



Paralympic Handover

On Wednesday 17th September pupils from eight schools across Devon got together to celebrate the Paralympic Handover in style at the YMCA in Plymouth.

Over 100 pupils took to the 18 rowing machines in a relay to notch up the target of 147,000 metres. The children worked so well that this target was raised to 200,000 metres halfway through the event, and even this higher target was smashed as the final metres rowed totalled 252,000!

Non-disabled & disabled pupils, sports leaders, sports development officers, partnership development managers and representatives from Active Devon, Amateur Rowing Association (ARA), English Federation Disability Sport (EFDS), Sport England, Team South West and Team Devon all proved that sporting success is achieved when a team works effectively together.



In addition to celebrating the Paralympic Handover of the games, from Beijing to London, the event marked the signing of a Partnership Charter between the ARA and the EFDS. Against a backdrop of students and staff rowing to victory, Rosemary Napp, National Manager of ARA and Colin Chaytors CEO of EFDS signed the agreement (pictured).

Eddystone Challenge 2008

The Eddystone Challenge, organised and run by Mayflower Offshore Rowing Club, is a 28 mile endurance sea rowing event which is open to any rowable craft, provided it is sea worthy and capable of making the round trip from Plymouth out to the notorious Eddystone Reef and back.

This year's event took place on 16th August. Due to the extreme weather the organisers decided instead to use the back up course - a 20 mile row up and back down the River Tamar which separates Devon and Cornwall.



The race had a starting line-up of 37 vessels, including quads, Cornish gigs, kayaks and a ten man whaler, out of which 28 finished the course. Full 2008 results and details of the 2009 event can be found at mayfloweroffshorerowingclub.co.uk/

Mayflower are also the hosts of the 2009 FISA World Coastal Rowing Championships which takes place 23rd-25th October 2009. worldoffshorerowingchampionships2009.com

South Coast Championships 2008

More than 1000 rowers from over 30 different clubs in Southern England took part in the 2008 South Coast Rowing Championships, which were hosted by Plymouth Amateur Rowing Club on the River Plym.

This was the 52nd time the competition has taken place. There were 30 different events contested, including the men's J18 coxed fours, which was named in memory of Derek Rickard, who passed away on August 1st. Rickard was the chairman of the Plymouth Amateur Rowing Club and president of the West of England Amateur Rowing Association.

Full results can be found at: www.thisisplymouth.co.uk/news/Success-Plymouth-regatta/article-335459-detail/

New Regional Coaches

The ARA have recently employed two new coaches to work in the region. Sallie Malt is employed through the *Club and Coach* programme to work with clubs from the WEARA association, to increase participation in senior rowing.

Rhiannon Halliday is employed through the *HSCT Scholarship Coach* programme, and will be working with selected CPGA clubs to support the development of junior rowing.

2008 Season Summary



West of England ARA

The WEARA championships have been held in the region for over 100 years. Clubs compete at 10 regattas over the summer season. The season culminates in the *South Coast Championships*, which sees selected crews representing WEARA against clubs from the other South Coast associations. 2008 championship winners are as follows;

<u>Fours</u>	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Women's</u>
SA 4+	Dartmouth	No Championship
SB 4+	Exeter	G.Falmouth
SC 4+	Paignton	Bideford ARC
NOVICE	Dartmouth	Exeter
J18 4+	Bideford ARC	Exeter
J16 4x	Dartmouth	Dart Totnes
J14 4x	Dart Totnes	Dart Totnes

Single Sculls

SB - Barton (Paignton)
SC - Barton (Paignton)
NOVICE - Turp (Wimbleball)
J18 - China (Dartmouth)
J16 - Bowyer (Exeter)
WSC - Saunders (Exeter)
WJ18 - Tilley (Dartmouth)
WJ16 - Wesson (Exeter)

Cornish Rowing Association

The CRA run a series of regattas around the Cornish coast, raced in flashboats and skiffs. 2008 championship winners are as follows;

U14 FOUR OAR - Polperro
U14 CORNISH RANDAN - Trelawney
U16 BOYS FOUR OAR - Penryn
U18 BOYS FOUR OAR - Trelawney
U18 GIRLS FOUR OAR - Polperro
U18 CORNISH RANDAN - Trelawney
LADIES FOUR OAR - Polperro
LADIES CORNISH RANDAN - Polperro
MENS FOUR OAR - Saltash
MENS CORNISH RANDAN - Polperro
MENS OAR MATCH - Polperro
LADIES PAIR OF PADDLES - Roberts (Polperro)
MENS PAIR OF PADDLES - Wilkins (Saltash)
U14 and U16 BOYS PAIR OF PADDLES - Preston (Trelawney)
U16 GIRLS PAIR OF PADDLES - Cox (Polperro)
U18 BOYS PAIR OF PADDLES - Such (Trelawney)

Cornish Pilot Gig Association

The CPGA run a series of regattas over the course of the summer. Points are accrued at selected events, contributing towards the 'Tribute Challenge Series'. The season culminates in the *County Championships*, at Newquay. A summary of the 2008 results are as follows;

Tribute Challenge Series

Men's - Mounts Bay
Women's - Mounts Bay

County Championships

Men's - Mounts Bay
Women's - Falmouth
Juniors - Helford

For further details, results and regatta reports visit www.cpga.co.uk

UK Surf Rowing League

The UKSRL Open Surfboat Championships 2008 were held on 26th July at Saunton Sands. Winners were as follows;

Men's Open - Porthtowan Blue Bali
Women's Open - The Bude Runners

The second European Surfboat Championships took place on 5th September in Biarritz, France. For the second year running UK crews took the honours, against opposition which included a number of Olympic rowers;

Men's - Porthtowan Blue Bali UK
Women's - Perranporth Rebel Angels UK

For further details visit www.uk srl.co.uk

Seine Boat Series

The *Seine Boat Group* run a series of ten races over the summer months. Points accrued at these events contribute to an overall championship. 2008 series winners can be found at; www.riverteignrowingclub.co.uk

Upcoming Events

Oct 11th/12th - Junior Camp (sliding seat)
Oct 18th/19th - Junior Camp (fixed seat)
Oct 18th - WEARA Annual Dinner (Plymouth)
Oct 17th-19th - FISA World Coastal Champs
Nov 22nd - Totnes Mini Head
Nov 22nd - CPGA Annual Dinner
Dec (date tbc) - Exeter Winter Head