



British Rowing Update Eastern Region

October 2017



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Please note that all information in this report is in the public domain (unless stated otherwise) and is therefore free to be shared with clubs, events, members and volunteers as appropriate.



1. Governing body update.

Clubmark update

British Rowing is still in discussions with Sport England to try to resolve two outstanding issues with their new Clubmark scheme, before we can endorse it as a sport. These involve a proposed requirement from Sport England for all coaches to be DBS checked and to receive SPC training. When this has been resolved we will update Regional Chairmen and all clubs.

Canal & River Trust boat licensing consultation

The CRT is asking all boaters and boating groups to take part in a consultation to shape the future of boat licences. All current boat license holders will receive either an email with a link to the consultation, or a letter inviting them to take part. You can also contact CRT customer services on 030 3040 4040 to request an invite to complete the stage 3 consultation. A summary report is available here: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/refresh/media/thumbnail/34242-licence-review-stage-3-summary.pdf>. The Closing date for responses is Monday 18 December.

Canal & River Trust licence fees

The CRT has announced that private and business boat licence fees will rise by 3% from Sunday 1 April 2018, roughly in line with inflation forecasts for next year. More information can be found here: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/news/boat-licence-fees-for-2018-19>



1. Governing body update cont.

Drone usage

Drones (also known as Unmanned Airborne Vehicles) are becoming increasingly popular in clubs and at events across the country, for both coaching and general filming purposes. In response to requests from the rowing community, we've put together a guide for drones weighing less than 20kg. Before you next use a drone, make sure you've read this guidance to ensure you fly within the law: https://www.britishrowing.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Drone-Guidelines_as_of_16.10.17.pdf

Aviva Community Fund

A total of 27 rowing projects from across the country have applied for funding from the Aviva Community Fund scheme. Go to the website <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/acfcms/get-involved> to check out their applications and to give your support. You can register online, which gives you ten votes that can be cast for one project or spread across up to ten. Voting closed on Sunday 19th November.

Women's Training Days

British Rowing are holding a number of Women's Training Days to identify rowers already at clubs who show the potential to be the future stars of the GB Rowing Team. More details here: <https://www.britishrowing.org/gb-rowing-team/rowing-for-gb/england-talent-pathway/womens-training-days/>



1. Governing body update cont.

British Rowing Club Safety Audit

British Rowing's 2017 Club Safety Audit is now open. All Club Rowing Safety Officers (CRSOs) will have received an email with the link to the audit. It would be helpful for Regions to ask all CRSOs to check that they have received the link. If they haven't, please ask them to contact safety@britishrowing.org and ask the club administrator to check that their contact details on the British Rowing Club Management system are up-to-date. Clubs that do not submit their Audit by Monday 27 November 2017 will be suspended from racing, with effect from Tuesday 28 November. British Rowing will be communicating this to clubs, making updates via the British Rowing website and keeping Regional Chairmen up-to-date via email. There will be a final reminder sent out two weeks before the closing date.

British Rowing affiliation renewals

As part of the annual affiliation process British Rowing is collecting and processing membership declarations from Schools and Universities, who have until Saturday 6 January 2018 to complete this process. Community Clubs deadline for their declaration is Wednesday 31 January, 2018. Clubs won't need to share the information required for affiliation with us until after Sunday 31 December 2017.

Rowing & Regatta magazine

The next theme to be covered in Rowing & Regatta will be Head Racing (Jan/Feb). The April/May issue will focus on volunteering and we would like to hear from volunteers from all areas of the sport. Please send ideas to magazine@britishrowing.org by the end of November.



1. Governing body update cont.

Invasive plants and animals in British waters

Before the head season gets into full swing we would like to remind clubs to follow the 'Check, Clean, Dry' protocol with their boats before they put them on trailers and take them to another waterway. Ideally, following races, clubs should do the same before going home, and also Check, Clean and Dry their boats once they have returned to clubs before going on the water. It is especially important to follow this process if taking boats abroad. The Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNSS) has lots of advice and videos on how we can help stop their spread: <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm>

Cancer Research UK

British Rowing has announced that Cancer Research UK is its official charity partner for the next two years. CRUK's vision is to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured - an aim that British Rowing is proud to support. We're delighted the sport of rowing has been chosen as a partner and hope that over the course of the partnership clubs will join us in raising money for, and awareness of, CRUK's life-saving work. Over the coming weeks, clubs will be sent a fundraising kit in the post by CRUK. If clubs have any questions about how to organise raising money for CRUK, please contact the British Rowing lead at CRUK, Steph Maddox, for more information and support: britishrowing@cancer.org.uk.

Guidance on engaging with Local Authorities

The Sport and Recreational Alliance has published a document on how to work with Local Authorities with lots of useful information for clubs on business rates, discretionary rate relief, community asset transfer and community right to bid: <https://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/policy/policy-areas/local-authorities>.



1. Governing body update cont.

All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rowing

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Rowing brings together Members of the House of Commons and House of Lords, as well as associate members from across the rowing community, to promote the sport within Parliament. Individuals, clubs and organisations may join the group to raise points of interest, issues and seek advice. A number of clubs have already presented to the group and have asked the group for help and advice on several matters. Details on how to join can be found on the website <https://www.parliamentaryrowing.org/>.

British Rowing Indoor Championships

Entries to the British Rowing Indoor Championships on Saturday 9 December are now open. Last year's BRIC saw a record number of entries and we're hoping for the same again this year. More information here: <http://indoorchamps.britishrowing.org>. British Rowing members get 10% off entries by logging on to their online profile at <https://membership.britishrowing.org/>, selecting 'My Offers' in the navigation bar at the top of the page, and scrolling down to their personal voucher code. Members of staff from British Rowing's Membership, Rowing Community, Competition Review and Integrity teams will all be attending BRIC, so please stop by for a chat.

Recruit volunteers with Join In UK

Join In is an initiative from the Sport and Recreation Alliance and aims to connect volunteers in the UK with local sports clubs who need their help. We know this is an area where most clubs would like support, so please encourage your Regions to take advantage of the Join In service. The first step is to create an online club profile on the Join In website here: <https://www.joininuk.org/we-need-volunteers/register/>



1. Governing body update cont.

British Rowing Session Coach Courses

Since the Session Coach Course started last year, 40 courses have been held, qualifying 326 coaches. Coaches who wish to further their development can be credited for the units they have taken during this course and undertake a further two days training and a final Independent Assessment to become a UKCC Level 2 Club Coach. The next Club Coach course for coaches who already hold the Session Coach qualification will take place on Sunday 3 December in Cambridge. More info here: <https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/calendar/>. To express your interest in a Course or Workshop please visit our website here: <https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/calendar/requesting-a-workshop/>. This area now also contains a permission statement asking coaches if we can share their information with the regional coaching representative.

World Rowing Coaches Conference

The World Rowing Coaching Conference will take place on Wednesday 6th Friday 8 December at the Park Inn Hotel Heathrow. Full Delegate and Day Delegate rates available. For more info and to book tickets visit <http://www.worldrowing.com/coaches>

Trailer Wanted

Watersports Charity All-Aboard, based in Bristol, is seeking a rowing trailer in almost any condition that can be renovated. Please contact steve_evans21@hotmail.com or mobile 07747 714 856.



1. Governing body update cont.

Eastern Region

The Education and Training Team are working with the Regional Coaching Rep, Vicky Parry to plan the regional coach education programme.

Courses and Workshops

Clean Sport Workshop– Lea Rowing Club 19th November 2017

Clean Sport Workshop– Bedford Modern School 21st November 2017

Session to Club Coach Course– Jesus College Boat House 3rd December 2017

SCT Coaches

Yewande Adesida is a coach based at the Lea Rowing Club in the first year of a two-year partnership with the Stewards Charitable Trust and British Rowing. Yewande works with a number of schools to introduce rowing including: Lammas School and Sixth Form.



2. Upcoming events

British Rowing Indoor Championships: Saturday, 9 December

- <https://www.britishrowing.org/events/events-calendar/british-rowing-indoor-championships/>



3. Latest news

Here is a round-up of some of the key news items from British Rowing over the past month:

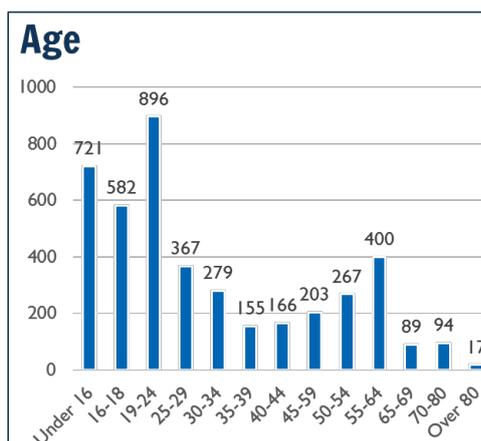
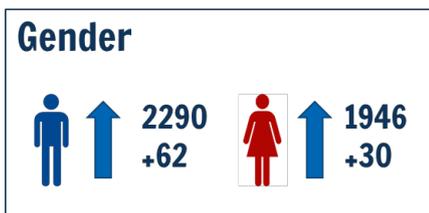
- [October November Rowing & Regatta magazine on indoor rowing out 3 November](#)
- [Gary Harris' 30 year service to British rowing recognised at Board meeting](#)
- [Sarasota-Bradenton looks ahead to World Masters Regatta after successful World Rowing Championships](#)
- [Henley Stewards' Charitable Trust coaches enter second year](#)
- [British Rowing awards three Medals of Honour](#)
- [British Rowing launches replica kit range](#)
- [Kate O'Sullivan elected as British Rowing's Deputy Chairman](#)
- [British Rowing votes through new governance structure](#)
- [Racing is changing. Are you ready?](#)
- [WADA publishes 2018 Prohibited List](#)

For more news from British Rowing, head to our [news section](#) on [Britishrowing.org](#) or follow British Rowing on social media on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).



4. Regional membership stats

October 2017	4236
October 2016	4144
% change y-o-y	2%
Actual change	92

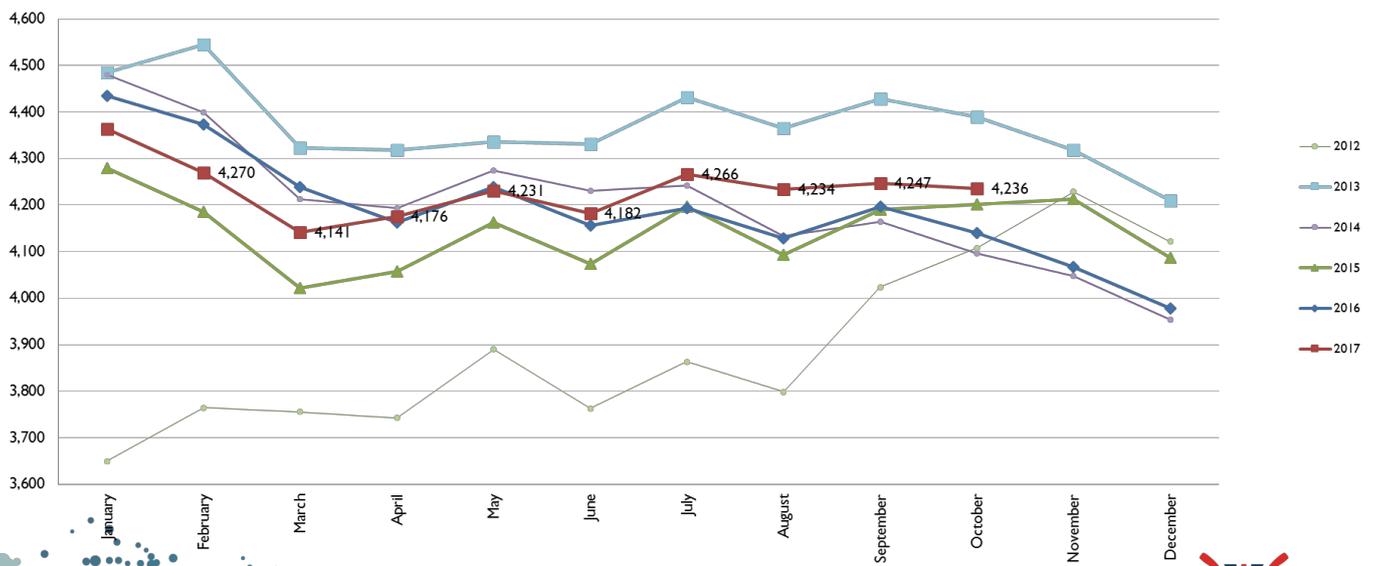


Type	Total	Change
Gold- J14	441	+8
Gold- J18	864	-7
Gold- Student	960	+35
Reg.	4	-47
Silver	507	+46
Gold	1439	+56
Platinum	21	+1



4. Regional membership stats

East 2012 to Present



5. National membership stats.

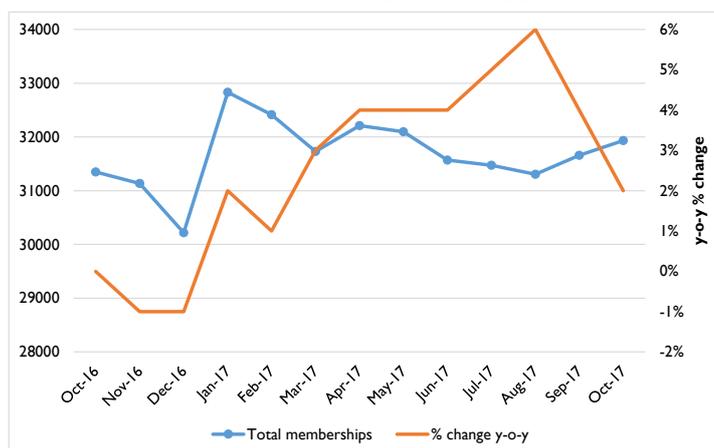
October 2017	31,935
October 2016	31,330
% change y-o-y	2%
Actual change	605

Membership increased by 605 members in October year-on-year (+2%), and 276 members month-on-month (+1%).

We have now gained members year-on-year in each of the last 10 months.

Looking forward, in previous years the typical October to November trend has been either flat or downwards, and we expect to see the same this year.

Total Memberships, rolling year

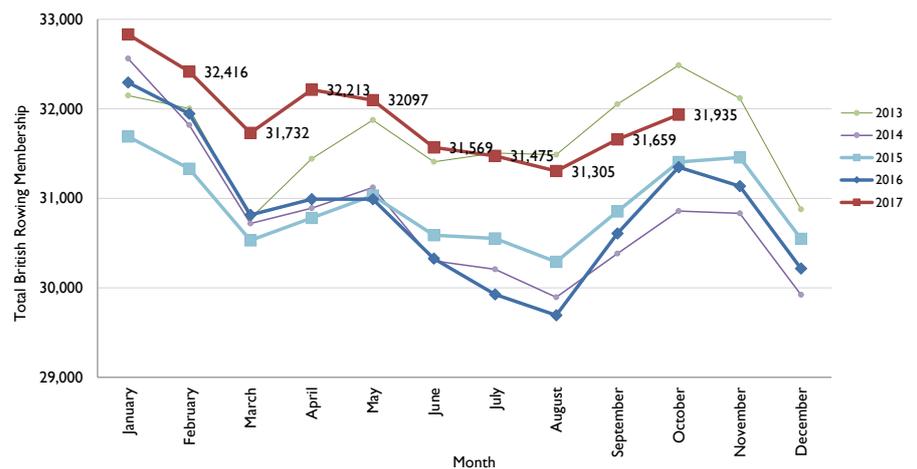


5. National membership stats cont.

After an exceptional start to the year we have slipped slightly behind 2013's levels of membership, although the overall trend remains broadly the same and above previous years, and October 2017 was our second highest October ever.

Over the next three months it will become clear whether the increase in membership following the Rio Olympics and Paralympics is a temporary spike or a consistent trend.

Total Membership, 2013 to Present



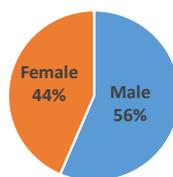
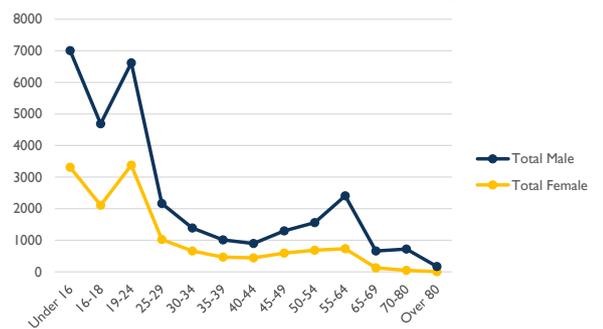
5. National membership stats cont.

In October 2017 the gender split was 44.4% female and 55.6% male British Rowing members. Broadly the percentage split between genders remains the same month-on-month but we saw an increase of 450 female members compared to 155 male members.

The largest increase in female memberships was among Gold-Students (+245) and Gold-J14 (+234) members. Gold-J18 members declined 3% (-52).

In male memberships we saw increase in Gold-J14 (+128), Silver (+60) and Gold Adult (+32). The biggest decrease was in Student memberships (-34). This decrease is in line with a similar decline in male student members last month.

Membership by Gender and Age

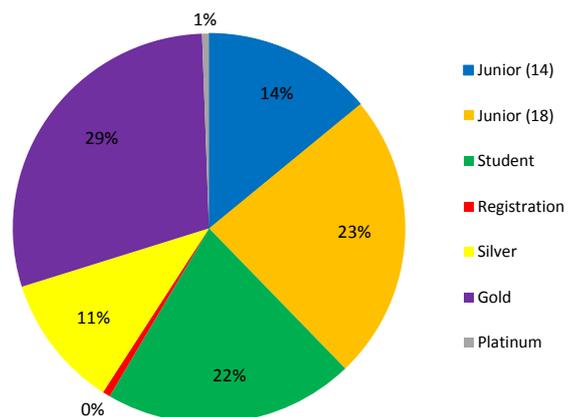


5. National membership stats cont.

Notable growth or decline year on year:

- Gold-J14 membership showed the strongest net increase y-o-y (+362 or 1%)
- Gold-Adult increased 1% (+98) on to last year.
- Silver members increased by 2.6% (+88,). 60 new Members were male and 28 were female.
- Gold-J18 memberships fell by 56 members y-o-y (-1%)

Total Memberships by type



6. County Sports Partnerships and other contacts

- Bedfordshire: Team Beds - Coach development: michelle@teambedsandluton.co.uk
- Buckinghamshire: Leap - skitson@leapwithus.org.uk
- Cambridgeshire: Living Sport - info@livingsport.co.uk
- Essex: Active Essex - Volunteer and Club Development: Toby.Andrews@ActiveEssex.org
 - - Coaching lead: Lauren.Neve@ActiveEssex.org
- Hertfordshire: Herts Sport Partnership - info@sportinherts.org.uk
- Norfolk: Active Norfolk - Club development: aaron.roberts@activenorfolk.org
- Northamptonshire: Northamptonshire Sport – info@northamptonshiresport.org
- Suffolk: Suffolk Sport - Info@suffolksport.com



7. Funding opportunities

Sport England

The Sport England funding page has lots of information on finding funding, so if you are looking to purchase equipment or improve facilities more information on their funds and how to apply can be found here: <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/>

County Sports Partnerships (CSP's)

CSPs are networks of local agencies committed to working together to increase the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity. Most of the CSPs have funding pages which have information on local and national funding sources. For more information on CSPs please visit the CSP Network website - <http://www.cspnetwork.org/your-csp>

Crowdfunding

Have a worthy project, strong social media and an enthusiastic team? Take a look at Crowdfunding: <https://www.nesta.org.uk/blog/how-find-right-crowdfunding-platform-your-good-cause>

Gift Aid

Charities or CASC? Make sure your club is making the most out of Gift Aid opportunities: <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/what-you-can-claim-it-on>

Henry Smith Foundation

Funds available to improve lives in the most deprived communities; <https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/>

Get help with funding applications: clubsupport@britishrowing.org





Thank you.