



Beccles Rowing Club – Boat Race Fun Day

Beccles Rowing Club celebrated Boat Race Day in style with its own version of the Oxford Versus Cambridge competition. Nearly the entire club turned out for a fabulous day of fun, games, burgers and Boat Race.

The brainchild of new Captain Phil, the club was randomly split into two halves, with one side nominated Cambridge and the other Oxford naturally, and sent out to do battle. Events were held on the beautiful stretch of river in front of the club in such illustrious and gruelling events as “The Tennis Ball relay”, the “Most 360 degree spins in a plastic training boat and “The least strokes to complete the course” challenge.

Even more competitive action was seen in the jostling for space and sausages on the barbeque and the inevitable Oxbridge race to the beer, which it is understood has been going on for even longer than the 155 years of the main event.

Picking out individuals from the day’s intense rivalry wasn’t easy, but sterling performances were noted from Laura in the spinning ahoy training boat and a typically gritty scull from Erin, who showed equal determination to Hoover up burgers later in the day. Much disappointed was shown as Charlie failed to fall in following a sadly impressive display of standing up in the boat whilst crossing the finish line. Matt was characteristically competitive when surging to the front in order to sit on the best chair in the newly refurbished clubhouse, doing so in order to get the best vantage point to watch the less important International event on the new flat screen TV kindly provided by Chairman Robin.

Captain Phil commented of the day “This is a fundamental part of what Beccles Rowing Club is now about. Getting the whole club to interact together, enjoy themselves and develop the kind of strong bonds that will drive us through gruelling winter training and sunny successful summer Regattas alike. The age range was incredible, with members from eight to eighty, girls and boys, seniors and Juniors, high level rowers to beginners, all mixing together and sharing a brilliant day’s fun. The success of this event has inspired us to have many more like it, and everybody is welcome!”

Those interested in coming to one of the Social events, or one of the Beccles Rowing Club Induction Programmes, or who are keen to help the club in any way, are encouraged to contact Captain Phil Marler via www.becclesrowingclub.co.uk