

# BOW WAVES

NEWS FROM NORWICH ROWING CLUB NO. 2 AUGUST 2020 (AGM EDITION)

**All you need to know about everything worthwhile at Norwich Rowing Club**

## Thanks for all the hard work

Thanks to Ian Hall, Calum Page, Ollie Negus, Donald Grieve, Tom Hockley and Martin Tate for all their efforts in the past year. Life hasn't been easy for them. The good news is that Donald is staying on as Vice-Chairman and Tom is staying as Membership Secretary.

## What's New and Different?

Lots of research and discussion has resulted in a major step forward. The result is a different structure with a single vision. There is a main committee, a rowing sub-committee and a squad structure which is laid out opposite. This provides stability, management and communication pathways for all club members. We are here to provide members with an environment and an opportunity to row to the highest standard and/or simply enjoy being a member of a friendly club.

None of this is just up to the committee. We need every member to get the most out of their membership and join in with the club's activities.

The club is in good shape generally, but needs help in these trying times. We are confident that everyone will respond when needed. Problems will be overcome and the club will go from strength to strength.

## Chairman's View : David Bolton

Apologies for not being at the AGM; Mary and I had to attend unavoidable family business in Scotland.

Since being asked to be Chairman (again!) I have become very confident that the new structure we are putting in place and the undoubted commitment of the membership can successfully take Norwich Rowing Club out of the Covid era and onto a new level.

It is going, I hope, to be fun - let's take it forward from here together!



## YOUR NEW COMMITTEES

### Main Committee

Meets monthly (\*voting members)

### Chairman - David Bolton\*

*Is in overall charge of the club*

### Vice-Chairman - Donald Grieve\*

*Chairs the committee in David's absence.*

### Club Captain - David Ashcroft\*

*Oversees all rowing matters and approves allocation of resources.*

### Treasurer - Nick Cooper\*

*The guardian of the money tree.*

### Secretary - Anya De long\*

*Responsible for the documentation and organisation of all committee matters.*

### Membership Secretary - Tom Hockley\*

*Responsible for keeping track of you all.*

### Club Welfare Officer - Steve Howard\*

*The go-to man for any worries or concerns adult or junior members may have.*

### Water Safety Adviser - Sally Barter\*

*In charge of boats, launches and safety.*

**Fundraising** (Trusts and Funds) - Nick Taylor attending as necessary.

**Social Secretaries** - Beta Bond, Jackie Baker attending as necessary.

**Race Secretaries** - Sarah Lister, Katherine Trehane attending as necessary.

**Rowing Committee, Squad Captains**  
*meets monthly, a week before the main committee*

**Senior Squad** Richard Hoare

**Intermediate** David Ashcroft (Chair)

**Senior & Mens Masters** Mike Bond

**Women Masters** tbc

**Junior Squad** Mike Burrows

**Development Squad** tbc

**L2R** - tbc

**Fleet Officer** - Jim Miller

# Fleet Management

## The good news

Incredible hard work by Martin Tate and his team has got almost every boat and launch into full working order. Even the older boats have been refurbished and some completely repainted. When you include the new fours, launches and sculls the fleet has never been in such good working order. Well done Martin, Jim and Joe.

## The bad news

Sadly for us Martin is having to step back from the workshop and the fleet for personal reasons. Having been involved in many clubs Martin tells us that Norwich Rowing Club probably treats its equipment badly and has more unnecessary and unreported incidences of damage than any other club with which he has been involved. We can do better.

In light of Martin no longer being available we will need to pay a boatman to do the work which has been available to us at no cost. Maintenance costs could rise to between £9,000 and £12,000 per year - by far our largest expenditure after payments to Whitlingham.

Every pound spent repairing a boat is a pound not available to buy a new one. Please - everybody - look after our fleet and take great care.

## You can help now

- 1. Reduce unnecessary damage.** Treat the equipment with respect.
- 2. Report all damage to Jim Miller immediately.** Accidents happen and we need to know. DO NOT put damaged boats on racks and walk away. Delays reporting damage cost money and reduce availability for longer than is necessary.
- 3. Reduce unnecessary repair costs, save money, buy more boats.**

## What we will do

A priority for the new committee is to develop a programme to protect the fleet. Current thoughts include boat usage courses, steering courses, boat marshals to inspect boats, CCTV coverage of the quayside and/or log books for each boat.

## New Website - Updated daily, keeps you in touch

If you have not already done so, please visit the site at **[norwichrowingclub.com](http://norwichrowingclub.com)** (please note the new address). The site is very proactive and has up-to-the-minute information and news and contacts. The members area includes all documentation, weather and tide times, a shop (gin!) and a blog to which you are encouraged to contribute.

To gain access to the site-members area where all essential communications are posted you will need to register with an e-mail address and password. You log in on subsequent visits using these same details. Please register. If you do not do so you are missing most of the content.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU WATCH THE SITE. You will be out of touch if you don't. It has been fully tested for mobiles, so there really are no excuses!

# Covid

Donald Grieve is taking control of all Covid-related matters which will include sanitiser use, social distancing measures, cleaning of equipment and materials, tracking and tracing and PPE requirements as deemed necessary.

All the latest Covid documents are to be found in the members area of the new website:

[norwichrowingclub.com](http://norwichrowingclub.com)

## Relaunch of Fours & Quads

We must closely follow British Rowing guidance on crew and equipment selection. BR stresses that clubs should try to keep the same crews rowing together to minimise interaction. At all times social distancing must be adhered to and boats may have to be carried in a slightly different way to allow this to happen.

Records of all crews and boats used must be kept to facilitate track and trace. No boats should be used without completion of the log book provided at the doors of both boat sheds.

Boats and blades must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised by the crew on completion of every outing. Do this to look after each other.

All coxes must use face coverings. Further instructions have been posted to the website.

Until further notice all boats will be allocated by David Ashcroft, who must be contacted by the Squad Captain at least three days before any intended first outing.

Fours, once notified to DA should continue to row together. Any change in the four must be notified for reallocation.

We want to get everyone back on the water as soon as possible.

## Situations Vacant

We urgently need applications for the following:

- Women's Masters Squad Captain
- Social Media Officer
- Development/L2R Captain

Please e-mail [captain.norwichrc@gmail.com](mailto:captain.norwichrc@gmail.com)

## Social Corner

Please watch out for forthcoming social and fundraising events and support wherever, whenever you can.

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