

## CLUB MANAGEMENT

### **Club Treasurers – Please help British Rowing and the SRA save you money**

British Rowing is working closely with the Sport and Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR) on its survey assessing the financial health of sports clubs in the UK. The information gained from the survey supports the lobbying work of the Sport and Recreation Alliance which aims to improve the lot for grassroots sport. It will also help us to understand your needs through (for example) informing us about changes in membership levels and the challenges you're facing over the next couple of years.

**Why Complete the Survey?** To help us to fight your corner as much real information as possible is needed. The answers you give will feed into campaigning for reduced rates of VAT for sports clubs, lower utility rates, alcohol licensing costs, music licensing costs, drainage charges, Gift Aid, improvements to the CASC scheme, access to facilities and other important issues for clubs.

We want the 2011 survey to provide us and the Sport and Recreation Alliance with facts and figures that will make politicians listen. The more clubs that complete the survey, the louder our voice will be. As a thank you, your completed survey will be entered into a draw to win one of a number of prizes including a session for your club with an expert who will advise on reducing your bills and provide money-saving tips, and two tickets to the Wimbledon Championships.

To take part please go to the link below. It will help if you have your club accounts to hand (all the information you give will be completely confidential). You may need to ask other members for information about the club - you can save your responses and come back to the survey later if you need to. <http://www.sportswise.info/surveys/sportalliance/srasurvey.htm>

If you have any questions or need any further information please get in touch with Nicky Talbot at Sportswise on [nicky@sportswise.info](mailto:nicky@sportswise.info) or 01603 283 592. Thank you for helping us to make things better for all our clubs!

### **Club Welfare Officers**

A separate notice is included from the Child Protection Officer for your Club Welfare Officer. This is an update on the current situation regarding the government's Vetting & Barring Scheme. Please also note that the CRB has advised that from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011, the fee for an Enhanced CRB check for individuals in paid (non-volunteer) roles will be £44.00. CRB checks for volunteers continue to be free of charge.

### **Club Secretaries - Online Club Management System**

British Rowing is developing an online Club Management System for use by our clubs and we hope that you and your committee will find this helpful. This will include a number of new features that will allow you to update your club's committee details, your list of British Rowing registered members and track payments such as Affiliation and Boat Licensing. Once the new system is up and running the Club Mailing will come to you by a dedicated e-newsletter 'The Club Stream', which will allow you to circulate information more efficiently to your committee members and thus reduce paperwork. Watch this space!

### **Tickets for London 2012**

Make sure that you don't miss the deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 for applying for tickets to see the Olympic Regatta. More information is available from [www.tickets.london2012.com](http://www.tickets.london2012.com) or from [www.britishrowing.org/news/london-2012-olympic-games-tickets-sale](http://www.britishrowing.org/news/london-2012-olympic-games-tickets-sale) which we will keep updated with any additional information we receive from LOCOG.

### **Volunteer of the Year Awards (incorporating Coach of the Year)**

Nominations will open soon for the annual awards for coaches, club officers, umpires, race officials, secretaries, fund-raisers, safety officers, helpers and boatmen who all contribute so much of their time and expertise to running our rowing clubs. Please don't overlook this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of someone special at your Club. Nominations can be made online at [www.britishrowing.org](http://www.britishrowing.org) from the beginning of May. An awards ceremony for the overall winners will be held in October.

### **Explore Rowing & Club Development**

Has your club considered joining British Rowing's Explore Rowing programme? At a workshop in February for clubs' Explore Rowing Co-ordinators figures showed significant increases in membership for the clubs in the programme. In addition to those receiving funding packages many clubs are also becoming accredited to Explore Rowing and enjoying the benefits of the resources and marketing packages available to accredited clubs. Richard Stock, Programme Manager, and Anne Richardson, Development Officer would be pleased to hear from you if you'd like to talk about the programme. E: [Richard.stock@britishrowing.org](mailto:Richard.stock@britishrowing.org) or [anne.richardson@britishrowing.org](mailto:anne.richardson@britishrowing.org) Further details and fact sheets are available from [www.explorerowing.org/about-explore-rowing](http://www.explorerowing.org/about-explore-rowing).

### **Invasive Aquatic Species 'Killer Shrimp'** (Dikerogammarus Villosus)

With the increase in travel by water users for boating activities, British Rowing has been advised that various Invasive Aquatic Species are being transmitted from country to country. These species cause damage to native plants, animals and fish. British Rowing is working with DEFRA to promote good practice and further information on the species and how you can help to prevent its spread will be available from the British Rowing website at the beginning of April.

### **British Rowing Almanack 2011**

All rowing clubs and events receive a copy of the British Rowing Almanack as part of their affiliation. The 2011 edition is now available from HQ – it is a really useful resource that pulls together the year's results, club records, photos, policy information and contact details for staff, clubs and events, as well as a colour section with all the club blades. Details about how to order additional copies are at [www.britishrowing.org/almanack](http://www.britishrowing.org/almanack). The Editor is Maggie Phillips and her email is [maggie.phillips@britishrowing.org](mailto:maggie.phillips@britishrowing.org)

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