

ESKMUTHE NEWSLETTER MAY 2020 LOCKDOWN SPECIAL



Hi everyone. Hope you're all well. Realistically, we won't be rowing for a while, but we're trying our best to keep club members connected. Read on

The prospects of rowing again soon...

The Scottish Coastal Rowing Association has issued further guidance on the possible resumption of rowing later this year. It says that with both the Coastguard and the RNLI urging the public not to use the coast for recreation, clubs are unlikely to reintroduce rowing for a while. However, it is starting to consider how we might row safely once restrictions are eased. Read the SCRA's latest thoughts [here](#) - using the password Mayday.

Annual fees

There are some large annual expenses coming up (insurance and berthing fees, totalling more than £800) so we have decided to collect annual fees from those able to pay them. The fees remain £30 (£20 unwaged) but if people are struggling at the moment, they can delay and pay £15 in October for half a year - and still take part in rowing before then if we are able to do any. We will never stop anyone rowing because of money and are happy to reduce fees further if necessary. We need everyone who rejoins to fill in a new form, so we will send you one soon. This form includes a gift aid section, so can all members fill it in. If you joined the club in 2020, you don't need to fill in a new form.

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Exercise class and virtual rows

Stewart "CrossFit" Page has offered to host a vigorous workout to lose a few of those lockdown pounds - all welcome, including the regular RowFitters who are missing the Thursday fix. Watch TeamApp for dates and times. Also, look out for 'virtual rows' where a crew can sign up for a 'virtual row' where you get all the chat, minus the rowing.

Happy Birthdays

Brian Wailes, one of our longest-serving members - and our oldest rower - was (unbelievably) 70 this week.

Brian has been a brilliant club member, with his sheer determination, ability to win medals wherever he goes, infectious humour and sartorial elegance (apart from those tight leggings).

We hope Brian has many more years of rowing ahead.

Happy Birthday, Sir Brian, we love you dearly.

Two other club stalwarts, Pauline Crerar and Wendy Barber, also passed significant birthdays during lockdown. We won't say which one but Happy Birthday to both as they move into the highly competitive 50+ Ladies category.



Eskmuthe in the news

You might have seen the link to the article on the club in the Edinburgh Reporter recently. If not, read it [here](#) - and message David if you want a hard copy of the paper and he'll play postie and drop one off.

There wasn't room for the Edinburgh Reporter to include a list of 12 of the best-ever Eskmuthe expeditions so we will relive them on Facebook and Twitter over the next couple of weeks.

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RowAround Scotland 2020

Although the RowAround is not happening on the water, it is happening virtually and there are lots of great pictures and stories on the website, following the row around Scotland as it should have happened. Worth a read - look at <http://www.rowaround.scot> or the RowAround Scotland 2020 Facebook page.

Eskmuthe "Quiz"

We are holding random quizzes every other Saturday, with 3 or 4 people setting weird and wonderful rounds, sometimes while wearing Minnie Mouse ears made out of a bra. The latest one took randomness to new heights, with Fox's silent musical performances. No quiz skills needed. Look out for the next one on May 30th. Sign up on TeamApp Events.



Virtual rowing for charity

After raising more than £200 for Kinghorn lifeboat a few weeks ago, we have had another virtual row to raise money for Resilient Musselburgh, which is distributing food and medicines to those who need support a. Again, we have asked people to allow us to knock a row off their card and donate the £3 - or add a donation if they don't have a card, direct to the Eskmuthe account so we can pay the full amount. Update on amount raised to follow.

Boatshed

Things may well be in lockdown, but work is still progressing with the boatshed as we are having a set of plans drawn up for building control. We have engaged a new architect,

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structural engineer and are in conversation with a project manager. We expect the plans to be with us (and hopefully submitted to East Lothian Council) by the end of this month.

Congratulations to Rachel

Congratulations to Rachel Bower and her partner Martin, who now have beautiful baby twin girls. Little did Rachel know that she was already pregnant with them when she won gold in the unforgettable Novice race at North Berwick regatta last August - the picture at the top. Thanks to everyone who chipped in to buy a gift for the newly-enlarged family.



If you're having a tough time....

We know it's weird and tough at the moment - and if Eskmuthe club members can do anything to help you out, anything at all, we will. Just contact someone you know and ask - and please join in with some of the online activities. Keep safe - and sane. We'll be rowing again soon (ish)

Meanwhile, memories of the last row.....

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