

Committee highlights – November 2017

Fundraising and events: The end of season social resulted in more than £700 profit for the club. Many thanks to everyone who supported and helped organise the event.

Christmas Quiz night will be on Friday 15th December, we hope to see lots of you there to work those brain cells before killing them off over the festive season. We also mooted a few other pre-Christmas events around our regular sessions at the weekend so keep an eye on the message board.

Membership: With all the work that goes into organising introductory rowing sessions and the sheer volume of applications we have to deal with, we will be implementing 'learn to row' fees from 1st January 2018. The charge will be £5 per row or £10 for three rows (paid in advance). There will be no charge for juniors.

Health and safety: Many of you will have experienced some challenging rows over the last month or so. As you are all aware tidal conditions around our launch site are changeable and potentially vicious so please remember to pay attention to coxes instructions at all times – and pull solid water when asked. Apologies if a session is shortened or cancelled due to adverse tidal or weather conditions. Coxes never like to deprive a crew of a row but safety comes first.

'Man overboard' training is being organised for some time in the next couple of months and we would encourage all members to sign up. Date and time to be confirmed.

Coxswains: Another coxswains theory session is being planned for December. It's essential if you want to be a cox but we'd all benefit from more knowledge of boatmanship and rules of the water so please sign up if you can.

We will soon devise a set of exercises that the trainee coxes have to complete before being signed off to cox a crew unsupervised (a cox 'driving test' if you will). It will likely span more than one rowing session as we will need to check competence in varying tidal conditions. Trainee coxes: feel free to take the lead on when you would like to do this.

Scilly: We've had a good uptake so far, definitely enough to justify two boats so both Shelly and Rodney will be making the trip. There will be a £15 entry fee for all club members attending to cover boat travel costs.

Exmouth Gig Club Regatta, 9th June 2018: We will soon be putting out a call to all members asking what jobs you would be happy to do on the day and if you have access to any equipment / facilities that we could make use of. Please respond as soon as you can when the call goes out.