

September Meeting

Fundraising: Voluntary extra sessions donations of £1 per row will be gratefully received. We all want people to get out on the water as much as possible, but a few more pennies coming in to help with additional wear and tear would be useful. Please give any donations to session organiser

Membership: With the work that goes into organising intro-sessions we explored the idea of paying a small fee. Amount to be determined.

Events: Intra club race day and Topsham social row coming up. EOS social planning well under way. Ian Boyd headlining with EGC shanty singers (all club members!) as a supporting act (Lyrics available upon request). World Pilot Gig Championships thread to be started for members to register interest.

2018 Regatta: Will be invite only. Committee to test course.

Training and racing: Push to train up more coxes and will draft an advert for the club aimed specifically at competitive sports people.

October Meeting

Fundraising: Currently behind on our target but fundraising sub-committee now established to help. Ideas include quiz night, post-rowing Sunday roast and auction of promises. Also lots of EOS social tickets sold so anticipating a sizeable profit. Thanks to all involved in organising.

Membership: Introductory sessions will now cost £5 per row, or £10 for three. We have lots of enquiries and it's a considerable amount of work to run. Because of this we feel it is appropriate to charge to ensure the club are getting something back even in the event new rowers decide not to join. We also anticipate fewer no-shows if some money has changed hands!

Health and safety: Recent incidents were discussed and steps have been taken to reduce risks in future. More will be included in the next newsletter but please remember to listen to your cox at all times and exercise best practice when entering and exiting the gig.

Events: Topsham row and intra-club race day both successful. In the past month we also had our first juniors session. We'll be looking to get more juniors in the boat in the coming months. More social events discussed including some around Christmas, keep an eye out for correspondence in the near future.

2018 Regatta: We have started to plan the basics including the race course, catering and facilities for visiting clubs to stay overnight. Please get in touch if you have any ideas. As we've said before we'll need lots of help as we prepare for our first event, and on the day itself, so keep an eye on the message board for requests for volunteers.

Training and racing: Lots of new coxes have been getting involved over the last month. This will continue and we hope to sign off at least three new coxes before next season to help with regular club sessions – more would be better! If anyone else is interested in giving it a try let us know by including a message when you book onto club rowing.

IOS: The World Pilot Gig Championships will be here before we know it so we will soon have a dedicated meeting to discuss details of crew selection and how we can facilitate regular training for everybody who wants it. More on this in the coming months, but please add your name to the message board thread if you haven't already.

In other news...

Peter Stobart is officially named club bosun! Thanks to Pete for all the hard work he has done to date.