



BRITISHROWING

British Rowing Awards

2021 Award Criteria

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Anyone can nominate a person, crew, club or project for an award. Click on the award name for further info, the awards criteria, and details of how to nominate. You have until midnight on Monday 18th October 2021 to get your nominations in, so don't delay!

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Two additional awards are decided by British Rowing's Junior Rowing and Rowing Safety Committees. These are The Beryl Crockford Award for outstanding contribution to junior rowing, and the National Safety Award, respectively.

The panel awarding the British Rowing Medal of Merit may take the decision for any exceptional nominations to be put forward for the Medal of Honour. It is awarded for Outstanding Service to Rowing and is not presented lightly. Some of the former recipients are; Sir Steve Redgrave, John Garton, Mike Sweeney, Bill Mitchell, Eric Halliday and Jurgen Grobler.

Not sure which category your nominee fits best in? Drop us an email at awards@britishrowing.org and we'll work it out together.

NOMINATE

Volunteer of the Year

This award is for volunteers of every kind that have contributed significantly to the sport, for the benefit of the wider rowing community, during April 2020 to September 2021.

The criteria for this award are intentionally broad, to include as wide a potential group of nominees as possible.

- As guidance, we anticipate that nominees will be individuals who have contributed significant time and effort to a community club, school or university, or another organisation or project connected to rowing, or to their Regional Rowing Council, or to a local or national competition, during April 2020 to September 2021.
- Nominees could be a visible leader, but equally they can also be an unsung hero. They may have delivered a project or an outcome, or have been exceptionally dedicated in a behind-the-scenes role. They will have been a positive influence on their rowing peers, and should demonstrate a strong alignment with the core values of their club and of British Rowing.
- Nominees should be unpaid volunteers who are current members of British Rowing.
- Regional winners for this category from all ten British Rowing Regions will be selected by our Regional Chairs. These winners will form a shortlist, from which a national winner will be selected by our Awards Panel. All Regional winners will be invited to join us at the British Rowing Awards, where the National Volunteer of the Year winner will be announced.
- To nominate, please fill in the form via the button above, letting us know who you're nominating and why. To help our Regional Chairs and Awards Panel assess all nominations please ensure your supporting text is no more than 2500 characters.

Rising Star of the Year

This award is for exceptional young volunteers that have contributed significantly to the sport, for the benefit of the rowing community, during April 2020 to September 2021. Nominees should be 25 or under by 18th October 2021 (although nominees that fall slightly outside of this age group may be accepted at British Rowing's discretion.)

- These young people could have been involved at a club, school or university, or another organisation or project connected to rowing, including local and national competitions.
- Although they may currently be rowing or coxing, the Rising Star award is mainly for individuals that have helped others in a rowing context through their actions. The award is both for their existing contribution, and the future potential that you see in them.
- This award is for unpaid volunteers only who are current members of British Rowing.
- Regional winners for this category from all ten British Rowing Regions will be selected by our Regional Chairs. These winners will form a shortlist, from which a national winner will be selected by our Awards Panel. All Regional winners will be invited to join us at the

British Rowing Awards, where the National Rising Star of the Year winner will be announced.

- To nominate, please fill in the form via the button above, letting us know who you're nominating and why. To help our Regional Chairs and Awards Panel assess all nominations please ensure your supporting text is no more than 2500 characters.

Affiliated Club of the Year

This award is an open category for clubs that are currently affiliated to British Rowing. The criteria for this award are intentionally broad, to include as wide a potential group of clubs as possible.

The British Rowing Affiliated Club of the Year will be forward-thinking and well-run, with a thriving membership base of any size.

- We particularly encourage nominations from clubs that reflect the British Rowing value of being 'Open to all', and can cite examples in their nomination of how they demonstrate this through their club activities, through links to their local community, or through other means.
- Anyone can nominate an affiliated club for this award, and a club can nominate itself.
- From the list of nominated clubs, a shortlist of five will be chosen by our Awards Panel, with one club selected and announced as Club of the Year at our gala dinner in November 2021. To help our Panel assess all no more than 2500 characters.

Rowing Project of the Year

This is an open category for projects related to rowing, either indoor or outdoor, that have delivered a significant positive outcome during April 2020 to September 2021.

The winner of the British Rowing Project of the Year award may have used an innovative approach to engage their local community, or to improve the inclusivity of specific target groups, or to improve their environment on or off the water. It may have achieved a milestone linked to fundraising, wellbeing, environmental or social outcomes.

- The project can be linked to a club, school or university, or linked to a charity, or could be a standalone project. It can be the focus of a single person, or a whole team. Quite simply, if you know of a successful rowing project that is worthy of national recognition, we would like to hear about it.
- Anyone can nominate a project for this award, and projects can nominate themselves.
- From the list of nominated projects, a shortlist of five will be chosen by our Awards Panel, with one project selected and announced as Club of the Year at our gala dinner in November 2021. To help our Panel assess all nominations, please ensure your supporting text is no more than 2500 characters.

Junior or School Crew of the Year

This award is for school and junior club crews with outstanding achievements in the 2020 & 2021 calendar year, or over the course of the 2020/2021 season.

- Crews can be nominated for their achievements over a successful year of racing, however, we also encourage nominations for crews with notable achievements of other kinds, eg. crews that have faced and overcome adversity, have achieved beyond their expectations, etc.
- Any level of crew can be nominated, from beginners upwards. To qualify for this award, crews must have been based in J18 age groups or under at the time of their achievements (ie. they can be of any junior age). They must also be, or have been, based at a British Rowing affiliated school or club.
- From the list of nominations, a shortlist of five crews will be chosen by our Awards Panel, with one crew selected and announced as School or Junior Crew of the Year at our gala dinner in November 2021.
- To help our Panel assess all nominations, please ensure your supporting text is no more than 2500 characters.

University Crew of the Year

This award is for university crews with outstanding achievements between April 2020 to September 2021.

- Crews can be nominated for their achievements over a successful year of racing, however, we also encourage nominations for crews with notable achievements of other kinds, eg. crews that have faced and overcome adversity, have achieved beyond their expectations, etc.
- Any level of university crew can be nominated, from beginners upwards. To qualify for this award, crews must be, or have been, based at a British Rowing affiliated university.
- From the list of nominations, a shortlist of five university crews will be chosen by our Awards Panel, with one crew selected and announced as University Crew of the Year at our gala dinner in November 2021.
- To help our Panel assess all nominations, please ensure your supporting text no more than 2500 characters.

Club Crew of the Year

This award is for adult club crews with outstanding achievements in in the 2020/2021 calendar year, or over the course of April 2020 to September 2021 (for junior club crews, please see the School or Junior Crew of the Year category).

- Club crews can be nominated for their achievements over a successful year of racing, however we also encourage nominations for crews with notable achievements of other

kinds, e.g. crews that have faced and overcome adversity, have achieved beyond their expectations, etc.

- Any level of adult crew can be nominated, from beginners upwards, and any category, eg. Masters, adaptive, etc. To qualify for this award, crews must be, or have been, based at a British Rowing affiliated club.
- From the list of nominations, a shortlist of five club crews will be chosen by our Awards Panel, with one crew selected and announced as Club Crew of the Year at our gala dinner in November 2021.
- To help our Panel assess all nominations, please ensure your supporting text is no more than 2500 characters.

Coach of the Year

There are five categories of awards in the overall Coach of the Year categories, based on the type of activity the coach, or coaches, are involved in. These are:

- Club Performance
- Club Development
- Education Performance
- Education Development
- Coaching Team

Coach of the Year Award – Club Performance

- This award will be awarded to the coach who has made a significant impact on the performance of either an individual or a group of athletes involved in higher level club performance.
- This could include coaching juniors, seniors, adaptive rowers or masters at higher level competitions, such as The British Rowing Championships, The National Schools' Regatta, Marlow Regatta, the Metropolitan Regatta, Henley Royal Regatta, Henley Women's Regatta, and World Masters.
- Nominees should be current British Rowing members and over the age of 18. They should have a coaching qualification relevant to rowing, and recognised by British Rowing. All nominees who are coaching junior crews must have current DBS clearance with British Rowing.
- Anyone can nominate a coach for this award. The recipient of this award is chosen by a British Rowing coaching panel, and will be included on the shortlist for the overall award of British Rowing Coach of the Year. To help the panel decide the winner, it will help if your nomination is no longer than 2500 characters.

Coach of the Year Award – Club Development

- This is awarded to the coach who has made the most significant impact on their local community by providing opportunities for new groups of people to become involved in the sport of rowing.

- We are particularly looking for programmes that have built on good coaching practices, drawn on the resources available to them, such as the Learn to Row programmes, and have led to a sustainable increase in membership at local clubs.
- Nominees should be current British Rowing members and over the age of 18. They should have a coaching qualification relevant to rowing, and recognised by British Rowing. All nominees who are coaching junior crews must have current DBS clearance with British Rowing.
- Anyone can nominate a coach for this award. The recipient of this award is chosen by a British Rowing coaching panel, and will be included on the shortlist for the overall award of British Rowing Coach of the Year. To help the panel decide the winner, it will help if your nomination is no longer than 2500 characters.

Coach of the Year Award – Education Performance

- This award will be presented to the coach who has made the most significant impact on the performance of either an individual or a group of rowers at national level events such as The British Rowing Championships, BUCS Regatta, European Universities, The National Schools' Regatta, Henley Royal Regatta and Henley Women's Regatta.
- This award is open to all rowing coaches working in the education sector, including schools, further or higher education, and to either paid or volunteer coaches working with rowers in full-time or part-time education.
- Nominees should be current British Rowing members and over the age of 18. They should have a coaching qualification relevant to rowing, and recognised by British Rowing. All nominees who are coaching junior crews must have current DBS clearance with British Rowing.
- Anyone can nominate a coach for this award. The recipient of this award is chosen by a British Rowing coaching panel, and will be included on the shortlist for the overall award of British Rowing Coach of the Year. To help the panel decide the winner, it will help if your nomination is no longer than 2500 characters.

Coach of the Year Award – Education Development

- This award will be presented to the coach who has made the most significant impact on their educational institution by providing opportunities for those new to the sport to become involved in rowing.
- We are looking for programmes that have built on good coaching practices, drawn on the resources available to them, such as the Learn to Row programmes, and have led to a sustainable increase in membership.
- This award is open to all rowing coaches working in the education sector, including schools, further or higher education, and to either paid or volunteer coaches working with rowers in full-time or part-time education.
- Nominees should be current British Rowing members and over the age of 18. They should have a coaching qualification relevant to rowing, and recognised by British Rowing. All nominees who are coaching junior crews must have current DBS clearance with British Rowing.

- Anyone can nominate a coach for this award. The recipient of this award is chosen by a British Rowing coaching panel, and will be included on the shortlist for the overall award of British Rowing Coach of the Year. To help the panel decide the winner, it will help if your nomination is no more than 2500 characters.

Coaching Team of the Year Award

- This is awarded to the coaching team that has made the most significant impact on the performance and/or development of a group of participants.
- This award is open to coaching teams, and may include a maximum of one employed coach.
- All nominees in this category should be current British Rowing members and over the age of 18. They must have a coaching qualification relevant to rowing, and recognised by British Rowing, or in be led or mentored by a suitably qualified coach. All nominees who are coaching junior crews must have current DBS clearance with British Rowing.
- Anyone can nominate a coaching team for this award. The recipient of this award is chosen by a British Rowing coaching panel, and will be included on the shortlist for the overall award of British Rowing Coach of the Year. To help the panel decide the winner, it will help if your nomination is no more than 2500 characters.

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is for volunteers of every kind, to recognise a lifetime of achievement and dedication to the sport of rowing.

The criteria for this award are intentionally broad, to include as wide a potential group of nominees as possible.

- As a guide, nominees for this award may be individuals that have helped to grow the sport significantly, or contributed many years' service to a club, school or university, or a Regional Rowing Council, or to a local or national competition.
- They may be individuals who stand out in the rowing community for their exceptional dedication and commitment, but equally they could be unsung heroes who have put in many years of work behind the scenes.
- They will have been a positive influence on their rowing peers, and should demonstrate a strong alignment with the core values of their club and of British Rowing. All nominees in this category should be current members of British Rowing.
- A Regional winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award is chosen for each British Rowing Region by our Regional Chairs, and from this shortlist a national winner will be selected by our Awards Panel.
- To help our Regional Chairs and Awards Panel assess all nominations for Lifetime Achievement Awards, please ensure your supporting text is no more than 2500 characters.

British Rowing Medal of Merit

The British Rowing Medal of Merit recognises those who have made an exceptional contribution to rowing in their club, region or at a national level.

- As guidance, we anticipate that nominees will be individuals or organisations who have contributed significant time and effort to rowing.
- Nominees could be a visible leader, but equally they can also be an unsung hero or have been exceptionally dedicated behind-the-scenes who have provided an outstanding contribution to the sport.
- The British Rowing Medal of Merit is awarded for outstanding service to rowing & is not presented lightly.
- To nominate, please fill in the form via the button above, letting us know who you're nominating and why. To help our panel, please ensure your supporting text is no more than 2500 characters.

COVID Hero

This year, we want to celebrate our COVID heroes. During these uncertain times, some members of our rowing community have become our very own COVID heroes, supporting their local communities through an incredibly tough time.

- The COVID Hero award is to recognise members of our rowing community who have made an outstanding contribution to their local areas over the past 18 months. This could be by being a frontline worker or a volunteer at a food bank, any rowing member who has gone out of their way to help their local community during the pandemic can, and should, be nominated for this award.
- To nominate, please fill in the form via the button above, letting us know who you're nominating and why. To help our panel, please ensure your supporting text is no more than 2500 characters.