

Press Release from Bedford Rowing Club – 22nd March 2010

Wins for the Bedford Rowing Club's Junior squad at Cambridge on Sunday 21st March .

Bedford Rowing Club's Junior squad was out in force at the Champion of the Thames Junior Sculling Head in Cambridge on Sunday 21st march. The squad entered 12 crews and came home with 3 wins over the 1450 metre course on the River Cam.

The Womens Junior 16 Coxed Quadruple Scull who raced against local rivals Star Club, The crew was Phoebe Marley, Abbie Stock, Lauren Henman and Lauren Fothergill. In the Womens Junior 15 Coxed Quadruple Scull, the crew of Emma Crouch, Corinne Larkworthy, Phoebe Marley and Gaby Mynett beat 2 crews from the host club Champion of the Thames RC. The Mens Junior 18 double scull of Matt Larkworthy and Matt Harris, beat a crew from Berkhamsted School. Harry Allen racing in the Junior 13 Single Sculls came 2nd missing out on 1st by 3 seconds.

Sara Reay raced in the North of England Head at Chester, on Saturday 20th March, in a composite Women's Veteran B/C eight and came home with a win over a Grosvenor crew.

On Saturday 13th March, the Bedford Rowing club's women's Senior Squad raced in the annual Womens Eights Head of the River Race. 300 crews ranging from Olympians to club rowers, raced over the 4 and a quarter miles from Chiswick to Putney. The Bedford Rowing Club women's squad racing at the Intermediate 2 status finished 99th overall in a time of 20 minutes 54 seconds. The crew was Lydia Swift, Jayne Smith, Samantha Frost, Gabriella Kowalski, Liane Higgins, Nicola Hardy, Sara Orme, Claire Newton and cox Kayleigh Pullinger.

Bedford Rowing Club's Sara Reay teamed up with Miriam Taylor of Star Club and athletes from 6 other clubs to race in the Veteran category. They posted a time of 20:28, finishing 60th and the fastest Veteran C crew (average minimum age 43) and were 3rd overall in the Veteran category once the handicaps had been applied.

Next weekend (Sunday 28th March), the veterans from Bedford Rowing club are out in force at the Vesta Veterans head of the River Race. They race over a course on the River Thames in West London from Hammersmith Bridge to Chiswick Bridge.

Bedford Rowing club has 3 eights entered. Two men's eights, one at Veteran C (average minimum age 43) who start at number 62, one at Veteran E (average minimum age 55) who start at number 102 and one women's Veteran A Eight (minimum age 27), who start at number 162. Two other club members are racing in composite crews bring the total of 26 athletes racing. Star club have entered one men's Veteran C Eight, who start at number 57.

The next rowing event run by Bedford Rowing Club is Bedford Fours & Small Boats Head on Sunday 11th April 2010 from Queens Park to Longholme. Racing will be over 8 divisions from 9.15 to 17.45. Bedford Rowing Club welcomes all ages and abilities. Further details can be found at www.bedfordrowing.co.uk