

Annual report by interim Chair

This report is provided by an interim chairperson following the resignation of the chair following events associated with the World Championships which are detailed in this report.

While its been a busy year here are some of the most important and notable events.

- **Invergordon Students:** Moses led youth rowing by young persons from Invergordon Academy as part of their activity module at the school. A small group of the students won the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative competition using the mental and health benefits of rowing with the SDCRC as the basis for their presentation. The Club will be able to acquire a new boat shelter, materials and equipment with the awarded funds. The Club expressed their thanks to the great efforts of the students in winning the £3,000 YPI award.
- **The Build Team:** have worked on the Wemyss skiff and have refurbished the existing boats ahead of the World Championships.
- **Quiz night:** Thanks to Kate for organising a successful.
- **SDCRC Regatta:** Thank you to everyone who helped to pull this together.

The World Championships

Congratulations to all our rowers at the World Championships. All our crews did well in an extremely competitive field.

Notable success was the achievement of Gold for the Mixed 60's

Congratulations to them. We know how hard the 60's squad worked to achieve this success.

Under 17's Mixed crew : We are also very proud of our youngsters on achieving a Silver medal.

Unfortunately, we have to impart some very distressing news. Following an investigation by SASI, the Worlds governing body, our youngsters have been disqualified due to a discrepancy in the age of the crew.

As a Board we have been profoundly saddened and distressed by the impact this has had on the young people and the families involved. We take responsibly for this and are committed to investigate the circumstances in which this occurred and take advice to put robust processes in place so that this never happens again.

Safeguarding has to be taken very seriously and this will be our priority over the next year and into the future. It is expected that proposed changes in the way the Board functions will ensure change.

We will strengthen our approach to the management of race crews in general, particularly youth entries, to ensure greater compliance and to reduce the possibility of similar issues in the future. SASI are also reviewing their age verification processes for the next World Championships.

Thank you to everyone that has worked so hard this year.