

Nottingham's rowing clubs to stage 'The Big One'

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Nottingham Rowing Club and Nottingham & Union Rowing Club, with help from sister East Midlands clubs, are to host the biggest rowing event yet held on the River Trent. To be held over the weekend of the 28th February / 1st March, up to 500 boats and over 2000 competitors could take to the river over the weekend.

Saturday 28th February will see the introduction of the brand new [Masters of Trentside](#), aimed at men's, women's and mixed crews aged from 27 to 80+. Held in two divisions, the course will start at Clifton Bridge and finish at the Training Ship 'Orion', a distance of 5700m. Specially designed and quite unique medals, the work of Tony Lorrimer, Chairman of the Organising Committee, will be awarded to winning crews.

Division One due to start at 11.00 am is for Women's Eights, Men's Quads and Coxed and Coxless Fours and Mixed Eights.

Division Two starts at 2.00pm and is for Men's Eights and Women's Fours plus Mixed Fours.

The following day, Sunday 1st March, sees the annual [Head of the Trent](#), a fixture in many clubs' winter racing programmes. The race is made up of three divisions, all of which start at Clifton Bridge. Division 1 is off at 10 am and includes Men's Eights and Women's Fours rowing over 5,700m. Division 2 at 12.30 pm is for less experienced novices and junior rowers, and will finish just above Trent Bridge a distance of 3,800m. Division 3 due at 2.30 pm is for Women's Eights and men's fours.

Organisers hope to provide quality long distance racing as winter training starts to come to a close. In recent years events on the Thames, long held as premier races, have been hampered by high river flow and windy conditions; the Trent is much less prone to weather disruption (although like all rivers, fog and flood can cause problems).

The weekend of rowing in Nottingham is already attracting attention – and entries have started to arrive – so rowers are hoping for some fine winter conditions over the next few weeks. Nottingham Rowing Club's veterans have enlisted the help of men's coach Lenny Robertson, an Olympic silver medallist, to give them an extra edge as they aim to be the first 'Masters of

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