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### BUCS 2017 - THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER!

4 A finals and bronze  
for Alex in intermediate 1x

### SAINTS REGATTA

The club hosted our first  
regatta in September with a  
sizeable entry from Scottish clubs!

### HENLEY WOMEN'S REGATTA 2017

2 crews entered, up from 1  
in 2016 and none prior!

PC: ALEX SHAW



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An introduction to our alumni reconnection effort and a hello from the history group.





# SAINTS REGATTA SEPTEMBER 17'

Back at the start of September, it was the turn of the club to host the final event of a three part sprint series hosted by Scottish Rowing. Loch Ore Sprints Regatta had been a faint idea during a committee meeting some eight or so months prior and bringing the concept to life posed a daunting and challenging task for a group of students! That said, many meetings later, many long phone calls and many many emails, we arrived on the morning of the 9th to a flat and crisp morning down at the Loch.

It was fantastic to have such a wide range of clubs and crews entered including: Aberdeen BC, Castle Semple RC, Clydesdale ARC, Eden BC, Glasgow RC, Loch Lomond RC, Saint Andrew RC and Stirling BC. The short 250 meter racing made for fantastically competitive and skilful racing throughout the day, with athletes often racing in multiple crews with the more unique events also providing fun for all members.

Despite a brief downpour during the afternoon, we remained mostly blessed with flat and windless conditions, providing a fantastic for our competitors to race, even with the occasional outbreaks of sunshine over the loch. Specific race results remain available on twitter and a full results set as well as all the event pictures are available on the regatta page: <https://www.ustaboatclub.com/loch-ore-regatta>





# BUCS REGATTA

By the end of BUCs 2016, the club had come away with one A final race and no medals. The season picked up upon our return to Scotland with some wins at Castle Semple Regatta and GRC Regatta before the major successes of last season came to front at HWR and HRR. Previous years at BUCs regatta had merited one or two breakaway crews who placed into an A final, but that all changed at BUCs regatta 2017! Here are just some snippets of our most exciting results.

The end of day 1 rounded off with Alex Chisholm coming through in 3rd place in the A final of the MInt1x, it was a hard fought group with entries from: Nottingham Trent, Queens Belfast, Sheffield, Bath and Scottish rivals Glasgow. Congratulations to Alex on a hard fought race and a great result - the first bronze medal for St Andrews at BUCs Regatta! .

The WC2- had similar success in their morning time trial, qualifying for the semi finals later in the morning. The semi was a very competitive race, with a thrilling finish in which St Andrews edged Edinburgh by 0.4 seconds but missed on an A final place by a canvas to Newcastle University.

The Monday was an afternoon of A finals to round off our weekend at BUCs. Both the WChamp4+ and the WBeg8+ took to the water in the afternoon to contest the big names of British University rowing. The WChamp4+ started the day with 5th in the time trial before securing an A final place in a strongly contested semi-final with crews from: Newcastle, Exeter, Durham and Aberdeen.

The A final shaped up to be a very competitive affair with: Brookes, Cambridge and UL joining the pack of qualifiers from the other semi-final. The girls lead through 500, a major upset to the expected race pattern. Slipping into 3rd through the 1000 mark, the girls looked to be within medal contention. Strong moves in the following 1000 from Newcastle and Cambridge proved difficult to withstand and the girls crossed the line in 5th. The crew is one to watch throughout the rest of this season, they've proven themselves as a force to be reckoned with at the top of female British University Rowing. There was no B final in the afternoon due to a lack of numbers but it was a well fought performance for the girls, they are a crew to watch throughout the rest of this season.

BUCs Regatta 2017 has undoubtedly been the most successful the club has ever had. A medal for Alex in the intermediate single marks another first for the club, adding to the medal achieved at BUCs head earlier this season.



BUCS REGATTA BRONZE



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BUCS HEAD BRONZE



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MENS 4+ HRR VS YALE



56TH PLACE FINISH WEHRR



# HWR 2017 - A RECORD PERFORMANCE

We had two crews out on the course over the weekend at HWR this year, the W4- and the W4+. The 4- was made up of: Hannah Myatt, Kirstin Giddy, Alex Shaw and Alice Thompson. The 4+ was made up of: Matt Taylor, Charlie Fling, Charis Evans, Ellie Livingston and Naomi Wood.

The step up in our entry from 2016 should not be forgotten, we had only entered a single A4+ crew just one year prior. Turning to the Friday of racing, we were delighted to see both crews smash through their time trial to reach knock out racing.

First into the heats was the S4- who drew Radcliffe, Harvard. Unfazed, it was a dominant performance by St Andrews from the start onwards. The girls held a length throughout and stretched out to 2 1/2 by the finish line, a dominant showing against one the mighties from the US.

Next into the heats was the A4+ who drew Leeds University. It was a well versed and highly technical Leeds crew who we were delighted to push against throughout the race. They took the heat comfortably on the line and moved through to lose to UL on Saturday.

It was then through to the quarter-finals for our S4-. Drawing Newcastle University, the girls accepted it was a challenge that awaited. Aggressively exiting the start, St Andrews held neck and neck with Newcastle, continuing to maintain coverage long past Temple and into the main racing block. Newcastle executed a strong and aggressive push in the middle 500, with our 4 unable to mount a comeback. Newcastle had been pushed harder than expected and went on to win the S4- category. A fantastic weekend of recording breaking results.





# GET IN TOUCH & THE HISTORY GROUP

A major focus for the club moving forward is the alumni, we are refocusing on getting our alumni communication structures a little more water tight than in previous times with the help of the Athletic Union and the Development Office at the University.

In order to achieve the substantial goal of finding all our lost alumni, the committee has founded a history group. This group of students has begun the enormous task of getting the alumni back in touch with the club and sharing the news of our recent successes. With that in mind, we've launched a google form on the alumni section of the website, with the link below. This form will, we hope, provide us eventually with an all encompassing timeline of the club's history as well as a more substantial alumni list with which to share our news. Please do get in touch with either the history group or our current alumni officer at [ustabc.history@gmail.com](mailto:ustabc.history@gmail.com) or [ap\\_rowing@saints-sport.com](mailto:ap_rowing@saints-sport.com) respectively.

Please stay tuned for news about our alumni calendar which we are soon to change!



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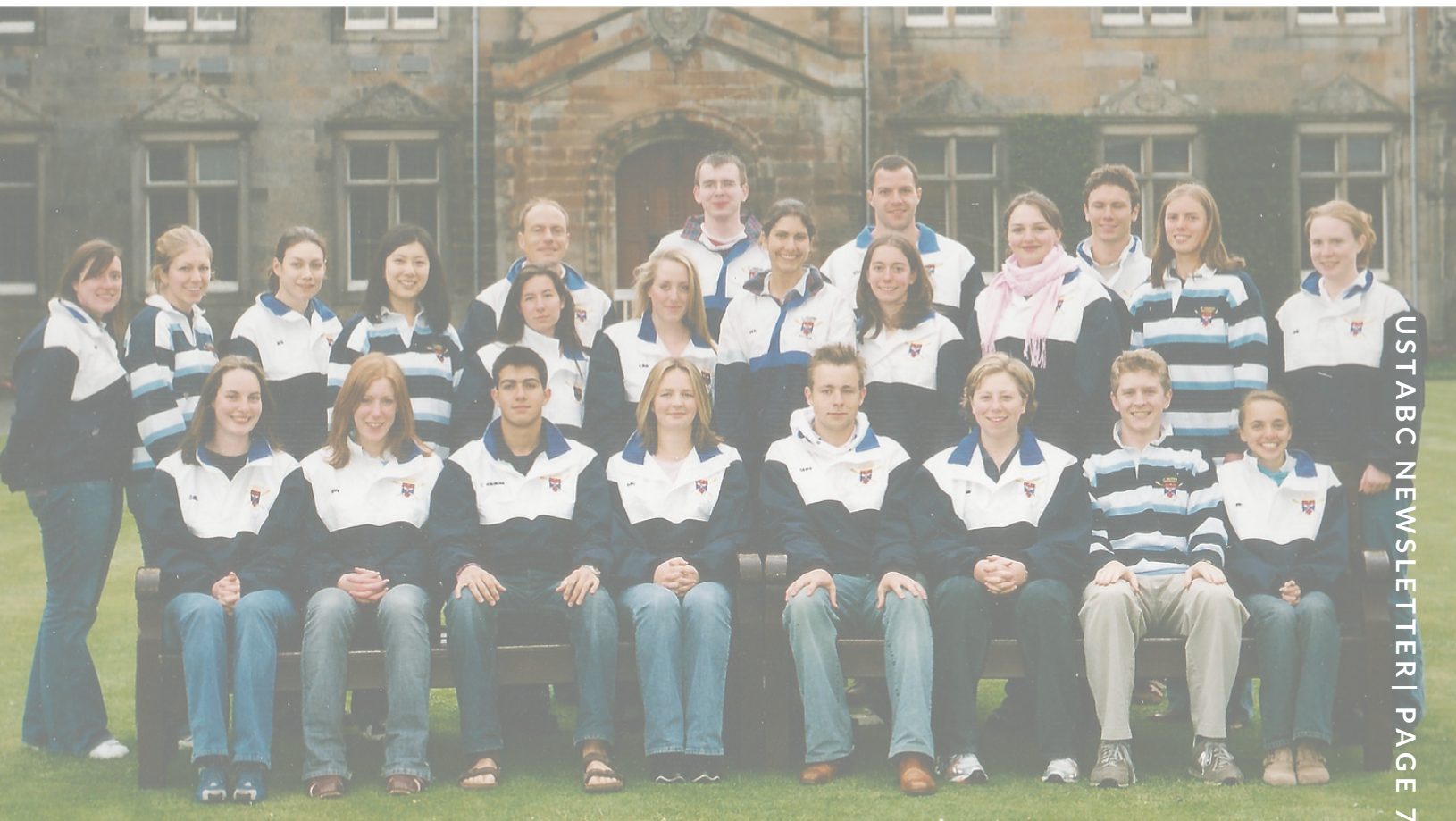
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THE RESULTS THE CLUB  
HAS WORKED SO HARD  
FOR, IT IS AN  
ENORMOUSLY EXCITING  
TIME TO BE A PART OF  
ROWING AT ST ANDREWS  
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**BUCS ROUND UP REPORT 2017**

