

WALBROOK JUNIORS

Newsletter – Autumn Term 2011

To all 'Juniors', Parents and Coaches:-

Well – we've already launched the new season – September 2011 > August 2012 – with a BBQ in early September when the latest 'Petchey Awards' were presented.

Here's a round-up of our activities during the summer of 2011 >>>

Back in May Matthew P and Sam F won bronze in the J13 doubles at the Ball Cup, a regatta held on the International course at Eton for smaller 'junior' clubs. This was followed by wins for Louise O and Eliza C in the WJ15 doubles at Walton & Weybridge regatta and again at Weybridge Ladies 2 weeks later. Then our girls J16 quad plus Lizzie W and Andrew W in singles travelled to Nottingham for the National Schools regatta – the top British junior event. However the adverse weather conditions turned racing into a time trail in just 2 lanes over half the distance – sadly no medals on this occasion.



'Team Richmond' + Sam F & Matthew P

Girls J13 quad at Blenheim Palace



Many of our 'juniors' were then selected to represent 'Team Richmond' at the London Youth Games – and the team won – again. Gold medals were won by Alexa H, Andrew W and Daniel Z. Silver medals went to Bella T, Lauren C, Louise O & Alexa H and Harry D, Kye, Will K, Kathryn B & Natasha G took bronze. Representing 'Team Kingston' Sam F, Matthew P and Yasmin also took bronze.

This year the club competed at the 2nd Blenheim Regatta – a 'team event' for J9 to J13s held on the lake in front of the palace – what a backdrop! Lina K and Priya G won silver in the WJ13 doubles and Matthew P in the J13 single. The girls then teamed up with Kate M, Lottie W and cox Annie W to take bronze in the quad, Annie also winning a bronze at J11 level. There were also wins for Matthew & Daniel Z in the ergo competitions. Andrew W certainly likes Egham regatta where he won last year. It was 2 pots this time – in the J16 single and with Joe W in the double. Matthew P won at J13 level.

At Kingston Amateur – yes it was Andrew W yet again with silverware along with Alexa H & Kathryn B in the girls J16 double. We went out with a bang at Kingston Borough (juniors) the next day in taking the 'Victor Ludorum' with wins by Andrew W in the single and again with Joe W in the double, Matthew P and Daniel Z in the J13 doubles and Louise O & Eliza C in the WJ15 doubles – by just 1 foot!

We again held a successful 'Summer School' for 4 weeks in August where juniors of all ages and abilities could take advantage of all our coaches expertise.



Very important info overleaf – so – P T O >>>

Timetable and Website

The provisional 'Autumn' term timetable has now been published on the **website** with a link under 'Parent Info'. The website, at www.walbrookrc.co.uk then 'Junior section', is continually being updated so **PLEASE** look at regular intervals as this is where all important information is regularly posted. 'Details for next 2 weeks' is significant as this is where updated info can be found – things do change! Also hard copy of relevant information will be posted on the notice board just inside the clubhouse.

Subs

Over the past years we have applied for, and been successful in receiving, grants from various organisations, hence we have been able to subsidize the 'Junior section' of Walbrook RC. Due to the present economic climate grants have been, and still are, impossible to obtain. We have now set the subs for ALL juniors the same – averaging out as the same as last season.

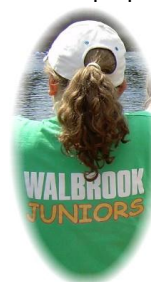
- Walbrook Subs (all Juniors) for the coming season will be £90 per term (or £260 for the year).
- Existing members of the CCF Ltd (Canoe Club Foundation) will receive direct notification (by email) of the CCF subs due, which will be £100 per annum. This body runs the actual site.
- New rowing members will be asked to pay this mandatory amount separately.

Please make cheques payable to 'Walbrook Rowing Club', writing your athlete's name on the back together with the purpose (ie Subs Autumn Term).

This still represents excellent value for the facilities that are available to our 'Juniors'.

Junior Kit

This season we are able to give a FREE 'Junior T-shirt' to all members. These have been purchased using some money from the 'Petchey Awards'. Further T-shirts and 'Hoodies' with the 'Walbrook Juniors' logo - £15 and £25 respectively – can also be purchased – see Sue. More 'Walbrook' and 'Walbrook Junior' kit is / will be available – just ask and look on the website. Current 'Walbrook' kit can be found on the main website under 'Clothing'.



Upcoming Events

Saturday 12 November – Teddington Small Boats Head – our own event – help from all parents and juniors not competing will be very welcome – again check the website nearer the time – this raises funds for our 'Junior section'.

Upcoming Races

The coaches will get together in September to identify suitable races (all are timed processional events during the Autumn) for the 'Juniors', taking into consideration the age and experience of each athlete. We are limited by the number of boats that we have but our goal is to give existing members at least two races (should they wish) – if there is provision to do more we will. Events being considered are:-

Event	Race Date	More Info
Weybridge Silver Sculls	Sat 22 October	Likely to be for our more experienced juniors – 4 divisions in 2010
Teddington Small Boats	Sat 12 November	All – Our 'home' event – in 2 divisions last year
Kingston Small Boats	Sat 19 November	All – Our own stretch of river – again 2 divisions in 2010
Burway Small Boats	Sat 26 November	A mix of events on offer
Hampton Small Boats	Sat 3 December	Likely to be for our more experienced juniors – J15 + events in 2 divisions
Walton Small Boats	Sat 10 December	Experienced juniors – doubles & singles only

Parent Support

We do need parents to get involved at the club with functions AND when travelling to races – as 'Parent Volunteers' – so please get in touch if you can help – even in just a small way. The more who get involved the easier it is for everyone.

Final Words

Many, many thanks to all the coaches who have looked after our athletes throughout the 2010 / 11 season, at the club, regattas and behind the scenes. All the current coaches will be continuing in some capacity and there will be some new faces on the river. We also welcome our three newly qualified 'junior' coaches as well as two of our older juniors assisting as part of their practical coaching courses. So let's get training and racing, win those pots and have fun in the forthcoming season.

Also a big 'thank you' goes out to the support of all parents involved as Parent Volunteers. The club would not function without this group so keep up the great work!

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