

Ten out of ten! Nottingham RC girls celebrate 10th anniversary in style

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The 76th annual [Women's Eights Head of the River](#) took place on the 6.8km championship course on the River Thames from Mortlake to Putney, the reverse of the Boat Race. It was won by a composite crew of would-be internationals. Nottingham Rowing Club entered three crews in a record entry of 320. They began at 12th, 146th and 219th

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and they finished 10th, 28th and 62nd, a great result and credit to their coaches.

Nottingham Rowing Club is the only all women High Performance Club in the country and fully supports Sport England's 'This Girl Can' initiative. British Rowing explained: "The GB Rowing Team recognises and supports successful high performance programmes in a number of leading clubs funded through the National Lottery. The clubs in the programme have a track record of coaching rowers to challenge for a place in the GB Rowing Team and are committed to the World Class Rowing Strategy."

The High Performance crew of **Kat Aguilar-Agon, Ellyce Stehlin, Sammy Dartnall, Laura Wheeler**

Rosie Wilkins

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Kirstie Maxfield

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Katie Bartlett

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Caitlin Boyland

and cox

Vicky Atkins

, who had

[won at Nottingham](#)

five days before, came 10th overall and won the Provincial Pennant as the fastest boat outside London. Coach Dez Atkins was at pains to stress that it had been a whole squad effort: "Kate Parsons, Annie Campbell-Orde, Georgina Grainger and Fleur Tavare had sat in keeping the eight going in the cold, wet winter mornings, and Nikki Spencer was coxing before going to work."

The Junior eight coached by Dec Gamble, Martin Kay and Ian Wilson finished 28th and Helen Bloor's Intermediate crew was 62nd, providing strong back up to the pennant winners.

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Said Club President Keith Atkinson: "Nottingham Rowing Club was founded in 2006 when four local clubs Nottingham Boat Club, Nottingham Britannia Rowing Club, Nottinghamshire County Rowing Association and Nottinghamshire Schools Rowing Association joined forces, so we are celebrating 10 great years. The win in London was the 10th one in succession for the girls and they came 10th! Is this coincidence or what? Certainly 10 out of 10 for all concerned."

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