



June 2020 Update

Letter from the chairman

Hi everyone,

I hope you are keeping well and apologies for the lack of communication of late. Now that the lockdown is easing we can meet friends and family albeit at a distance. Despite being excited by this and still hopes of a possible return to rowing this year, nothing from CPGA or British Rowing have given any indication of how and when this might be possible.

Going forward the Club will have to complete a thorough risk assessment and agree standard operating procedures prior to any activities resuming. We have a duty of care to all to ensure that when we resume any activities, it is safe for all our members to participate.

We will continue to review the position and follow the advice of Government and our governing body and update you when the information changes. We want to be ready, so are preparing now for the 'new' normal. Whatever that is, it will require all members to help implement necessary changes and observe measures for distancing, cleaning etc.

Stay safe and kind regards,

Jay Lambe



News from the Bosun

Dave Lomas

- The boats are being inspected regularly, with salt water buckets and towels laid in to maintain moisture.
- Last week the boats in the yard were moved to facilitate Kier finishing off repair works along the fence.
- The seats of all our boats have been removed and dried. In the process it was noted that a number of seat pads and cushions are in poor repair with broken zips and clasps and tear/rips in the covers. The costs of this and also

a replacement boat cover are being investigated and indications so far are £1200 for the cover with each seat cover/pads coming in at about £40.

- We also need to upgrade at least 3 of the lifejackets which are all small sizes, and to be fair most of the Club are of standard proportions!

Exmouth Regatta

In light of the current situation and the continuing uncertainties that exist for us all and the sport as a whole we have decided that it will not be possible to hold our Regatta this year. We will of course look to host one next year.



Our recent quiz night went well, and Tanya did an excellent job as quizmaster. Congratulations to **Angela Crowell** who won. As a 'reward' she will be hosting the next quiz on **Saturday 21st June**. Please keep an eye on the **website/Facebook** for details.

The Club has received thanks for its donations to the Exmouth Food Bank. If you are in a position to do so and would like to continue with donations please let **Anna Wilson** know, who did a great job organising this.

If you have logged on to the club website recently you will have seen a new virtual challenge, **Jurassic Coast and Beyond**. Please take a look, sign up and log all your kms. We will think about prizes for most distance and unusual route or mode.

The Government have promoted funding for sport, recognising the many benefits sport can provide. CPGA support this initiative and have urged clubs to submit bids for funding. The Committee are completing an application for funding to assist with boat maintenance, upgrading of equipment in order to have sufficient funds to secure a Clubhouse.

The Committee are at the early stages of exploring a site share with the Sea Scouts. Whilst not ideal it would offer a base for meetings, training and somewhere to store the boats and kit. Negotiations have stalled due to Covid 19 but it is hoped to resume shortly.

As recent easing of restrictions allows up to 6 people from different households to meet and exercise together in an outside environment, Nicky has negotiated group rates for bespoke PT training with Corin Bryant in the park/beach. Details will be on the Notice Board in due course.

For all group activity social distancing and cleaning regimes would need to be observed.

We are planning to run a regular Club chat, via Zoom probably. We are aware a number of you already keep in touch with each other this way and we felt this perhaps could be expanded to the Club as a whole. We felt we could have topics of interest or just general chat. Again details will be on the Notice Board.

We are sure you have all missed rowing, especially given the fantastic weather we have had, but it is recognised that lockdown easing does now give more opportunity to meet up. We want to maintain the Club ethos of friendship and inclusiveness so we are considering group cycle rides, sea swims, walks and in-club team challenges. Its not the same as rowing or racing, but at least we can talk about rowing!

Keep an eye on the Notice Board.

All ideas for other challenges and events welcome.

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