



“Surfs up” at Twickenham Rowing Club

Twickenham Rowing Club (TwRC) is to take delivery of a surf rowing boat that has been shipped from Perth in Western Australia. This marks a major new development for one of UK rowing's longest established Thames upper tideway rowing clubs. The Club will also benefit from the experience of Richard Meadmore, an Australian Champion sweep, who will be offering his coaching services.



Great River Race 2004
TwRC & North Cottesloe SLRC
Veteran's Category: Placed 2nd

TwRC became involved with surf rowing when a group of club members brought a boat to the UK for the Great River Race in 2004. The crew achieved a memorable second place, in a time not beaten to date by any other subsequent surf rowing club. This boat went to the Cornish Perranporth Surf Rowing Club (www.perranporthslsc.org.uk), where a mutually supportive relationship has developed over the years, and has been used extensively at regattas. A crew comprising TwRC members has also successfully competed in the 2006 UK Surfboat Championships, which has set the surf rowing trend firmly in action.

“This is an exciting new development for the club.” comments Mark Ormiston, Club President, *“It enables us to offer facilities and support for Australians living in London who want to maintain their sport, and also allows existing club members to benefit from this exciting rowing experience.”*

The intention is to offer facilities for existing training club members and new members with previous surf boat experience to learn and develop the techniques that will enable the club to enter teams for surf rowing regattas and championships held throughout the UK and Europe. TwRC will offer winter training on the Thames, with the boat being taken to the coast in the summer months for competitions and surf training.

Anybody interested in participating in surfboat rowing should contact the Club at surfboat@twickenhamrc.net.



About Twickenham Rowing Club

Twickenham RC is located on Eel pie Island in Twickenham, which is just 12 minutes by train from Clapham Junction and is on the mainline from Waterloo Station. The Club produces competitive racing crews for both sexes at junior, senior and veteran levels and offers excellent coaching and training programmes throughout the year, as well as off-water facilities including gym, rowing machines, rowing tank, showers and bar. The Club is one of the founding seven Remenham clubs, providing its members with special benefits at Henley Royal Regatta.

For more information about the Club visit: www.twickenhamrc.net

About Surf Rowing

Surf rowing originated in Australia as a result of races between beach lifeguard boats. The rowing technique required is very similar to still water rowing, although the boat is more stable and additional skills are required such as learning how to launch the boat into surf.

For more information about surf rowing go to: www.uksrl.co.uk