

**We've managed to get a good number of crews out during November and December only missing a few days due to high winds and lack of daylight when the tide's in. There have been the usual assortment of adventures and trips to the coffee shops of Portobello and we've now got our thinking caps on for events for next year.**

**Confirmed 2018 events for your diary**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April** - Port Seton Regatta

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Queensferry Regatta

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Portobello Regatta

**Week up north with the boat Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July (Ullapool Regatta)** - Please let us know if you are interested in doing any rowing up north during that week. We did not get a place in the Portsoy Regatta but it could be good to visit the Boat Festival at the start of that week anyway. We are also collecting names for the Ullapool Regatta

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Ullapool regatta

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Aug – Eskmuthe Regatta** - High tide 15.40, 5.7m - 2 m of water in the harbour from 12.45 till 17.50

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Aug** - North Berwick Regatta

**Other events which we're thinking about**

**An early year trip to a loch with both boats – Possibly Sun 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Tides are poor that day and both boats should be back in the water by then.

**A regatta for any local clubs or businesses who wanted to put in a team - Possibly Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> April** if it goes ahead. Pursuit racing at the lagoons. We would need to get the people out rowing in Feb, March and early April.

**Other ideas that people have asked for** - A row to some of the islands on Loch Lomond, Other Loch Rows, A row along the Union Canal, down the Falkirk wheel and back along the Forth. Amble Regatta – Coquet Island, doing a bird watching row, Row to North Berwick again, Bass Rock Row (? – North Berwick organise), Tweed Row (Sept – Dunbar organise), Doing Castle to Crane again, Row to Dalmeny Estate (? - Newhaven organise), Musselburgh to Queensferry – or the other way?

We will be starting some race training again soon and getting our coxes training underway as well.

Happy Rowing in 2018 everyone! If you have any ideas for events/trips that you would like to go to on or create this year, please put them forward.

Thanks

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