

NOTTINGHAM CITY REGATTA 2016-NOTTINGHAM ROWING CLUB DOMINATE WITH 11 WINS

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Nottingham City Regatta took place at the National Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont on Saturday 14th May. A record entry meant that some crews were turned away despite 11 hours of racing with a start every five minutes. This premier event in the rowing calendar is run jointly by local rivals Nottingham Rowing Club and Nottingham & Union RC, who also manage the Head of the Trent and Masters of Trentside in February, and the Nottingham Autumn Head in October. As part of a FISA exchange programme, umpires from Ireland and Holland officiated at the regatta.

With 11 outright wins, and many seconds and thirds, Nottingham Rowing Club dominated the regatta, with over 30 club members taking pots home. A bright season looks on the cards for the athletes and coaches.

First winning finalists were the Women's Intermediate2 Coxless pair of Pam Relph from Leander Club and Nottingham's **Grace Clough**, who had a course-long scrap with Nottingham University before claiming victory. Pam and Grace are part of Team GB's Paralympic Squad and usually row 1,000m pieces. Then a first for the club, as the Women's Junior 18 Eight shot out of the blocks and led Marlow Rowing Club home easily; this is the first time that the club has won this event. The crew of **Priya Jenkins, Megan Pepper**

,
Siena Hayes

,
Hannah Stocks

,
Rachael Heap

,
Charlotte Brown

,
Katie Swales

and

Ella Kay

, coxed by

Eliza Cox

and coached by Ian Wilson and Declan Gamble, hopes to medal at the National Schools Regatta.

The Men's Intermediate1 coxed four of **Martin Hind, Ayrton Carlton, Jon Okon** and **Adam Wright,**

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coxed by

Sophie Lawton

had a titanic struggle with City of Oxford Rowing Club before winning by a second.

Lucy Holgate

, who last week won at Rotterdam Regatta, won WJ17 Sculls convincingly. The Men's Intermediate2 coxless four of

Matt Bowles

,

Dan Roe

,

Stephen Bennett

and

Raph Formarier

beat Ardingly and Maidstone Invicta. Men's coach Dan Johnson said: "For four of the eight guys it was their novice win, and the coxe's first win."

The Women's Intermediate 3 double scull of **Kate Parsons** and **Georgina Grainger** won Intermediate 3 doubles.

Ellyce Stehlin

became Elite Lightweight Champion.

Josh Tolley

and partner won Elite double sculls, beating two other fellow club crews.

The final of Women's Elite Quadruple sculls had two club junior quads in first and second spot.

Priya Jenkins

,

Siena Hayes

,

Rachel Heap

and

Katie Swales

were declared winners.

The Junior 16 Quad of **Aimee Richards**, **Jenna Draycott**, **Abi Clark** and **Bella Barlow** stepped up to Intermediate3, racing older more experienced girls. Their coach Martin Kay said: "The race was nip and tuck for 1750 m with both crews keeping their cool, but they threw everything including the kitchen sink into the red buoys area at the end of the struggle and got home first." The highly successful day ended with an impressive display of quality sculling by

Matt Haywood

and

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James Mawby

who won J18 Double sculls ahead of Northwich Rowing Club.

The following day, Sunday 15th the Masters and Club Regatta was rowed over the standard Masters distance of 1000 m.

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Below: the winning women's Intermediate 3 quad with Regatta Chairman Tony Lorrimer.

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