

## Nottingham RC success at British Rowing's Sculling Festival

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Scullers from across the country enjoyed perfect conditions at the National Watersports Centre in Nottingham for British Rowing's third annual Sculling Festival on the weekend of 15th and 16th August.

Described as the 'omnium of events', the Festival ran over two days and provided scullers with an opportunity to compete in skills tests and race over various distances over the multi lane course.

The event kicked off with a time trial on Saturday morning that gave the competitors a ranking for the rest of the week-end. The skills testing took place on Saturday afternoon - and included standing up and turning round in the boat! This was followed by 250m sprint racing, and after all this there was a barbecue for competitors, coaches and volunteers.

The Nottingham Rowing Club group, coached by British Rowing's Nicola Benavente and fresh from their exploits at Peterborough Summer Regatta, had a very good festival.

Top Gun was Joshua Tolley who came 2nd in the Senior Event and won the U23 outright. Jon Stimpson came 4th, with James Mawby, who is still a junior, 5th. George Eden was 8th, Ayrton Carlton 9th, George Halliwell 10th and Max Hearnanden 17th. James was the 4th U23 and 2nd Junior.

Amongst the women Caitlin Boyland came 18th and junior Charlotte Brown was 27th. In the U23 Competition Caitlin was 12th, Charlotte 19th, Kat Aguilar-Agon 21st and Ellen Tweed 26th. Charlotte was the 7th junior and Ellen was 9th.

The Boys Beginners had Max Parker 7th, James Gough 8th and Oliver Wilkes 9th.

Everyone agreed that it had been an interesting and enjoyable experience.

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Below: Joshua Tolley receives his trophy for winning the U23 event

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