



# Regional Chairman's Report

## Eastern Region

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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

## **Safety advice for cold weather**

As its getting cold and the rivers are running fast you might want to look up the advice on the following to refresh your knowledge:

- [Not getting cold at head races](#)
- [Red flags and boards](#)
- [Cold water kills](#)

There is lots more advice in the [Rowing Safety section](#) of the British Rowing website.

## **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. Any club or organisation can join and help grow the influence of the Group. Olympic silver medallist and Honorary President of the APPRG, Jess Eddie, explains how [here](#).

### **British Rowing affiliation**

Many thanks to all the community/open clubs that submitted their membership numbers ahead of the deadline on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. British Rowing has been communicating directly with all schools, universities and clubs regarding the ongoing affiliation process via email, and we'll continue to send further reminders ahead of important dates and deadlines. If emails are difficult to track, clubs and individuals can follow British Rowing on Facebook and Twitter, where we also post reminders.

### **Aviva Community Fund winners**

Congratulations to Burnham on Crouch Coastal Rowing Club, Fowey Gig Club and Weybridge Rowing Club who all won £1,000 towards their respective projects from this year's [Aviva Community Fund](#). We'll let you know when the fund reopens later in the year, and in the meantime there's plenty of opportunity to think about what projects and funding your clubs could benefit from.

### **GLL funding for talented athletes**

The GLL Sport Foundation is the largest independent athlete support programme in the UK and is now inviting applications from athletes, including rowers, who would benefit from financial, training or sport science performance support. More information on the GLL Sport Foundation's programme can be found [here](#) and applications can be made online [here](#). Note the closing date for applications is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

### **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](mailto:paul.lorenzato@britishrowing.org). The survey will close on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### **GDPR update for clubs**

The new General Data Protection Regulations come into force on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

### **Contacting British Rowing club support**

A reminder that the best way to contact our team of Community Support Managers (Jo Atkinson, Phil Pring and Ashley Wyatt) is via email to [clubsupport@britishrowing.org](mailto:clubsupport@britishrowing.org). We ask for all contact to be via this email address so that the team can respond to queries quickly and efficiently, within 24 hrs during the working week (Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm.)

## 2. Upcoming Events

### **2018 Home International Regatta: Saturday, 21st 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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- Entries for trials will open on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 on BROE2.

### **British Rowing National Championship events**

- British Rowing Masters Championships, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Nottingham
- British Rowing Junior Championships, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Nottingham
- British Rowing Offshore Championships, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August - Poole
- British Rowing Sculling Festival, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August - Nottingham
- British Rowing Senior Championships, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Nottingham
- British Rowing Indoor Championships, December (Date and venue to be confirmed)

## 3. Latest News

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

- [Winners of the 2017 British Rowing national Volunteer of the Year awards announced](#)
- [Laurence Whiteley signs up as Charity Champion for British Rowing's partnership with Cancer Research UK](#)
- [Exeter University BC president nominated for Filippi Spirit Award](#)
- [Glasgow 2018 passes 200 day mark](#)
- [Clean Sport Responsibilities](#)
- [GB Rowing Team undertakes Mental Health First Aid training](#)

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

### **The Stream**

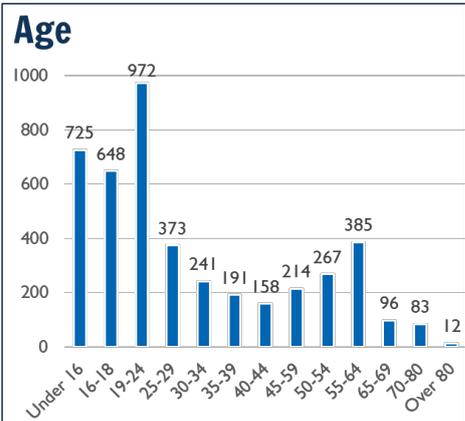
British Rowing sends out a monthly email to members with important updates, plus the latest news, info, events and happenings from the rowing community. If you don't receive this, log into your British Rowing membership account at <https://membership.britishrowing.org/>, click 'Contact Preferences' and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

# 4. Regional Membership Stats

January 2018	4414
January 2017	4365
% change y-o-y	1%
Actual change	49

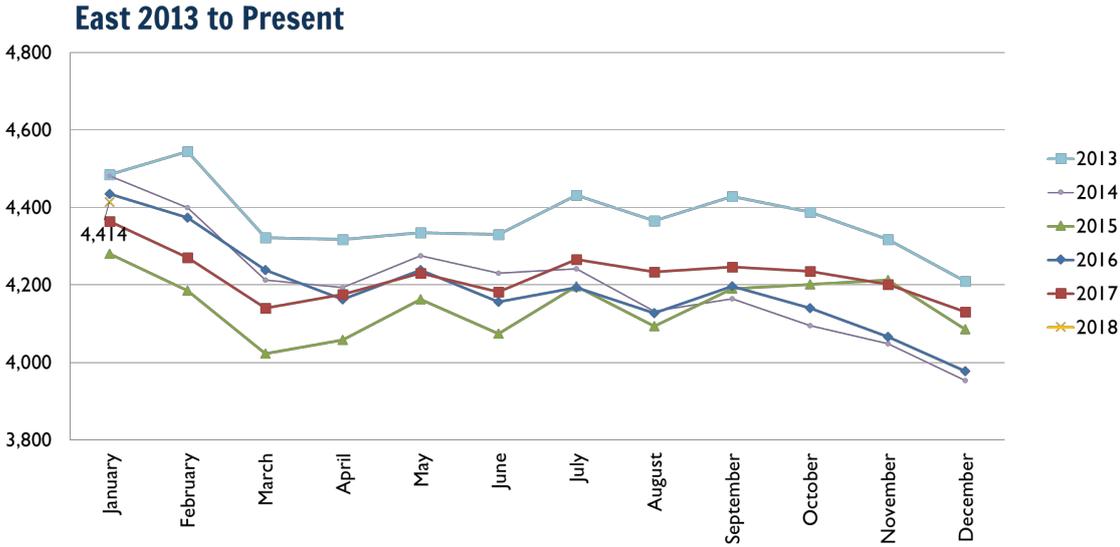
**Gender**

Male: 2440 (+102)  
 Female: 1974 (-53)



Type	Total	Change
Gold- J14	509	+45
Gold- J18	893	+9
Gold- Student	1082	-13
Reg.	1	-15
Silver	477	+12
Gold	1432	+10
Platinum	20	+1

# 4. Regional Membership stats



## 5. National Membership

### Total memberships

January 2018	32,258
January 2017	32,804
% change y-o-y	-1.7%
Actual change	-546

Membership decreased by 546 members in January year-on-year (-1.7%) but increased 1648 members compared to last month (+5.4%).

This is the fourth highest January in terms of total British Rowing memberships behind January 2017, 2014 and 2013.



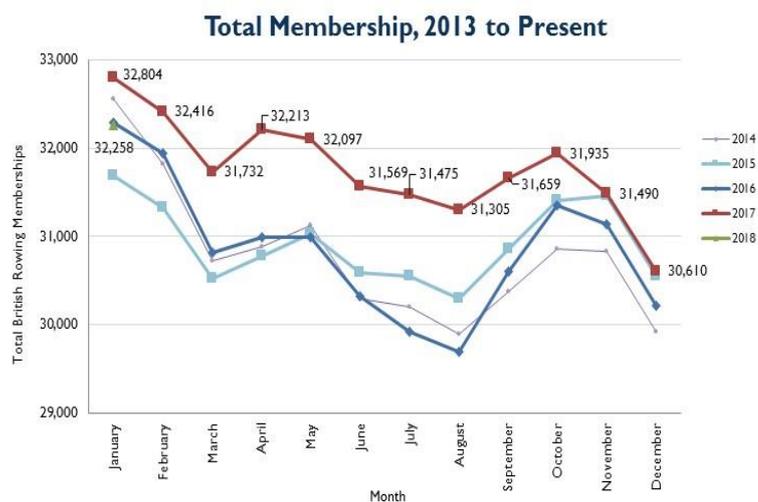
Total Memberships, rolling year



## Total memberships 2013 to present

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

Based on the membership data from 2016 and 2017 we should reach close to 32,000 members in February before we see a dip in total memberships in March.



## Membership by gender

In January 2018 the gender split was 44.3% female and 55.7% male British Rowing members. Female memberships decreased by 222 members compared to 324 male members.

The largest decrease in female memberships were Students (-91) and Gold-J14's (-78). Those are the two types of memberships which showed a strong increase in 2017. Platinum was the only membership type which increased in January 2018 (+3).

Male memberships saw a strong decrease mainly in Students (-179) and Gold-J18 (-127) memberships. However, Gold-J14 still showed an increase of 1% (+27).

### Membership by Gender and Age

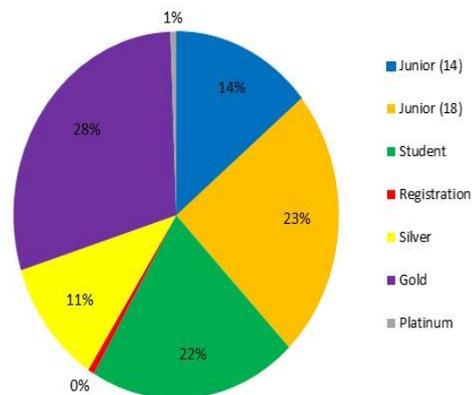


## Membership by type

Notable growth or decline year on year:

- Silver memberships showed the strongest increase in January y-o-y (+0.3%, +11)
- The only other increase in members was in Platinum memberships (+3%, +6)
- Student memberships decreased most y-o-y (-4%, -270) of which 91 were female and 179 male.
- Gold-J18 saw the second biggest decrease with a loss of 147 members y-o-y.
- Gold memberships decreased with 44 members (-0.5%)

Total Memberships by type



## 6. 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@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/>

### **BlueSpark Foundation**

A registered charity which supports the education and development of children and young people by providing grants for educational, cultural, sporting and other projects:

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

### **Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation**

The Foundation wish to assist young people attain their full potential and take their place within society as responsible citizens. They support youth activity centres, uniformed youth groups, and youth and sports clubs:

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/index.html>

### **Garfield Westons Foundation**

In its 60th anniversary year, the Foundation has a one-off fund to support local community Capital projects:

<https://garfieldweston.org/>