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This month has seen us mainly on home water with rowing sessions in Honesty while Steedie is being given her winter overhaul. We've had the usual array of autumn rowing conditions ranging from lovely calm days to large waves in the harbour.

The row around the Bass Rock was cancelled due to the weather but the Freshwater Sprints went ahead at Loch Tummel on a dry but very windy day. Five of us went up and rowed as part of the SE Area team that won the trophy back from NE this year. It's always a good sociable day, recommended to anyone for next year.

Gaynor and I had attended an Umpires course on the Friday night going over the rules of racing and how to umpire all the different types of races setting us up for next year's regatta.

Following the races we had a very useful talk about towing and trailers followed by an update from the Rowing the Waves project who are doing an academic study on all things coastal rowing.

Topics covered in the SCRA convenors report for the AGM were

1. There is to be no standard oar design but all the knowledge that has been gathered over the past year has been written up and published on the SCRA website.
2. Three locations have applied to host the 2019 Skiffieworlds. The final location will be announced in December.
3. An update on Safety. All reports are published on the SCRA website.
4. There are now 160 skiffs registered.

We now have to start planning for next year. We are booked in for Queensferry's regatta on May 26<sup>th</sup> and Porty's on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll have a meeting in the next month to plan our regatta and work out which events we would like to go to in 2018. Put in your requests now!