

NEWSLETTER

June 2008



Herne Bay Amateur Rowing Club

Brighton & Hove Regatta

Following on from the good results of the Viking Shield Regatta at Herne Bay and then the cancellation of Shoreham 2 weeks ago, the season proper finally kicked off at Hove. After leaving Herne Bay shrouded in cloud and drizzle it was encouraging to arrive on a South Coast bathed in sunshine. To start with, a northerly wind meant a flat sea, but by the end of the day's racing this had swung round to the south making for more challenging conditions for the later events.

Men's Senior Pairs saw the closest race of the day, with Andy Cooper and Ashley Epps missing out by a quarter of a canvas (official verdict) to Bexhill. Ryan Hosking and Mark Symonds came fourth.

Both pairs combined and, coxed by Sam Epps, competed in the eventful Men's Senior Fours race, however the outcome was disappointing for Herne Bay. Firstly the hastily assembled B crew (John Cox, Paul Monroe, Stuart Webb and Mark Davies, coxed by George Holness) managed to collide with both our A crew and Folkestone within the first 20 strokes – this was at the end of the day and the sea was fairly bouncy by then. The A crew recovered and were looking good until they were taken out by Bexhill and lost their rudder on the turn, leading to the race being red flagged. At the restart the starter opted to avoid start line collisions by starting the race while the outside crews (including both Herne Bay crews) were still four lengths short of the start line, unable to hear anything the starter said due to a coastguard helicopter practising nearby. Again Herne Bay A were involved in a collision at the turns but the race went on as they had not yet fully regained the four length deficit from the start. The B crew avoided collisions but suffered compromised flotation issues at the turn due to a faulty bailer and had to head for the shore to empty the boat. Luckily George had practiced his swimming in similar circumstances during training the previous week. Despite this we managed to accumulate enough senior points to take second place in the Senior aggregate.



Stormy seas cause problems at Brighton & Hove

The Ladies Senior Four (Liz Taylor, Nicky Towner, Amanda Monroe and Sue Cox) came third – the same position as their last race in the Viking Shield Regatta but they were closer to the two crews ahead than the following pack and may get closer still as the season progresses.

Congratulations to the Ladies Novice crew for their second place in the Novice race. They went on to take fourth in the Junior race.

In Junior Senior Fours there were only three entries, two of them from Herne Bay, but disappointingly victory went to Dover. Congrats however to the Herne Bay B crew (comprising our Junior 'A' crew Jamie Ross-Cumming, Simon Mount, Alex Farrant and Will Mihr) for beating Herne Bay A (aka the veteran crew with Trevor Brown, Mark Davies, Bob Shilling and Harry Roberts) with a combined age double their own. The Junior crew came third in their Junior Fours race, while the vets (last year's CARA runners up – Harry, Mark, Stuart and Trevor, coxed by Sam) came fourth in their own event.

Jamie Ross-Cumming and Will Mihr made a strong start in Junior Pairs (despite going for a swim just before the start line). They were leading up to the turns but fell back a few places by the line to finish third.

The next events are in two weeks' time: we are off to Eastbourne and Bexhill for a double weekend.

A big thank you

Two hundred and seventy-five walkers took part in this year's Twilight stroll, raising over £8,000 for the breast cancer charity Walk the Walk. Debby and Nadia would like to thank all of the club members who helped out on the day as marshals (particularly Sam and Phoebe who helped with the marshalling at the last minute, then hot footed it back to the club to help give out medals) and running the BBQ and bar at the club (particularly Jane and Ian).

A load of rubbish

New recycling bins have been installed at the club. Normal waste and recycling (glass and card/paper) will now be collected separately. Please ensure that you put any rubbish in the correct bins as we will be fined for any waste that is 'contaminated'. Behind the bar there are special bins for paper and glass; any normal rubbish should go in the flip-top bin as before.



Waltrop visit

After a taste of success at Eastbourne and Shoreham last year, rowers from Waltrop will be coming over again this year to take part in a CARA regatta. This year they will join us at Deal on 2nd August- has anyone told them they will have to do two turns?

We will be organising some sort of social event over that weekend but details have yet to be confirmed. Keep an eye out in the July newsletter for more details.

And let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather!

Herne Bay United

On Friday 4th July Herne Bay United have hired the club for their presentation evening. Club members are welcome to attend, but be warned the presentation is longer than Harry's dinner dance speech!

June events

- Sat 14th – Race night
- Sat 21st – Eastbourne Regatta
- Sun 22nd – Bexhill Regatta
- Sat 28th – Folkestone Regatta

July events

- Fri 4th – Herne Bay United presentation evening
- Sat 5th – Worthing Regatta
- Sat 12th – Southsea Regatta
- Sat 19th – Hastings Regatta
- Sun 20th – Herne Bay Regatta**

August events

- Sat 2nd – Deal Regatta and Waltrop visit
- Sun 3rd – J16 & Ladies Regatta at Dover
- Sun 9th – Dover Regatta