

## Club Report – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019

We are in the midst of one of the busiest-ever periods for the club, with a mixture of training, social rowing, regattas and expeditions.



The highlights of the month have to be the epic 15-mile row to Queensferry by both boats and the gold medal for the women's novice team at the Boatie Blest regatta. Congratulations to Jane, Elaine, Aileen and Kari-Ann (and again to Kari-Ann for rowing the boat home with Eoin, Graham, Gaynor and David!)



There were some strong performances from all the teams at Boatie Blest, the first regatta of the season, and we have a busy time coming up, with regattas at Broughty Ferry on Saturday 18th May and Queensferry on 1st June.

The trip to Queensferry on May 12<sup>th</sup> was unexpected as it was decided that the forecast wind speeds might make it difficult to reach North Berwick - so we went the other way. It was a brilliant row and thanks to George for all the organising and the time-consuming double trailer trip back to Fisherrow!

There have also been lots of training sessions, with a real effort to get crews together who are rowing in the forthcoming regattas and/or the worlds. The unpredictable weather has led to several sessions being cancelled, and we also had to cancel the Scouts rowing evening, but we were able to reschedule and we had a fun session on May 21<sup>st</sup>.



Somehow, we have managed to fit in several social sessions and had a lot of new people in the boat, several of whom we expect to join the club. We ran a session specifically for new rowers on the afternoon of Sunday 20th May.

But it isn't all about the rowing! Eskmuthe had its first ever Boatle Drive/Quiz Night on April 27th, which was a huge success as a great time was had by all. Thank you to Kate and David for the entertainment and to John for the lovely grub. We raised over £500, which will go to the boat shed fund.



While at Prestongrange, the team has been busy getting Honesty back on the water. Honesty now has new rowlocks and has been painted inside and out. New footrests have been made for taller and shorter rowers, which will hopefully help. We have to make a spare set of rowlocks for Steedie and alter the bow rowlock, which is currently too high. We also have the wood for another set of oars and work has begun on these.

It has been a very busy year with a new set of oars already made and a complete refit on Steedie with different seats and rowlocks. Steedie will also need more painting before the worlds as she is already looking worn. We are having to leave PG soon, but have been given a bit of extra time to play with when the Arch Store is empty.

David and Gaynor

