

Women's Eights Head of the River Race

Press Release



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Four years on from the last race, with cancellations due to weather, stream and a pandemic in the intervening period, the 82nd Women's Eights Head of the River Race was glad to be back on Saturday 12th March. Many felt the same way as the atmosphere on the banks prior to boating was filled with excitement, from competitors and supporters alike. The sun was shining and the water was good for racing, with a moderate SSW wind making conditions somewhat challenging around Hammersmith Bridge, but the 276 crews that crossed the start line tackled the rough water, and posted some solid results regardless.

Leander Club A filled with current GB squad athletes continued where they left off in 2018, retaining the Head Pennant, with Oxford Brookes University BC A second, and Tideway Scullers School A placing third. The latter made a clean sweep of their eligible prizes by also winning the Senior and Club Pennants.

University of London BC A took the University Pennant with a strong 6th finish, pipping Edinburgh University by one place and 6 seconds. The latter were only just ahead of the Rio GB VIII reunion crew, finishing 8th who unsurprisingly took the honours in the Masters Pennant.

With the aftermath of the pandemic travel restrictions impacting the size of the overseas field, we had a new winner of the Overseas Pennant in NUI Galway BC A who finished 24th, and hope that they will be back next year to defend the title.

The Provincial Club Pennant was reclaimed by Cantabrigian RC A, who last won it in 2017, finishing in 26th place.

Henley RC A (19th) again retained their School/Junior Pennant, although the gap since the last race means that this was with a completely new set of athletes. Regular School/Junior Pennant contenders Headington School finished second in that category. It was exciting to see a new contender with Hinksey Sculling School placing fourth in the Pennant and 33rd overall, just behind Henley RC B, gaining them a starting position for next year.

There were several new pennants awarded this year for the first time. The Challenge Pennant was won by Vesta RC C (22nd), Challenge (Academic) by Liverpool University BC A (31st), Beginner by City of Cambridge RC C (184th) and Beginner (Academic) by St Pauls Girls School BC B (57th).

The Medium and Small Club Pennants went to London RC A (25th) and Nottinghamshire County Rowing Association (30th) respectively.

Prizes were presented at a Victory Ceremony on the Embankment in front of Thames Rowing Club by Rio Silver Olympic medallist Jess Eddie, with World Rowing Commentator Camilla Hadland compering the proceedings.

Pennant Winners

Head	Leander Club A	19:15.7
2 nd	Oxford Brookes University BC A	19:50.0
3 rd , Senior, Club	Tideway Scullers School A	19:53.0
University	University of London BC A	20:13.8
Senior	Oxford Brookes University Boat Club A	19:13.0
Masters	London/Wallingford/Tyrian/Leander/Edinburgh Uni/Marlow/1927/Oxford Uni Lightweight	20:20.9 (Raw) 20:09.9 (Handicap)
School/Junior	Henley Rowing Club A	20:56.3
Challenge	Vesta RC C	21:14.0
Overseas	NUI Galway BC A	21:16.8
Medium Club	London RC A	21:17.8
Provincial Club	Cantabrigian RC A	21:30.2
Small Club	Nottinghamshire County Rowing Assn	21:32.9
Challenge (Academic)	Liverpool University BC A	21:33.8
Beginner (Academic)	St Pauls Girls School BC B	22:08.5
Beginner	City of Cambridge RC C	24:18.5

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