

Feedback from the GCYC Racing and looking forward to the 2022 season

Thanks to the 37 people who completed the Racing Survey earlier this year and I have taken some of the Feedback into the 2022 Programme which is being finalised.

The full results of the survey are attached below via a link but the key points to take forward are

- The bi-weekly Upriver Race Programme jointly with HCA will remain ongoing as it encourages numbers and the length of courses seem to appeal to a number of respondents
- There is an opportunity to maximise attendance at both Club's regattas through good communication of details early in the season and working with sympathetic tide times and Upriver Courses
- If there is a preference for length of course then it is for 2-3 hour races but the majority preferred a mixture of Short and Long
 - o Along with the HCA programme of 2-3 hour races I have varied the length of the Out of River races where possible allowing for Tides
- Respondents showed a strong preference for a mixture of Upriver and Outriver Races and the split will generally be about 50/50
- There was a strong preference for retaining the NHC rolling handicap system as well as a Club Handicap system with a request for White Sails handicaps
 - o I will take some learnings from the early stages of the HCA handicap Byron handicaps but intend to roll 2021 handicaps into 2022 to create a 'Club NHC handicap'
- There was a preference to take New Crew on Board and train them – as a Committee we should work out how to make the most of the Crew Section on GCYC website or Facebook
- There was a strong preference to an 'Introduction to Racing' presentation which I will run at the start of the season
- Positive feedback about Communication of Races , Courses etc but 7 No's so we need to make sure our chosen method is clear and available to all (Presentation evening)
- The suggestions included Fun races , destination races , Hull Marina so new in the Programme this year will be
 - o Under 21 Helm Race
 - o Crew Helming Race
 - o Orienteering Race around the river (any order you like)
 - o Pursuit Race

- Race to Hull and back with Overnight
- As well as Canada Wreck , Rosse Spit , Haile Sand and RNLI Trophy Races plus other Trophy Events
- Short and Long courses will also be held if there are sufficient Fleet numbers.

The purpose of the Survey was to try and gain feedback and encourage numbers out Sailing or Racing and we will continue to monitor.

Thanks for your support

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