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SENIOR W4- CROWNED BRITISH CHAMPIONS

An incredibly successful debut to the British Rowing Senior Championships!

VL TROPHY WIN AT SCOTTISH INDOORS

A tremendous Club effort at Scottish Indoors, winning both the VL trophy as well as multiple medals!

SAINTS REGATTA 2018

Round two of the largest student-run regatta in the UK

PC: SCOTTISH STUDENT SPORT

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SAINTS REGATTA 18'

After such a successful event last year Saints Regatta returned to the Loch for a second year. The event was held early in September, so there was a huge amount of work and time put in over the summer break for the student-run Regatta Committee. The organisation of the event was immense, with over 160 competitors racing, and with the experience gained from the previous year, the day of sprint racing was not to disappoint. The morning of racing was a great success, where we welcomed not only local rowing Clubs but also fellow university rowers to the Loch, including Edinburgh University and Dundee University.

Unfortunately, due to harsh weather conditions, racing had to be cancelled in the afternoon. Nevertheless, it was a great effort from both those racing and it was fantastic to see all of the clubs' supporters present as well and we look forward to see what this year holds for another Saints Regatta!

2018 race results remain available on our Twitter page (@ustarowing).



BRIT CHAMPS

This was the Club's debut appearance at the British Rowing Senior Championships and the first race of the academic year for the Senior Women. Four of our athletes travelled down to Nottingham for the event in October to compete in the Women's 4- event. The boat was made up Kirstin Giddy (stroke), Skye Arnott (3), Morgan Hartley (2) and Lydia Theos (bow). These four student-athletes all started off their rowing careers through very different paths, whether it be through our novice programme or having entered the Club as a Senior, and it was impressive to see how they came together very rapidly to make a strong four, considering they had only been rowing in this line-up since mid-September. It was especially exciting to welcome a fresher to the team, Lydia.

The weekend was filled with a mixture of formats, both time trials and races, and the four managed to secure a place in the A final, having competed against some of the top crews in the UK including Molesey and Leander in the A/B semi-final. Not only did they make it through to the A final, placing 6th in the end, but the ladies also won the title of British Champions for the W4- University Shield Category! This fantastic win was in Catalyst, one of the members of our treasured fleet, that was named by our founder, John Browne, in 2016. Not only did the four athletes gain a wealth of experience from this event, but they brought home a fantastic achievement for both themselves and the Club.



ABERDEEN HEAD



The Senior Women's squad have been very busy competing at a number of races across the country this semester, including that of Aberdeen in October.

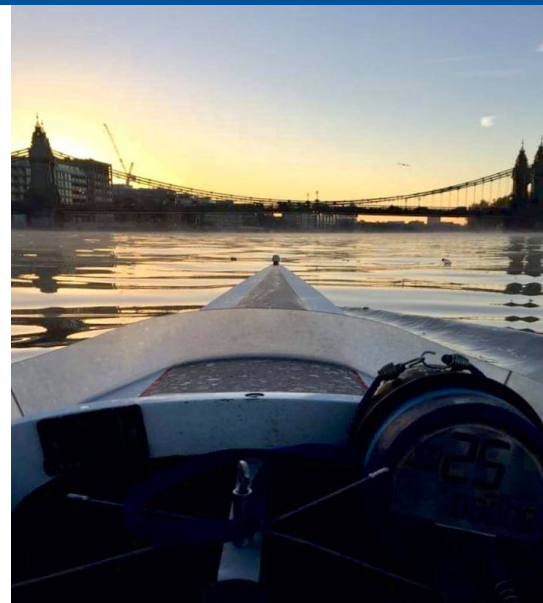
A mixture of fours took to the water, with fairly settled conditions, competing in both divisions. It was a successful first division for the three crews, with the 'A' boat, made up of Skye Arnott, Taylor Brooke Wright, Olivia Chase and Morgan Hartley, winning the Women's Open 4+ title (see left) and the 'B' and 'C' crew finishing not far behind them in fifth place and timed-only, respectively.

In the second division, the 'A' boat missed out on the Women's R2 4+ title by four seconds and, again, the 'B' boat were close to follow, placing 4th in the category.

As always, the race at Aberdeen provided the squad with invaluable experience early on in the racing calendar. It was particularly exciting to see a number of study-abroad students getting the chance to race in Scotland too!

FULLER'S FOURS HEAD

The month of October was similarly successful for the Senior Men, with their first competition being down in London at Fuller's Head of the River Fours. This was the Club's debut at this event, where three UStABC crews raced that weekend. Our two coxed fours dominated the field in the Academic Challenge 4+, where we were awarded fastest and 4th fastest times in the category. Additionally, our third crew placed 20th place in the Intermediate 4- category.



SCOTTISH INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS



As the first event of the year that the whole Club attended, it was an exciting event to end on in semester one. This was the first time our novice squads this year had been exposed to a racing environment, and it provided them with a good idea of the competition yet to come in regatta season later on this year.

Not only this, but our Senior squads won a number of medals throughout the day of both individual and team races - testament to the breadth and depth of the squads. A number of medals were secured in a number of categories, including a gold medal in both the men and women's lightweight category, and it was particularly exciting to see that 9 of our senior athletes got PBs for the 2km event. The day ended with student team relays, with two of the senior men teams medalling, winning gold and bronze. For the women, a similarly impressive level of racing took place in the relays, where one of our teams won the bronze.

A total of 6 medals were won, and the huge team effort shone through when the Club was presented with the Victor Ludorum Trophy to the Club – crowning UStABC as the most successful Club of the event this year!

GIVING BACK AND GETTING INVOLVED...

Last semester, the Eden Fund was launched as our new annual giving scheme, which allows supporters of the programme to make an annual donation to support the development of our fleet. Beyond current Club members, we are lucky enough to have a huge support network that has got us to the point we are today. There was positive uptake of donations this year, and these contributions will help us allow even more of our athletes to compete at events across the country in the years to come.

The Eden Fund will help ensure a sustainable future for the club, helping to raise funds to facilitate the purchase of a new addition to our fleet. Following the recent release of our Growth & Development Strategy, and in line with the rapid development of the club that has been seen in recent years, we are excited to see how this can help create more opportunities for our athletes.

To learn more about this scheme, visit our website: <https://www.ustaboatclub.com/donate>



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