



T&T News



Issue 2

Tamar & Tavy Gig Club

August 2014

IOS – what a weekend!



Well, what can we say, except that we had a truly brilliant weekend in the Scillies! As our chairman said, 'best training, best organisation, best publicity, best teamwork, best weather and BEST RESULTS'. It doesn't get much better than that!

Huge thanks go to everyone, for all the support in advance of the weekend and during it, for the training, for the re-shuffling of arrangements to cope with the loss of Tamar & Ginette to the islands, and most of all to those who went, for rowing their socks off. We most certainly couldn't have done it without the support of the whole club.

A full report of the event can be found on the website, via the live blog and the subsequent press release. But we are proud to report the results as follows:

Men's A – 42nd (Group D)

Men's B – 127th (Group K)

Ladies A – 62nd (Group F)

Ladies B – 104th (Group I)



T&T Committee 2014

Chair: Simon Howes

Vice chair: Rob Dawe

Secretary: Helen Samson-Hill

E-Secretary: Debbie Farmer

Treasurer: David Auburn

Rowing Captain: Lynn Renton

Regatta Secretary: Nicky Evans

Ladies Captain: Katie Turner

Men's Captain: Chris Dill

Juniors Captain: Sandra Anstey

MMR Coordinator: Mark Turner

TER/SMR Coordinator: Mel Cotton

Ladies Vice Captains: Julie Rendle & Sarah Gall

Men's Vice Captains: Becky Masters & John Rogers

Juniors Vice Captains: Julie Eastaugh & Tricia Stewart

MMR Vice Captain: Katie Turner

Fundraising/Social Secretaries:
Charity Philips, Claire Luxton, Sandra Anstey

Sponsorship:

Press Officer: Sarah Gall

Merchandising: Julie Eastaugh

Welfare Officer: Claire Luxton

Membership Secretary: Mary Barnaby

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Safety Officer: Simon Howes

Coaches: Carolyn Dawe, Bill Stacey-Norris & Tricia Stewart

If anyone would like to fill a vacant position or help with any of the jobs within the club then please let Simon know.

Regatta news

We have had a great season so far, competing in numerous regattas. We did suffer one disappointing cancellation which was the Rock regatta in June, one which we usually all love. They have re-scheduled this for the 4th October. This is the date of our own regatta so we will have to wait until next year to row in their beautiful estuary.

So far our results have been as follows:

Mini Scillies, Helford

Ladies A – 12th place

IOS, May 3rd-5th

Ladies, 62nd & 104th

Men 42nd & 127th

Mixed & Vets, Saltash 21st & 22nd June

Mixed B – Round 2

Mixed A, Ladies & Men's Supervets – Plate finals

Salcombe, June 29th (individual races)

Ladies A – 10th

Men's A – 7th

Ladies B – 9th

Men's B – 10th

Ladies Supervets – 4th

Men's Supervets – 5th

U16 Championships, Newquay 3rd August

2nd in plate final

Tamar Challenge, Cotehele 9th August

Ladies A – 1st (8th on time)

Ladies B – 7th (12th on time)

Men's – 12th (5th on time)

These are all brilliant results, we have been training hard, and it really has paid off. The teams are going from strength to strength.

Well done everyone!

Dates for your diaries

30th August

Social row to Mt Edgcumbe

20th & 21st September

Men's Newquay Champs

27th September

Great London River Race

4th October

Tamar & Tavy Regatta

5th October

Helford Head of the River Race

Autumn 2014

Tamar & Tavy Barn Dance

August 2015

10th Anniversary Caledonian Canal Trip

Social rows

Thanks to the inclement weather the social rows haven't been as plentiful as we might have liked. That hasn't put people off though, and with the hour changing Thursday evening rows are back, providing a chance to enjoy the beautiful river scenery and perhaps some light refreshments along the way.



Adventures have included exploring the higher reaches of the river, including the reed beds, and one evening the crew even rescued a pollution boom from the river – excellent citizenship!



Juniors news

We have now increased the Junior squad to 18 members and usually have at least two boats going out every Friday. They are a mixed group made up of some very eager 10 /11 year olds who are showing a lot of potential, a few 14 year olds and some great 15/16 year old lads who would give the men's squad a run for their money. Tricia Stewart is our Junior Coach and Vice captain along with Julie Eastaugh. Carolyn Dawe has also been a huge help with coaching and coxing the Junior sessions.

We had two crews take part at Salcombe Regatta, an under 14's crew coxed by Tricia and an under 16's crew coxed by Becky Masters. Both crews rowed brilliantly and the under 16s came in first place, earning themselves a magnificent trophy for the club.

Newquay under 16's championship was held on the 3rd of August and we had one boys crew entered in this who were coxed by Tricia. The crew were aged between 11 and 16 and are a fairly new crew who had not raced together before. Only one of them had ever raced on the sea! The competition was very tough but they made it through to the plate final where they came 2nd. Unfortunately they had a broken thole pin on the start which set them right to the back of the pack as the broken pin was stuck fast and took Ethan, until just up on the first mark to get the new pin in place. They rowed magnificently and eventually managed to overtake four gigs, only missing overtaking the winners by 6 seconds. Our hearts went out to them and they were gutted but we were all very proud of them, especially after four races in one day and hands full of blisters!

Sandra Anstey

It's all change for MMR

June 2014 marked the end of an era for Monday Morning Rowers as Helen Lloyd stepped down after an amazing 10 years service, passing the baton of coordinating this mainstay of club rowing to Mark Turner.

A massive thank you from Helen Lloyd...

Recently many of the club came together for a BBQ, I truly did not realise that this was anything more than a club BBQ (how you all kept it a surprise is beyond me). I was just about to set off home after the most perfect evening rowing in the sun and eating lots of food when there was a pause. I was presented with the most beautiful picture of Tamar being constructed, a huge bouquet of stunning local flowers and a very funny card of rowers of all shapes and sizes with the caption 'rowing, a sport for all'. That just captured MMR. This was overwhelming, it was a most unexpected thank you from all of the club to me for setting up and organising MMR for the last 10 years. Although a lot of credit must go to my co-organisers lately. So this is my thank you for my thank you, if you see what I mean.

I truly wish to thank you all from the bottom of my heart, MMR has been a big part of my life and not one that I let go of easily. I could only do so when the keen and able Team Turner aka Mark and Katie came forward to volunteer to run it. They have lots of brilliant ideas to take MMR forward. I will continue to come along and to row, when work permits, it is just that my work pattern has changed and I will be frequently teaching psychology to dentists now on a Monday morning. I wonder if I'll be able to slip in the story of the false teeth flying across the gig! I'd like to thank those who trusted me to set up the session back in 2004, all those who have made it such good fun over the last 10 years, and all of you who arranged and came to the great send off. We have had some really good laughs and there have been so many lovely people. Long may it continue, revitalised with new blood and ideas as well as the old uns.

Helen Lloyd

...and a hello from Mark Turner

After hearing that Helen L was stepping down from running the Monday morning rowing sessions...and with only a little persuasion from Katie, I offered to take over running MMR with Katie as vice. These sessions have been quite close to me as they were the first time I took to the water in a gig...in fact it was Helen who gave me my first instruction (LEAN BACK !). It was also during this time that 1 of our members explained to me how it works... 'well,' he said, 'you turn up for a little row once or twice, nothing too strenuous , then do a few more, and then the addiction starts to set in!' Anyone who knows Katie and myself will know that this has been the case, with both of us going on to race and cox, and in Katie's case to become Ladies Captain.

Over this time we have both enjoyed rowing in the Monday morning sessions with a totally mixed bag of people, juniors to supervets, ladies and men, all of varying levels of ability, all just happy to be on the water come rain or shine (and even fog and hail!). Lots of new rowers have come through the session since then, some have gone on to train in the Men's or Ladies racing squads or become coxes and on the whole just really enjoyed the time spent in gigs on the water.

Katie and I would really like to continue the MMR sessions in the same vane as Helen originally intended, with mixed crews every week enjoying being on the river. We have started a few longer river exploration rows with the latest being to Cotehele Quay, We had another to Bere Ferrers and plan to push these further afield when time and tide allows, and have rows to Calstock, the Lynher and Kingsmill Lake on the cards. Any thoughts you may have about possible destinations or longer rows with lunch breaks etc included please feel free to let us know either personally or via email and we'll see what we can do.

We will also be looking at the possibility of the MMR call up email going out to all club members (unless they personally choose to opt out) rather than just those who have previously signed up to give everyone the chance to be involved in the session whether its just on the odd occasion or more regularly...and remember that even non club members can come along...bring your family or friends along for a taste of gig rowing...they may even see the seal!

Cheers all, Mark & Katie

Corporate rows....bring your friends along!

We have run some very successful corporate rows this summer, and would like to encourage all members to bring their friends or colleagues along to try gig rowing.

It's brilliant opportunity to have a laugh and a lovely evening on the water as well as hopefully encourage some new members to join us.

The cost is only £5 per person, and you will need to secure permission from Simon Howes or one of the other core committee members: Lynn Renton, David Auburn or Helen Samson-Hill. This is required for insurance purposes, but they will definitely say yes!

Wildlife corner

The ladies were lucky enough to spot the seal one beautiful Monday evening! And a few weeks later thought they had seen him again – but it turned out to be a bit of old tree stump! Ah well, almost!



Other news....

Club kit

A re-vamp of the club kit has been planned for next season. Members from each squad will be working together to come up with options for new designs which we can all review and vote for at the next AGM.

This will mean we have a brand new kit at the start of next season. The idea is to create something with options suitable for all, and to keep the costs as low as possible.



The field is now ours!

Congratulations and many thanks must go to all those who have worked to secure the purchase of our land. It has been a long process, but it is now officially our property and work is underway to put up a fence, meaning that we can then get started with the building work.

Another step along the way to being in our new home!



Photo caption competition

We are introducing a photo caption competition, for photos, old or new that you think deserve a spot in our photo hall of fame.

To start us off we have this gem....Mark and Ian during an MMR session. Please email Sarah your caption suggestions and we will print the best in the next Newsletter....



T&T gigs to the rescue!

Congratulations, and many thanks to the men's squad who came to the rescue of a boat and 4 men who were stranded in the mud. They proved the worth of the club by assisting in the police rescue, accompanying the men to safety and rowing them back to the police launch at Weir Quay. They received a thanks and a commendation on their competence from the police. Well done all!



If you would like to put anything in the next newsletter or have any suggestions for content then please let Sarah know. Any photos, stories or ideas will be very welcome!

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