



WRRC AGM

The WRRC Annual General Meeting took place on Sat 17th February, at Stithians Lake, near Falmouth. Meeting minutes are available at www.ara-rowing.org/render.aspx?siteID=1&navIDs=1,550,587,589,916 The following committee were elected for 2007-8;

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West Success at GB Trials

Devon and Cornwall were well represented at the recent GB Senior Trials held in Hazewinkel, Belgium.

Former Castle Dore rower Annie Vernon confirmed her status as one of the GB women's squads top scullers,

coming second in the women's single sculls event. In the process she carried on a tradition, started by another



Cornish GB rower Ed Coode, of rowing with blades painted with the St Piran's flag (pictured).

Also achieving an excellent result was 19 year old Bill Lucas from Kingswear, formerly of Dart Tones rowing club. In winning the B final of the men's single scull's event (7th overall) Bill lived up to his status as one of the most exciting young prospects currently in the sport.

Isles Of Scilly World Gig Championships

The annual pilot gig world championships, held on the Isles of Scilly over the first May bank holiday weekend, once again proved to be one of the most unique and exciting rowing spectacles to be found on the circuit.

The 2007 event was a show case for some of the closest racing for a number of years. The weather held and gave everyone



the opportunity to enjoy the full spectacle of the event. The Falmouth Ladies A retained their title, but were pushed hard by Roseland A, racing their new gig 'Polvarth' with Caradon A in 3rd. In the Men's section, Caradon A, who have dominated this event - losing only once since 1995 - once again ended up on top. However they had their closest race in years, being pushed all the way by Roseland A, only to take the lead in the final seconds of the race, and retain their title.



WRRC Website

The WRRC website has been regularly updated throughout the winter/spring period. It includes numerous articles of events from across the region. www.ara-rowing.org, click on *Regions*, followed by *Western*.

Go Race Indoors 2007

Go Race Indoors is a national initiative run by the ARA and Concept 2, designed to provide opportunities for young people aged 11-18 to take part in indoor rowing competitions. The Western Region 'Go Race Indoors' 2007 series has seen a total of 12 school indoor rowing events taking place across the region, with over 1000 competitors taking part. This included events at all six schools involved in the ARA's 'Project Oarsome' scheme, and the annual Plymouth and Penwith Schools Championships.

March 28th saw the culmination of this year's GRI series in the Western Region with the 3rd annual regional schools championships hosted by the College of St Mark and St John in Plymouth. The event drew together 237 competitors, from more than 20 schools from across Devon and Cornwall to compete for the regional schools titles.



Results and reports from all this year's events can be found at www.ara-rowing.org/render.aspx?siteID=1&navIDs=1,44,111,397

Junior Inter-Regional Regatta

On Saturday 21st April the West Region's junior rowing squad competed at the national Junior Inter-Regional Championships in Nottingham. The team, selected at a regional time trial in January, was made up of juniors from five Devon based clubs. The event saw the West compete against tough national level competition from 11 other regions from across the country.

Standout performances of the day came from the region's women's J14's, with all three crews

making the A final. The women's single scull and double scull (pictured)



both from Dart Totnes achieved excellent 4th places in their respective finals, with the women's J14 quad from Bideford Reds coming a credible 6th.

Other A finalists were the Men's J14 single scull from Dart Totnes, and the Women's J16 double scull from Dartmouth.

The final results saw the West coming 12th overall. However the team had five crews qualifying for the A final, the most the West has ever achieved at the event, and showing good progress on previous years. In addition, on J14 events alone the region was placed 4th, suggesting good things to come at next year's event.

2007 Season Preview

West of England ARA - The WEARA championships see clubs compete at 10 regattas over the summer season. The season culminates in the *South Coast Championships*, this year held at Dorney Lake in Eton on 8th September, which sees selected crews representing WEARA against clubs from the other South Coast associations. www.weara.org.uk/

Cornish Pilot Gig Association - The CPGA run a series of regattas over the course of the summer. Points are accrued at selected events, contributing towards the 'Tribute Challenge Series'. The season culminates in the *County Championships*, at Newquay in September. www.cpga.co.uk/

UK Surf Rowing League - The UKSRL runs six events across the North Cornwall and Devon coast. This increasingly popular form of the sport is growing year on year, and culminates with the *Open Championships*, held at Saunton Sands, Devon on 28th July. www.uksrl.co.uk

Cornish Rowing Association - The CRA run a series of regattas around the Cornish coast, with events including Four Oar, Cornish Randan, Pair of Paddles, and Oar Match raced in flashboats and skiffs.

Seine Boats - The *Seine Boat Series*, organised by River Teign RC, comprises of ten races over the summer months. Points accrued at these events contribute to overall championships. www.rtrc.co.uk/

Offshore - Sea rowing in the FISA standard french coastal boats is increasing in popularity across the region, with a number of events now catering for this boat class, including Plymouth's *Breakwater Bash* (26th May) *Eddystone Challenge* (11th Aug), and the *Sea Trophy Races* (Exmouth - 24th June).