

# EUBC NEWS

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## WEHERR cancelled

We are all familiar with the British weather, but the recent storms that have hit the UK seem to favour the weekends we have some of the biggest races of the year! This year WEHERR and HERR were on separate weekends meaning the Women and the Men had different training schedules but training for the Women the week leading up to the race was mainly in the gym due to high winds. It was inevitable that the race was going to be altered in some way, and the evening before the Women's squad were all gutted to hear it was cancelled. However, they carried on and of course, the erg was the next best thing...

## Alumni Dinner

This year brought the first of EUBCs inaugural Alumni and Associates Dinner. It proved to be a great success with current members getting the chance to interact with esteemed alumni for the first time. With an evening of nostalgic celebration, it was wonderful to hear the stories of generations who have gone before. The common theme of the evening was how fondly the friendships and alliances made whilst rowing were remembered and, "why don't we do this more often?"

## BUCS HEAD

With all the good winter training put in over the past few months, the New Year brings all the rowers at EUBC a chance to step up their game and deliver over the slightly longer courses of the head races.

BUCS Head provided us with the first opportunity to show the rest of the other crews what we have been up to. This year with the event being held at Gloucester meant that we avoided the 8 hour coach journey but did mean we had to leave at 4:30am!

### Novices

This being the first head race for the novices was a huge step up and gave them a chance to experience what racing against other top universities can be like. On the Mens side we had a 4+, 4x and 8+ with the Women competing in a 4+ and 8+. The 4+ with Michael M, Billy J, Tristan K, Sam B, and Lorne had a great performance which resulted in a Bronze medal. Unfortunately the 4x had some technical issues with the steering but were in contention for a Bronze as well, before the steering broke. The 8+ had some steering issues which meant the results weren't representative of their potential. The Women put in a strong performance, with the 4+ missing out on a medal by less than 2 seconds. The 8+ had a strong finish and showed great potential for the rest of the year. We look forward to this years Novices showing us what they can do at BUCS Regatta. So both the 4x and 8+ are excited to show what they can really do come BUCS regatta

### Seniors

With the influx of Senior fresh this year joining our returners, EUBC were keen to improve on last years results of a Gold and Silver. The results are as follows:

*Mens:*

**Bronze - Championship 4+:** James D, Josh B, Charlie N,

## Photos from BUCS head -



Novice Men and Women's 4+

Int 4+

Chp4+

Womens Lwt 4x

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James B, TomG - cox

**Bronze** - Intermediate 4+: Joe E, Tristan T, Ashely N, Oli L and Sophie F - cox

*Womens:*

**Gold** - Lwt 4x: Bella D, Elle N, Danielle S and Izzy L.

With the weather forcing the organisers to cancel the second division, the Lwt Mens 4x, Mens 8+, Women's 4+ and 8+ were unable to race. This was really frustrating for those crews, especially as they were in such good form and aiming to bring home a medal. However, this plays to their advantage for BUCS Regatta as they can be the underdogs.

### Exeter Head

Exeter Head was a great chance for the club to reassert our dominance over the Ship Canal. Moreover, it gave the men's squad a chance to further prepare for the upcoming Head of the River the following weekend. With four wins apiece for both the men and women, the event was a great success- both our men's and women's 'Senior A' eights took the fastest times of the day.

### HORR

The following weekend saw EUBC take on the Head of the River in London. Only twice in the history of the club have we entered four men's eights, illustrating the exciting depth of the



current squad. Not only this, but we were fortunate to be joined by an Alumni eight, made up of recent graduates from the university. Unfortunately, the race organisers had underestimated our first eight, with a starting position of 77 meaning that Laura had a tough gig navigating through the pack. Nonetheless, the crew produced a fine result of 32nd, the best result for the club in recent history. The remaining student eights produced finishes of 93rd, 111th and 215th, whilst the Alumni eight showed glimmers of their former glory, placing 202nd. These results represent a huge step forward for the club, as we hope to attract the best talent in the country for future seasons. Many thanks to all of those shouting from the bank.