



City Of Bristol Rowing Club

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CLUB OBJECTIVES March 2008

Overall goal: A rowing club for the people of Bristol: open access for men/women, whatever the social background or ethnicity, age or ability: to promote the notion that rowing should not be an elitist activity.

1. A Rowing club for everyone in Bristol -

Anyone has access:

In addition

We are complementary to university clubs

We work with local schools

We encourage corporate rowing teams

2. A democratic institution

Promote a democratic environment: all members equal and all points of view considered.

3. Promote volunteering

Promote involvement in coxing/coaching

Promote project leadership (clubhouse project, race and event organisation, fund raising...)

Reward people who get involved and help the club going forward.

4. Raise the standards of the club

Performance: competitive squads, participate in national events, help novices to access to the higher levels by having a supportive structure.

Kit and facilities: renew the fleet to stay competitive and allow everyone access to a good standard of equipment, and to build a clubhouse to improve: training areas/social side of things/welfare



In particular, over the next five years we will:

- Continue: maintaining and strengthening our club which derived from the Dockers Rowing Club over fifty years ago; working with our 'Learn to Row' course to coach adults and encourage them to join the club; working with our local schools to offer young people the chance to try rowing and improve their fitness; welcoming experienced rowers who move to our city and want to continue to row.
We want all our youngsters, families, veterans, beginners, adaptive/disabled and elite rowers alike to achieve fulfillment and enjoyment in the sport of rowing.
- Continue: developing a rowing club which provides opportunities for all of Bristol's communities to experience and participate in rowing. As a consequence it is necessary to limit and license some sections of the club, for example Universities, to maintain a healthy balance between students and school groups whilst providing an open club for the city.
- Continue to build links with local businesses and work with them to offer employees the opportunity to improve their health and fitness through, for example, our Corporate Rowing Event.
- Focus on, encourage and support our high performance athletes and crews who compete at a national level, and in doing so add to the prestige of our city.
- Continue to upgrade and add to our fleet of boats and kit to match that of the other major UK rowing clubs.
- Build and furnish a clubhouse with training areas, a social area and changing/shower facilities. A clubhouse will provide: enhanced coaching for our members; indoor training; warm and safe surroundings to socialize, with particular benefits for families; and greater access for the general public to encourage 'health and wellbeing' throughout the community.
- Raise the profile of The City of Bristol Rowing Club within our city and the UK.