



Regional Chairman's Report

Eastern Region

February 2018

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Please note that all information in this report is in the public domain and can be freely shared with clubs, events, members and volunteers.

1. Governing body update

Remember to 'Check, Clean, Dry' your boats

Now the head season is in full swing we'd like to remind clubs to help stop the spread of invasive plants and animals between waterways by following the 'Check, Clean, Dry' protocols every time they use their boats. Clubs should also 'Check, Clean, Dry' their boats before putting them on trailers to go to races, as well as on their return to clubs before going on the water. It's especially important to follow this process when taking boats abroad. The Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNSS) has lots of additional [info, advice and videos](#) on how rowers can help stop the spread.

All-Party Parliamentary Rowing Group (APPRG)

Thank you to all the clubs who have joined the APPRG and contacted their local MPs to make them aware of the Group and attend the latest meeting . The next meeting will be on 5 June.

Any club or organisation can join and help grow the influence of the Group. See the APPRG website for details <https://www.parliamentaryrowing.org/>

British Rowing affiliation

Thank you to all the clubs that have submitted their membership numbers, invoices are being sent out and payment is required by the 1 April. Please see the British Rowing website for details and what will happen if you miss the payment date. [Club update on membership declarations](#).

NSPCC online course

The NSPCC provide an online course on how children use the internet and how to keep them safe from online abuse. We recommend all Club Welfare Officers and junior coordinators take the course, which is broken up into 20-25 minute sections so you can learn at your own pace. More info [here](#).

ClubHub guides – your help please

British Rowing's new ClubHub guides will provide a 'how to' manual for running a rowing club. Our initial research has identified a longlist of topics that clubs have asked for advice on, and we're requesting your help in prioritising which are the most important and need tackling first. We've created an online survey [here](#) with all the topics listed, and we'd like to ask Regional Councils to rank each topic from 1 to 5, with 5 being the top priority for clubs in your Region. You can also add comments and advise us of any additional topics you think we should cover. If you have any queries contact Paul Lorenzato, Head of Community Development at paul.lorenzato@britishrowing.org. The survey will close on Wednesday, 28th March.

GDPR update for clubs

The new General Data Protection Regulations come into force on Friday, 25 May 2018. Any club that collects any personal data will have to comply with the new regulations. This is a complex area and we have created some initial guidance for clubs. Find this [here](#).

Education & Training courses

Below is a list of all the courses and workshops by region for March and April that are still open for booking.

If the course you want is not shown you should request a course via the British Rowing website [Requesting a workshop](#) form.

Course/Workshop Type	Venue	Region	Dates of Course/Workshop	Closing Date for booking	Direct link for booking
Eastern Region Coaches Conference Sharing Good Practice Day	Bedford Modern School	Eastern	25/03/2018	18/03/2018	http://courses.britishrowing.org/Course/1161
Rowing Leader (16 - 18) - Deben RC	Deben Rowing Club	Eastern	11 & 12/04/2018	28/03/2018	http://courses.britishrowing.org/Course/1210
Capsize and Recovery Workshop - Ely	Paradise Pools	Eastern	22/04/2018	09/04/2018	http://courses.britishrowing.org/Course/1207
Club Coach Sliding Seat - Norwich	Norwich Rowing Club	Eastern	28&29/04/2018 & 05&06/05/2018	23/03/2018	http://courses.britishrowing.org/Course/1199
Rowing Leader (16 - 18) - Northwich RC	Northwich RC	North West	05 & 06/04/2018	23/03/2018	http://courses.britishrowing.org/Course/1202
Capsize and Recovery Workshop, Berkshire	Queen Anne's School, Caversham	Thames Upriver	15/04/2018	02/04/2018	http://courses.britishrowing.org/Course/1127
Session Coach Sliding Seat -Saltford RC	Saltford RC	WAGS	16/18/23/25 & 28 /04/2018 plus Assessment evening - either 21 or 23/05/2018	14/03/2018	http://courses.britishrowing.org/Course/1213

2. Upcoming Events

British Rowing National Championship events

- British Rowing Masters Championships, Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 June - Nottingham
- British Rowing Junior Championships, Friday 20 to Sunday 22 July – Nottingham
- Power8 Sprints, Sunday, 22 July – Bristol
- British Rowing Offshore Championships, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 August - Poole
- British Rowing Sculling Festival, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 August - Nottingham
- British Rowing Senior Championships, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October - Nottingham
- British Rowing Indoor Championships, December (Date and venue to be confirmed)

2018 Home International Regatta: Saturday, 21 July 2018

- This event will be held at the National Rowing Centre, Cork, Ireland
- A copy of the selection policy is now available on the British Rowing website [here](#).

England Junior and Senior Team trials

- The England Junior Team trials will take place at The Royal Albert Dock, London on Sunday, 15 July or through GB Rowing Team Junior Crew Formation.

- The England Senior Team will be selected by a trial held at the Royal Albert Dock, London on Sunday, 15 July 2018.
- Entries for trials will open on Monday, 28 May 2018 on BROE2.

3. Latest News

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

- [Competition Framework: How the Personal Ranking Index works](#)
- [February March Rowing & Regatta is now out](#)
- [Race at the 2018 World Rowing Masters Regatta](#)
- [Recycling Northwich Boathouse helps raise funds for new boathouse](#)
- [Future Blues Project aims to boost state school rowing in London](#)
- [Graham Benton's World Rowing Indoor Championship review](#)

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

The Stream

British Rowing sends out a monthly email to members with important updates, plus the latest news, info, events and happenings from the rowing community. If you don't receive this, log into your British Rowing membership account at <https://membership.britishrowing.org/>, click 'Contact Preferences' and check which newsletters you're subscribed to.

4. Regional Membership Stats

East

February 2018	4267
February 2017	4258
% change y-o-y	0%
Actual change	+9

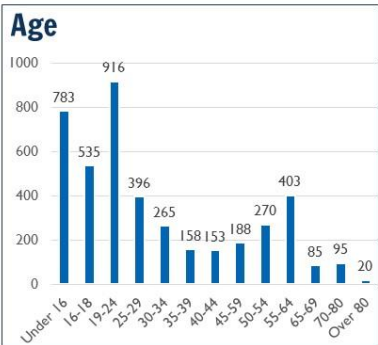
Gender



2372
+106



1895
-97

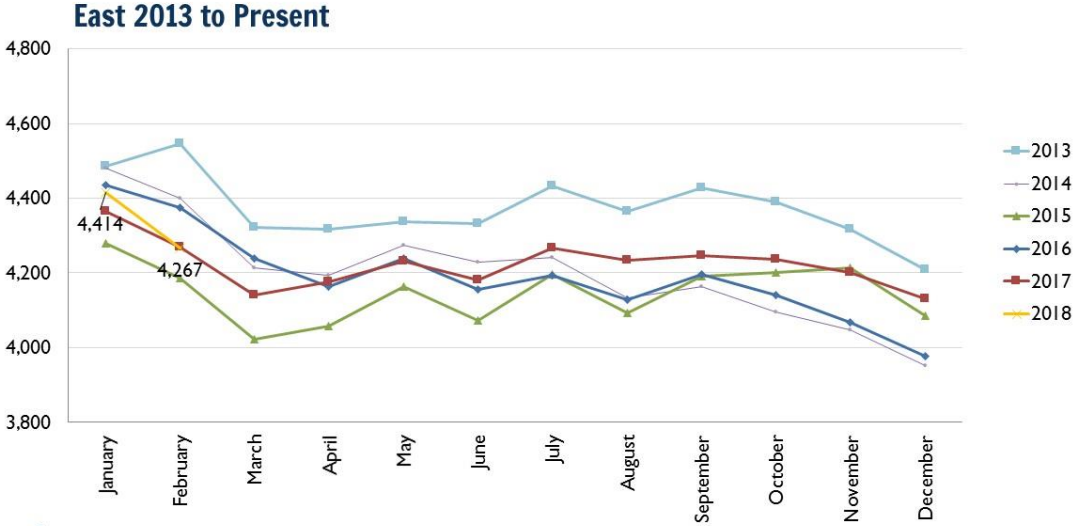


Type

	Total	Change
Gold- J14	492	+105
Gold- J18	812	-54
Gold- Student	1024	-48
Reg.	1	-8
Silver	468	+31
Gold	1450	-17
Platinum	20	0



4. Regional Membership stats



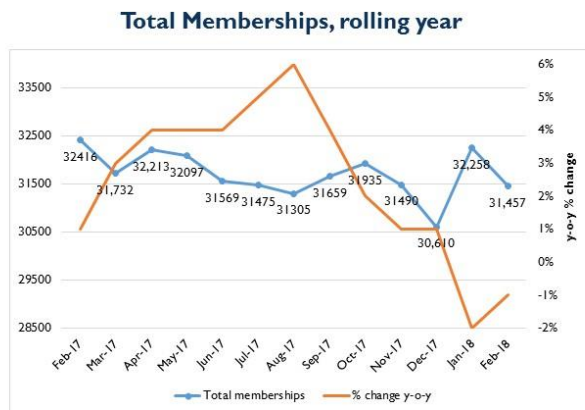
5. National Membership

Total memberships

February 2018	31,457
February 2017	31,667
% change y-o-y	-0.7%
Actual change	-210

Membership decreased by 210 members in February year-on-year (-0.7%) and it dropped 801 members compared to last month (-2.5%).

The month on month data shows a smaller decrease in members between January and February 2018 compared to the same months last year (-436 decrease between January and February 2017).



Total memberships 2013 to present

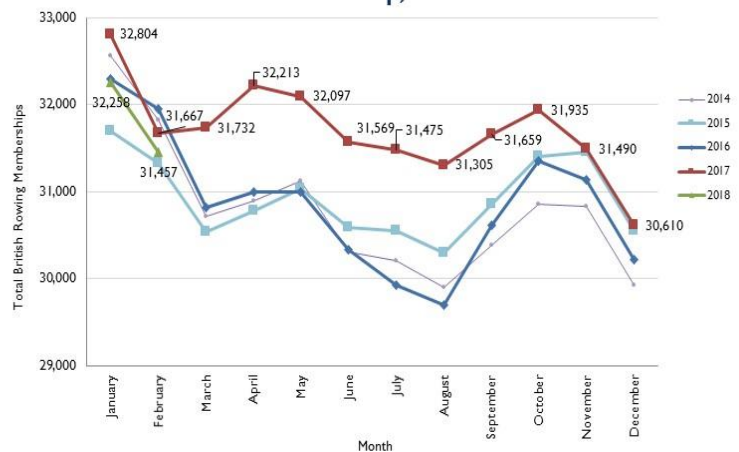
2017 was a strong year for memberships. We started 2018 in a similar way with over 32,000 British Rowing members in January.

Unfortunately February showed a decline bringing us close to being the lowest February in the past four years (31,331 in 2015).

To keep the increase in memberships similar to after London 2012 we need to finish March with at least 30,718 members (March 2014) but ideally we would reach over 31,000 members in March.



Total Membership, 2014 to Present



Membership by gender

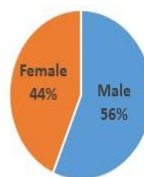
In February 2018 the gender split was 44.2% female and 55.8% male British Rowing members. Female memberships decreased by 173 members compared to 37 male members. This is the first month in a while in which female memberships declined more than male memberships.

The largest decrease in female memberships were again Students (-183) and Gold-J14's (-75). Silver increased 53 members, Gold-J18 increased 44 members and we saw an increase of 3 Platinum members (+12%)

Male memberships saw a strong decrease mainly in Students (-84), Gold (-90) and Gold-J18 (-23) memberships. However, Gold-J14 still showed an increase of 6% (+129) and Silver memberships increased by 57 members (+3%).



Membership by Gender and Age

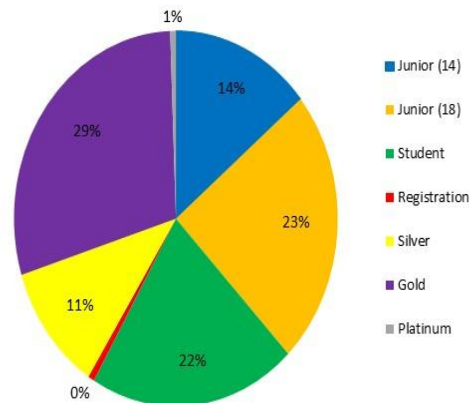


Membership by type

Notable growth or decline year on year:

- Silver memberships showed the strongest increase in February y-o-y (+3.3%, +110)
- For the second consecutive month Student memberships showed the strongest decrease y-o-y (-4%, -267).
- Both Gold-J14 and Gold-J18 showed a small increase in members y-o-y. (J14, +54 and J18, +21)
- Gold memberships decreased with 89 members (-1%)
- Platinum memberships saw a strong increase compared to previous months with 8 new members (+5%) bringing the total to 174 members.

Total Memberships by type



5. County Sports Partnerships and other contacts

County Sports Partnerships (CSPs)

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>

- 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@suffolkspport.com

British Rowing Community Support Team: clubsupport@britishrowing.org

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/>

Easyfundraising

Is the UK's biggest retail fundraising platform which has already raised over £20m! It is a completely free and highly effective way to raise money for what is important for your club, groups, school etc. Register and then promote the scheme to supporters, parents, members etc... and encourage them to use the platform when they go shopping online:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

BlueSpark Foundation

Is a registered charity which supports the education and development of children and young people by providing grants for educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. BlueSpark is particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.

<http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>