



BRITISHROWING

Regional Chair'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

British Rowing Junior Championships

We're delighted to share that this year's British Rowing Junior Championships at the National Watersports Centre in Nottingham looks set to be the biggest ever, with 1671 individual rowers and coxes racing, from 131 clubs. The dates are Friday, 19 to Sunday 21 July. If you're planning on attending, various members of British Rowing staff will also be there. Please head the British Rowing tent for a chat, or catch us on the towpath.

Summer racing survey

We would like your help with a survey that will form part of the wider consultation on the rowing calendar, being led by British Rowing's National Competitions Committee. The first part of the survey asks a range of questions that relate to the summer racing calendar more broadly, while the second part asks specific questions about the future date and format of the British Rowing Senior Championships. The survey is open until 5pm on Sunday, 21 July. Please encourage everyone in your region to share their views at <http://surveys.britishrowing.org/s3/Summerracing>

British Rowing Junior Conference

This year's British Rowing Junior Conference will be held on Sunday, 20 October in Luton. The theme of the conference is "creating and sustaining positive developmental environments for young rowers". We will share more details in due course, but please save the date in your diary if you're interested in attending.

Newly affiliated British Rowing clubs

We're delighted to welcome two newly affiliated clubs to British Rowing: Ebchester Boat Club and Juniper Boat Club.

The aim of Ebchester Boat Club (Northern Region, boat code EBC) is to promote community participation in healthy recreation, with particular attention to those who would not otherwise be able to participate. The club plans to encourage and extend membership to all, offer coaching and



competitive opportunities and to facilitate the training of instructors and coaches and the development of talent for skills after rowing. The Club will boat from Ebchester Boathouse in County Durham.

Juniper Boat Club (TL-5 Region, boat code JUN) is an alumni club for King's College and Guys, King's and St Thomas' Hospital. Their aim is to further the social and rowing life of members by providing facilities which may be used by members and to enter and compete in regattas and to accept invitation events. The Club will boat from Tideway Scullers School.

Thank you to all the clubs that have completed their annual affiliation to British Rowing, and to the Regional Chairs for their help and support throughout the process. The affiliation window has now closed, and any club that has not completed affiliation has been suspended from entering British Rowing affiliated competitions until the process is complete. More information on currently suspended clubs can be found [here](#).

Regatta London

[Regatta London](#) is taking place on Sunday 29 September 2019, through central London and is now open for entries via their website.

The Rowing course is called "The London crossing", is from Hammersmith to The Royal Naval College it will see Vlls tackle a magnificent 14-mile course, past all of London's most iconic landmarks. So if you missed out on going to the Head of the Charles and want to have a reason to keep training over the summer, take a look at their website for more details and documents attached.

Remember to 'Check, Clean, Dry' your boats

Now the summer racing 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' before putting boats on trailers to go to races, as well as on their return to clubs before going on the water. It's also especially important to follow this process thoroughly before and after taking boats abroad. The Non-Native Species Secretariat (NNSS) has lots of additional [info, advice and videos](#).



British Rowing Offshore Championships and ranking for World Rowing Coastal Championships

The British Rowing Offshore Championships returns to Sandbanks on Friday, 9 and Saturday, 10 August 2019, with the event providing an opportunity for crews to be ranked for the 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships. More info on the British Rowing Offshore Championships can be found [here](#), and the selection for the World Rowing Coastal Championships can be found [here](#) (towards the bottom of the page) and also attached.

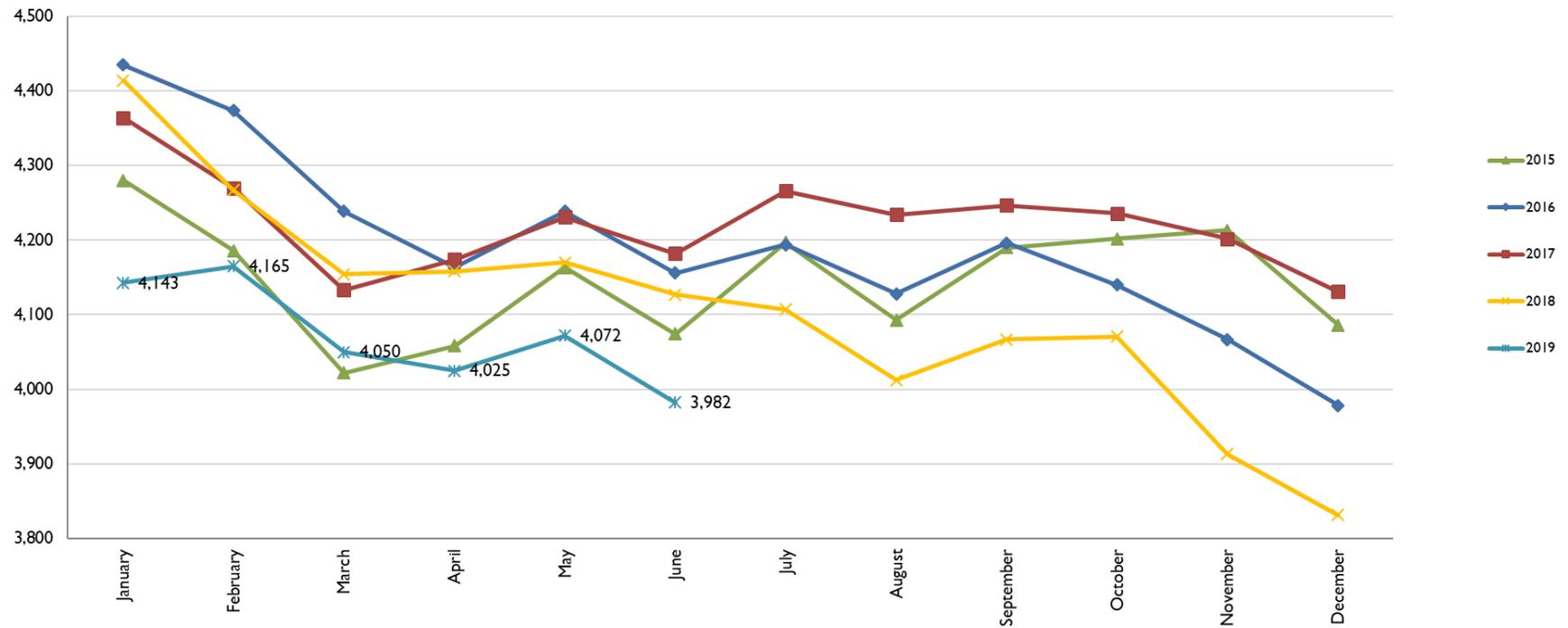
World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals

British Rowing will be sending a team to represent Great Britain at the first World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals which take place in Shenzhen, China between the 25-27 October 2019. FISA are developing this new format of racing as a potential future Olympic event. The British Rowing Beach Sprints Championships held in August will also act as a selection event for the World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals. More information can be found [here](#) (PDF file).



Regional Membership Data

East 2015 to Present



National Membership Data

June 2019

Total members 2014 to present

We have reached a record number of members for the month June with 31,497 individual members in 2019. It is very encouraging to see we are following the record 2017 trend in (in red).

In July the number of British Rowing members should be similar to June if we continue to follow the 2017 line. However, based on the trend lines from previous years we could expect a decrease between June and July of approximately 200 members.

Total Members, 2014 to present

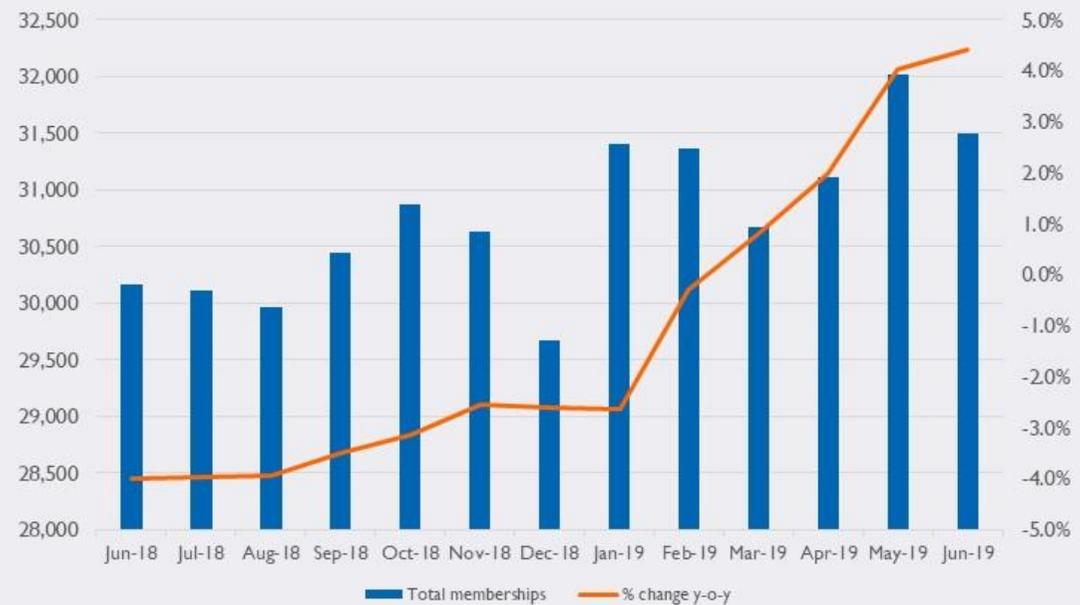


Total Members

June 2019	31,497
June 2018	30,166
% change y-o-y	+4.4%
Actual change	+1331

The graph shows that since January 2019 we are seeing a steady increase in members compared to the 2018 figures which is reflected in the percentage increase. June sees the highest percentage increase in membership year on year (+4.4%) when comparing it to the previous 12 month percentage increase.

Total Members, rolling year



Membership by type

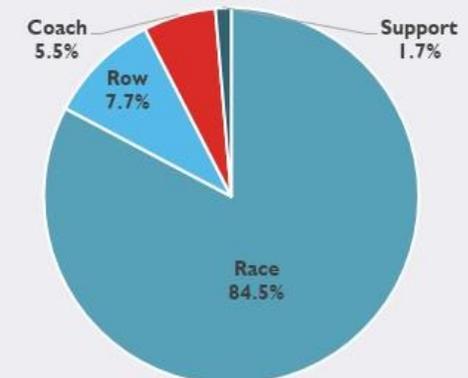
With the introduction of the new membership types in November we are now starting to see a shift especially in the take up of Race memberships (+1425 net increase with in comparison with all Gold memberships in June 2018) and Support membership (+116 between January and June 2019).

Coaching membership decreased in June compared to previous months (2125 Jan, 2080 Feb, 2020 Mar, 2027 Apr, 1981 May, 1856 June)

	Race (2019)	Gold (2018)	% change y-o-y	net change y-o-y
January	28033	27636	1.44%	397
February	28040	27601	1.59%	439
March	27356	27536	-0.65%	-180
April	28875	27450	5.19%	1425
May	29889	27348	9.29%	2541
June	28682	27272	5.17%	1410

Membership type	Number of memberships	
	*people can have more than one	
	June	%
Race	28,682	84.5%
Row	2619	7.7%
Coach	1860	5.5%
Support	591	1.7%
Lifetime members	192	0.6%
TOTAL	33,944	100%

Membership by type

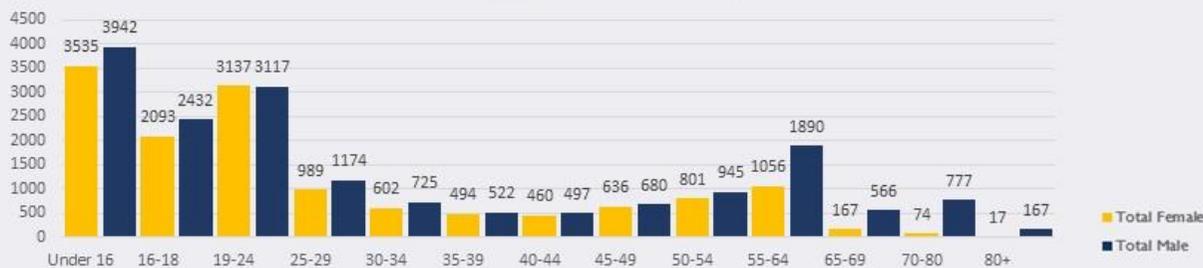


Membership by gender

In July the gender split remained 44.6% female and 55.4% male. May was the first month where the gender split moved from 44 to 45% female.

In terms of age we see the largest net increase in members in 55-64 year old females (+229 / 27.7%) and 19-24 year old males (+178 / 6.1%) compared to June 2018. A decrease was seen in both 25-29 year old female members (-28 / -2.8%) and 30-34 year old females (-30 / -4.7%) compared to June 2018.

Members by gender and age



Members by gender and type





Tell us #YourStories

A reminder that if you have any interesting stories you'd like to share with the rowing community, remember to let British Rowing know via our page [here](#). #YourStories is designed to celebrate, inform, educate and highlight opportunities within rowing – whether it's fundraising, club development activities, key milestones you'd like celebrating or dedicated volunteers you'd like to thank. Check out two great recent stories we helped promote: [Try Coastal Rowing](#) and [Rowing challenge for disadvantaged young people in Portsmouth](#).

Upcoming British Rowing Education & Training courses

Below is a list of all the courses and workshops by region that are still open for booking. If the course you want is not shown below you can always request a course via the British Rowing website [Requesting a Workshop](#) form.

Event Name	Event Location	Booking Dead Line	Start Date
Club Coach - Sliding Seat - Strathclyde Park	Scottish Rowing Centre	17/07/2019	17/08/2019
Club Coach - Sliding Seat, Berkshire	Maidenhead Rowing Club	05/08/2019	19/08/2019
Senior Club Coach, London	British Rowing HQ	05/08/2019	07/09/2019
Capsize and Recovery Workshop, Surrey	Imber Court Sports Club	25/08/2019	08/09/2019
Go Row Indoor Workshop for Fitness Professionals - London	Marshall Street Leisure Centre & Spa	06/09/2019	10/09/2019
Session Coach course, Manchester	Agecroft Rowing club	13/08/2019	14/09/2019
Go Row Indoor Workshop for Fitness Professionals - Manchester	Train Heald Green	10/09/2019	16/09/2019
Go Row Indoor Workshop for Fitness Professionals - University of Birmingham	University of Birmingham Sport & Fitness - Slater Hall	10/09/2019	19/09/2019
Club Coach - Sliding Seat, London	Hillingdon Outdoor Activity Centre	26/08/2019	22/09/2019
Session Coach, Isle of Wight	Ryde RC	29/08/2019	28/09/2019
Club Coach - Sliding Seat - Peterborough	Peterborough Rowing Club	28/08/2019	05/10/2019



Senior Club Coach - Induction Day, Durham	Durham University Sports Centre	15/09/2019	06/10/2019
Capsize and Recovery Workshop, Surrey	Imber Court Sports Club	22/09/2019	06/10/2019
Basic Rigging workshop, Cambridge	Jesus College Boat Club	22/09/2019	06/10/2019
Capsize and Recovery Workshop, Berkshire	Queen Anne's School, Caversham	13/10/2019	27/10/2019
Rowing Leader Award (16-18yrs), Northwich	Northwich RC	20/10/2019	31/10/2019

If you want to attend any of these courses please go to <https://www.britishrowing.org/rowing-activity-finder/calendar/?type=courses> and sign up.

2. Upcoming Events

Dates for your diary! Here are the dates of the British Rowing national championships being held in 2019

- British Rowing Junior Championships – 19/21 July, National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham
- British Rowing Offshore Championships – 9-10 August, Sandbanks, Poole
- British Rowing Beach Sprints – 11 August, Sandbanks, Poole
- Mizuno British Rowing Indoor Championships – (date and venue TBC)

3. Latest News

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

- [Have your say on the rowing calendar](#)
- [GB Rowing Team squad update for World Rowing Cup II](#)



- [Applications open to host 2019 University Indoor Rowing Series](#)
- [Diploma in Sporting Excellence programme applications open now](#)
- [Entries open to the British Rowing Offshore Championships and Beach Sprints Championships](#)

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](#).



4. 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

British Rowing Community Support Team: clubsupport@britishrowing.org



5. 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 (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>

Tesco Bags of Help Grant

Bags of Help is Tesco's local community grant scheme where the money raised by the carrier bag charge in Tesco stores is being used to fund thousands of community projects across the UK. The projects must meet the criteria of bringing benefits to the community.

Bags of Help is administered by Groundwork who is working with Greenspace Scotland to support successful projects in Scotland.

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/boh-grant-for-project-tes>

Sport Capital Fund

Sporting Capital is the first social investment fund in England that focuses specifically on organisations and projects that help to develop communities through sport and physical activity. They have a £3m Fund that provides loan funding of between £50,000 and £150,000 to eligible organisations.

See their web site www.sportingcapital.org.uk for more details.