



River Dart Rowing Club Newsletter



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News from the Bosun ...

Nancy Tarran - is currently being used for regular rows and enjoyed a spruce up by our July Working Party.

Amie - has had her refurb and is looking very smart indeed. She is back on the water being enjoyed on our regular, scheduled rows.

Morwenna - has not only had the work done on her hull but had a bit of a spruce up too! She is currently on Coronation Park and is looking forward to race season!

Dart - is currently out of the water after an incident in the boat float where she got caught on the rope. She now needs a little repair to her hull to get her back to tip top condition.

Fly - remains in the boat house drying out before her refurb.

EXM21 - our coastal 4 person rowing boat now has her cover thanks to Gabriel Sails and has enjoyed trips out to sea as crews become more competent.

Hands-Off - another gift from Exmouth Rowing Club, is our coastal 2 person rowing boat and has given us the opportunity to grow our coastal section.



Chairman Chat ...

Hi Everyone,

What a wonderfully busy and successful year it has been so far for our club. We have had the absolute pleasure of welcoming a fantastic cohort of new members into our ranks. Our overall membership numbers continue to rise steadily, showing just how vibrant our community has become.

Our scheduled rows remain as popular as ever and we have enjoyed some spectacular social events with the 'Pizza Row' and the Skittles Evening.

Behind the scenes our committee has been working away to ensure things run smoothly. Significant effort has gone into managing club logistics, including: coordinating the complex removal and disposal of our old pontoon, sorting, updating, and managing our club merchandise, and organising and structuring our race crews for the competitive season ahead.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to every committee member who gives up their spare time to keep our club moving forward so smoothly.

Finally, I am incredibly proud to highlight our club's participation in The Great GOSH Row 2026. Ten dedicated rowers from our club took to the water for this brilliant event and raised thousands of pounds to help build the state-of-the-art new Children's Cancer Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Looking ahead, I want to wish the very best of luck to all of our club representatives who will be competing at the upcoming Dartmouth Royal Regatta 2026. Let's row hard, support one another, and show the town what our growing club can do!

I wish you all a safe, sunny, and thoroughly enjoyable remaining summer on the river.

Best wishes, Noel



Ship Shape

COMMITTEE NEWS AND UPDATES

OUR NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

As our club gets bigger, we want to make sure we keep the exact same supportive, fun, and safe environment that make us all love being in this club in the first place. To help us do that, we've put together a short and sweet Club Code of Conduct.

Please think of this less as a book of strict rules, and more as a shared agreement on how we look after each other, our gear, and our community.

There is also some information on what happens if any member is not following our code. All this can be found on our website in the very near future.

OTHER NEW ITEMS SHORTLY TO BE PUBLISHED ON OUR WEBSITE ARE:

A new Joining procedure -

We are proud of the vibrant, uplifting atmosphere we've built together on and off the water. At RDRC our incredible community spirit is what makes us special. To keep our club welcoming and vibrant, we've updated our joining procedures for new members. This will help ensure every new member aligns with our core values, brings positive energy, and actively contributes to our amazing team ethos.

Our Safe Crew Procedure -

These give positive guidelines to ensure that all crews are balanced and that every outing is smooth, safe, and enjoyable.

GDPR Policy and Privacy Statement -

A GDPR policy isn't just paperwork—it's how we protect your personal info, medical notes, and emergency contacts.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS / IDEAS / FEEDBACK ABOUT THE CLUB PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OR EMAIL THE SECRETARY AT:

riverdartrowingclub@gmail.com

Coxes Corner

Be Regatta Ready!

- Please check your Regatta '26 race crews.
- Practice slots are available. Please book times on a 'book a boat' page on the RDRC website.
- Please avoid scheduled rowing times.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Coastal rowing? Wearing a life jacket is essential kit when rowing our coastal boats beyond the castles. Click on the image for the link to the Palm Glide.



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CLUB NEWS ROUNDUP

PIZZA ROW

On the 9th May, 3 seine boats full headed up river, in the sunshine, to The Creek at Galmpton.

The beautiful weather made for the perfect row, with plenty of laughter and fun too.

After tucking into some delicious pizza, crews sought further refreshment at the FBI on the way home - a perfect way to wrap up a brilliant social outing. So successful an event that club members are already asking for another trip!



COASTAL ROWING TRAINING DAY

Five of our members headed off to Exmouth Rowing Club for a days training with Peter Haining. Peter is a three-time World Lightweight Sculling Champion who now shares his expertise with the coastal rowing community.



The day consisted of a row to a local beach and back followed by a short erg session at the club to look at power application, before a final row out in the afternoon to put all that was learnt into practice.

Exmouth Rowing Club were as welcoming as ever and Peter himself gave lots of tips and advice that our whole coastal rowing section will be able to benefit from.



THE GREAT GOSH ROW

On the 2nd July some of our rowers took part in the Great GOSH Row, raising funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Our "Oars for Cures" crew came first in the race and also became the second-highest fundraising team in the entire event, raising £7,243.

The top fundraising spot was claimed by the GOSH staff crew. This team was led by Margaret, also a member of the Club and the CFO of GOSH - a real joint success for our community.

Together, the two connected teams raised a total of £14,782!

The vital funds raised will go directly toward building a new children's Cancer Centre due to open in 2029.

The Crew were as proud to represent the club as we were of them and sent "A special thank you to everyone who donated, shared our page, and cheered us on. Together, we have made a real difference."



BOAT CLEANING BONANZA

Saturday 25th July saw the tide and weather right for a club boat cleaning session. Amie, Nancy Tarran and Dart make their way up to the top of Waterhead Creek to hauled up onto the green for some much needed TLC.

Members of the club washed, wiped and polished each boat until it gleamed in the sunshine.

It was great to see so many people give a couple of hours of their valuable time to this essential maintenance of our boats so that all may continue to enjoy them on the water.



THANK
YOU



UP AND COMING EVENTS

**AUG
25**

**DARTMOUTH REGATTA -
SEINE BOAT RACING**

**AUG
26**

**DARTMOUTH REGATTA -
DRAGON BOAT RACING**

**AUG
29**

**DARTMOUTH REGATTA -
COASTAL ROWING**

**SEPT
12**

**GREAT RIVER RACE -
LONDON**

**OCT
TBC**

**HEAD OF THE DART -
TOTNES TO DARTMOUTH**

**NOV
12**

**RDRC AGM -
VENUE TBC**

See you there!

Club Merchandise

It's great to see so many members wearing our club merchandise.

If you still haven't ordered yours, or you'd like to add to your RDRC wardrobe, please click below and visit:



Your Committee:

President - Steve Ainsworth

Chair person - Noel Cornforth

Secretary - Andrea Cates

Treasurer - Chris Carmichael

Events - Kerry Rushton and Sue Merotra

Bosuns - Simon Rushton and Steve Redmond

Health and Safety - Allan Scoble

Website / Social Media - Tor Allan

