



Norfolk Long Distance Sculls – 31st October 2009

Five crews from Beccles Rowing Club raced against the clock in the Norfolk long Distance Sculls held on the River Yare between Bramerton and Whitlingham in calm conditions on Saturday 31st October.

First off, over the 2100mtr short course were the new club secretary Alan Bright and Mark Taylor competing in the men's novice single sculls who were soon overtaken by their younger club mate Will Loftus who finished in a time of 9mins 34secs beating his only competitor in the men's Junior 16 category by 12 seconds. In spite of being shown a clean pair of heels by Will, Mark managed to record the fastest time of 10mins 33secs for a novice single scull over this course.

Competing over the 4200mtr long course the experienced double scull of women's Captain Debbie Harmer and veteran Jon Benest-Bartram were disappointed that they were the only entry in the mixed IM3 category especially as their time of 18mins 55secs would have put them in second place in the higher mixed IM2 category.

The final competitor from Beccles, Club Chairman Robin De-Vere-Green competing for the first time for a number of years as a veteran G single sculler is to be congratulated on his efforts on completing the long course in 27mins 36secs.

Beccles Rowing Club members are now preparing for their next competitive outing, The Carrow Cup in December when the club hopes to have a larger number of crews flying the flag for Beccles. The club always welcomes new members, with or without experience further details are available on the club's website or by contacting enquiries@becclesrowingclub.co.uk.