coxless four came up against the strong London RC lightweights in their heat losing by several lengths but putting in a good performance. This was the first Henley for most of the crew - they'll be back next year!

In the blistering heat of Women's Henley, the Tyne Ladies and support team share two large jugs of Pimms distributed inequitably amongst those present.

Top right - the Ladies 4x racing a powerful Molesey crew

