



The SPIRIT of MAYFLOWER




Welcome

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Firstly, I would like to say welcome to the last MORC Members magazine for the 2020/21 year and to acknowledge the work done by Ania in creating, collating and editing this as part of her role as Communications & PR Officer on the Club Committee over the past year. It has made a most welcomed change to our old communication strategy and has enabled us as a Club to embrace new communication channels.

Secondly, I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the outgoing members of the Club's Committee: Ania, Miranda, Josh and Penny. They have all made valued contributions at Committee meetings and around the Club as evidenced by the social events, newsletter and DIYing that has gone on over the past year or so. They have now handed over their baton's (or should that be buoyancy aids?) to Heidi, Sam and Shannon who will take up their posts 'formally' from the start of our 2021/22 year in April. It also goes without saying that the Club would not be the Club without the other stalwart members of the Club Committee that work hard behind the scenes to ensure that the Club keeps ticking over. Special thanks go to the COVID responders of Jeff, Andy and Heather who have made sure that as a Club, we are not only compliant with Boris and BR rules and regulations, but also how they have worked within those rules to ensure that wherever, whenever, and however possible Members have been kept informed as well as engaged even whilst they are at home and away from the Club and water.

So, what does 2021/22 hold for MORC? This year is going to be an important one for the Club. As like the rest of the UK, for the Club it will feel like we are starting again in our recovery from the COVID life that we have all had to live over the past year. The phrase of 'forming, norming and storming' most definitely comes into play for us all as Members as well as the strategies to be adopted by the Committee. Whilst we need to be mindful of Boris's return to 'normality' rules these, need to be factored into how we 'restart' the Club. We will be looking for a considered return ensuring that we have the systems and infrastructure in place to enable Members to return to the Club and get back into actually rowing. Now is the time to start to get back in the zone with setting your personal rowing goals with sessions starting up again to four sessions a week, access to the gym and ergos as well as a season of regattas and social rowing events on the near horizon. The other key objective for the Club this year is to get a better understanding of our current tenure at Richmond Walk. At present there is an established working group and we are looking to fine tune a Plan A and a Plan B for securing a short-medium and long-term home for the Club. This situation will push us into taking a more strategic look at the Club assets, facilities management and finances during the coming months. For us to achieve and succeed in 2021/22 whether in progressing your rowing skills, supporting new Members, pushing your competitive boundaries and representing the Club at rowing events, baking buns for a fund raiser or helping out in the ongoing maintenance chores we all need to embrace the MORC motto of 'all for one and one for all'.

Welcome

Welcome to our March newsletter and the last month of lockdown before we get back on the water. We have a new committee (more information p.2) and a new Publicity Officer, Heidi Frith. This newsletter is the last one in this format. We will be moving to email newsletter, managed by Heidi, and we will make sure you will stay well to informed.

Club update

We are following general Covid-19 rules and BR guideline. From 8th of March our club is open for singles only, to book yourself in please, contact us via our email address: secretary.morc@hotmail.co.uk

Doubles and quads will be able to go out on the water at the end of March and when the weather warms up, we'll schedule some singles and doubles sessions.

For now, stay safe and keep fit.

Zoom Ergs

Our zoom ergs are continuing on Sunday mornings for 30-40 min. If you would like to join us, please send us a quick message and we will send you an invite. It is at 9:00am every Sunday.

No Fork and Chance

Few of our members are taking part in Somerset 525 virtual rowing event, which is taking place from 26th to 28th March. Those lucky ones who signed up are Sam, Sophie, Kerry and Ian.

There are three events: 5k, 2k and 500m sprint. The 5km and 2km will be taken as team averages and 500m individually.

Currently the No Fork and Chance team are training hard, erging at least 4 times a week.

We wish you the best of luck and be oarsome.

Club Facilities

Our great volunteers have been checking on our facilities on regular basis.

Our singles are ready to go out on the water after this bad weather fitted with new Velcro straps. In the next two weeks we will be checking our quads to make sure they are fit and ready for you.

Thank you to those who take their time to go around the club to check all is in a good shape.

MORC - Club Committee elections 2021/22

We are pleased to announce our committee members for 2021/22

MORC Committee:

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| - Club President | Sally Williams |
| - Club Chair | Wendy Patey |
| - Club Captain | Heather Pfeil |
| - Treasurer | Kerry O’Gorman |
| - Secretary | Wendy Patey |
| - Vice-Captain | John Malone |
| - Safety Officer | Brian Headlam |
| - Welfare Officer | Fiona Carmichael |
| - Regatta Secretary | Jeff Keast |
| - Membership Secretary | Heather Pfeil |
| - Facilities Manager | Andy Conbeer |
| - Social Secretary | Sam Guyah |
| - Publicity Officer | Heidi Frith |
| - Junior Rep | Shannon Clarke |



Welcome aboard

2021 Regattas

We have had few updates on our South West Coastal League regattas with some new dates.

A full list of all regattas can be found on our [website](#). Get ready as it is going to be a very busy summer on the water 😊



MORC on the move

Our relocation group have been working hard on a potential new home for our club. We are currently reviewing few options and will give you more details soon

We are still in touch with local authorities, different sport organisations and local sport clubs.



Membership Fees 2021/22

We understand that last year was a difficult year in terms of going back on the water, with many sessions cancelled.

We would like to thank you for sticking with us despite all these unforeseen circumstances. We are offering our members (current and new) an updated membership fee from 1st April, which is £150 for an adult (other membership options also available)

We welcome payments made in full, but we are also offering our members payments made in instalments. More details will be sent out to our current members shortly.



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