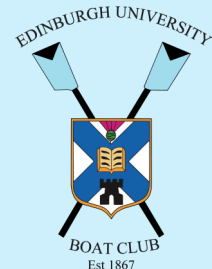


# CELESTE



September 2020

## President's Welcome

Welcome to this edition of Celeste! The EUBC Committee and myself do wish you and your families well, and we hope you are safe and well following the recent Covid 19 Pandemic.

Covid 19 was not kind to the rowing community, and EUBC, like other clubs up and down the country had our season cut horrendously short. Summer plans were cancelled and the club's activity ground to a halt - however we will be back, and we will be back stronger than ever!

I hope you enjoy this edition of Celeste and that we see you at an event soon!

Dan Baillache, President 2019-21



## Success for EUBC Past and Present at SR Awards

During the lockdown period, Scottish Rowing announced the winners of their 2018-19 Rowing Awards and there was significant success for members of the EUBC community!

**John Higson** - Coach of the Year 18/19 - Alumnus John won the award for the second time in recent years, after coaching his squad to great success, including a BUCs VL win, a HWR win, and also for coaching the GB U23 W4- to a gold medal at the U23 Worlds in 2019.

**Maddie Arlett** - Senior Rower of the Year 18/19 - Maddie won the award for cementing her position as one of the top lightweight rowers in the country, and indeed the world, winning a bronze medal in the Lw1x at the 2019 World Championships.

**Trini Duke** - Senior Volunteer of the Year 18/19 - Alumna Trini won the award for her contribution to St Andrew Boat Club, particularly in women's rowing at the club.



## Blues and Colours

For the 2018/19 season, five members of EUBC have been awarded Blues and Colours by The University of Edinburgh at a virtual edition of the annual ceremony!

### Blues:

Lucy Glover, Dale Flockhart and Dan Baillache



## Training in Lockdown

During the lockdown period, most of our athletes returned home to spend the period of isolation with their families. However this did not stop us from training! The coaching team were able to deliver ergs to most people who needed them before the restrictions came into place, allowing many to get in the miles at home. Here are some photos of the new training environments that our athletes have been making the most of throughout the pandemic - which also included hikes up some munros!



### Colours:

Brianna Siddle and Maya Doughty



## Thanks to our NHS Workers

EUBC would like to extend a massive Thank You to all those members and alumni who have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic in the NHS, providing care to everyone across the UK!

Alumna Polly Swann, who recently graduated, took a break from her preparations for Tokyo 2020 (now 2021), to serve as an Interim Foundation Doctor near to her family home in Scotland.

If you are an alumnus who has been working in the NHS through the pandemic do get in touch, we would love to feature you in a future Celeste!

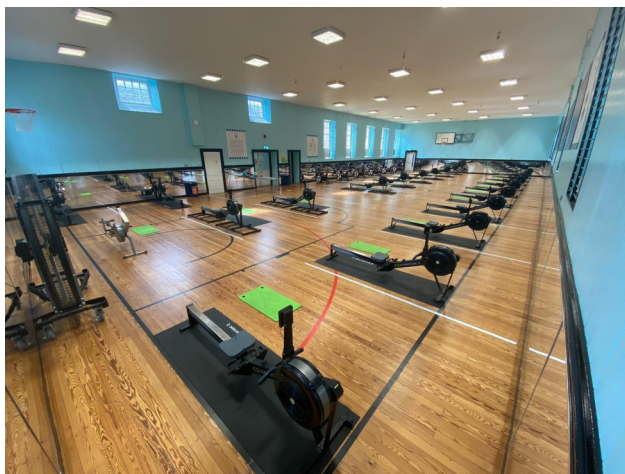
Further to this Lucy Glover was awarded the prestigious **Cameron Blue of the Year Award**, for the best Blues Award for 2018/19.



## EUBC Committee 2020-21

At the end of February 2020, EUBC held its annual AGM in Old College. After presentations on the club's past year and current future plans going forward, the committee for 2020-21 was elected as follows:

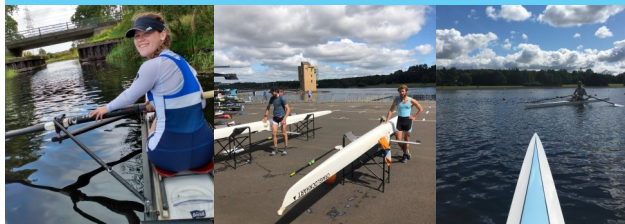
**President** - Dan Baillache  
**Vice President** - Euan Dickerson  
**Treasurer** - Ben Dickens  
**Secretary** - Kate Duke  
**Senior Men's Captain** - Hugh Reilly  
**Senior Women's Captain** - Sarah Riches  
**Beginner Captain** - Zoe Horne  
**Club Rowing Captains** - Joe Stelling and Bethany Hickling  
**Kit Officer** - Philip Garnier  
**Publicity Officer** - Beltran Field  
**Sponsorship Officer** - James Hodson  
**Alumni Officer** - Henry Pooley  
**Ordinary Member** - Lucy Glover  
**Social Secs** - Jane Hardie and Immy Wolsencroft



## EUBC's Return to Rowing

EUBC is well on the way to returning to club activity as the new term starts this week!

The club will be resuming the new Semester as close to normal as possible, in line with local government, Scottish Rowing and University of Edinburgh advice. The coaching team have done a brilliant job in preparing our facilities for the return of activity both on land at the Pleasance and on the water, both at the Meggetland Boat House and our facilities at Strathclyde Park. The Dame Katherine Grainger Rowing Gym (affectionally known as the DKG, pictured) has all been laid out in a socially distant manner and welcomed its first athletes of the new season on 11th September! Some athletes have already been able to make it to Strathclyde Park, and the Forth and Clyde Canal at Auchinstary too, seen below!



## Success for Head of Rowing at BR Virtual Champs

Head of Rowing (and St Andrew BC member), Colin Williamson, won a bronze medal at the first British Rowing Virtual Indoor Championships held during the lockdown, in the M 30 2000m category. Congratulations Colin!

## Head of Rowing's Welcome

Like many of you, I suspect, I have had some fairly introspective moments over the past six months. Initial feelings of disappointment at the curtailment of a promising season were then somewhat overshadowed by concern for the long term physical, social and economic well being of friends, family and the country at large.

As we prepared for the new academic year, it would have been easy to dismiss rowing, and sport in general, as trivial in the grand scheme of things. However, as our new students arrive to an austere welcome of classes from behind a screen, isolated dining in their halls of residence and not a social event to be seen, we have a bigger role to play than ever.

Through rowing, even with current restrictions, we have an opportunity to provide a degree of normality that is so absent elsewhere. We can provide the social interaction and camaraderie that has been stripped from student life on so many ways.

So, far from being downbeat, I am more positive than ever in the strength of our sport to add value to the young people we take into our care.

**Colin Williamson, Head of Rowing, University of Edinburgh**



## Coaching Team 2020/21

**Colin Williamson**

Head of Rowing

**John Higson**

Assistant Head of Rowing  
and Senior Women's  
Coach

**Paddy Hudson**

Senior Men's Coach

**Michael Hughes**

Performance Pathway  
Coach

## Tideway Heads 2020

While the Tideway Heads both all got cancelled this year, WeHARR because of the fast stream conditions, and HoRR because of Covid-19, we were looking forward to fielding one of the strongest sets of crews in many years, with 4 women's 8s set to race WeHARR and 3 men's 8s set to race HoRR. The first crews for each are detailed below:

### Women's 1st VIII

B: Issy Jonsson  
2: Tara Grimsley-Moore  
3: Bella O'Hara  
4: Alice Ives  
5: Lucy Glover  
6: Robyn Patton  
7: Lydia Currie  
S: Alex Rankin  
C: Dan Baillache

### Men's 1st VIII

B: Ben Dickens  
2: Lukas Neilsen  
3: Philip Garnier  
4: James Doran  
5: Hugh Reilly  
6: Matt Curtis  
7: Harry Guy  
S: Henry Pooley  
C: Lizzie Dickinson

## Thank You Alumni!

Using donations from the Boat Club Alumni Fund, we have been able to fully refurbish two coxed fours from our canal fleet.

The two fours *Livy II* and *Zebedee*, are currently with Hudson, and will be returning to us like new in the early Autumn. The refurbished boats will provide our Beginner and Club Rowing squads high quality shells, primarily for races held across Scotland and the UK. Further investment is also being made at the Meggetland Canal BH, to help improve our beginner and social/recreational rowing offering, with the aim of increasing participation in the sport!

We couldn't do this without your support - so many thanks to all those who support the Alumni Fund through donations. If you wish to make a donation to the fund, or support the club financially, please do get in touch with us!





## ExeEndurow - GB Row Success

New this year to the Edinburgh Novice Squad, Arthur Chatto, in a herculean feat with his team of friends from different Universities, attempted (and succeeded) in becoming the youngest team to ever row non-stop unsupported around the British Coast. They completed this feat in 42 days, 8 hours and 23 minutes, rowing a total 1811.62 nautical miles. They so far have raised just shy of £ 30,000, split 50/50 between supporting the British Red Cross in their response to COVID-19, and Just One Ocean who campaign for plastic-free oceans around the UK.

Their fundraising is still open now and can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/exe-endurow>



## Cycling Kit Fundraiser

Available for Alumni to buy now is some new EUBC branded cycling gear, being sold in support of **Sporting Equals**, a charity that works to promote inclusivity and diversity in sport and physical education. £ 4 from the sale of every jersey and £ 2.50 from each pair of shorts will support them!

You can check them out now at <https://rivalkit.com/collections/yeah-pandas>. The Password is: PANDA.



## From the Archive

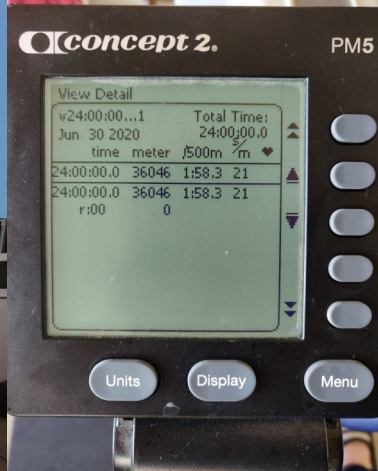
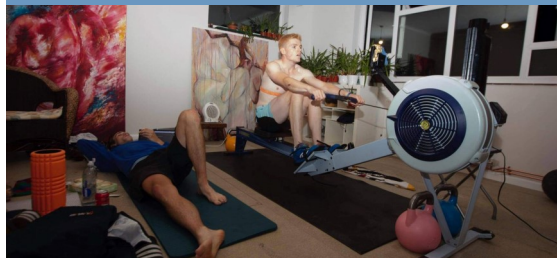
Thanks to all alumni who have submitted their memories of EUBC to the club! In the next Celeste we will be doing a feature highlighting these for you all, but we wanted to give you a further opportunity to send in your photos, memories, etc. for the Club Historical Record! Shown here are some photos of the 1967 Tideway Crew, and the 2nd Four, sent in by Peter Allen.

If you have any memories, please do send these to [rowing.alumni@ed.ac.uk](mailto:rowing.alumni@ed.ac.uk)!



## Lightweight World Record

Harry Guy and Hugh Reilly (SM Cap), two of our Senior Men's squad have used lockdown to fundraise for great causes, and break world records in the gruelling 24-hour ergometer in the process. Harry was raising money for Alzheimer's Society, and Hugh was rowing in support of Mental Health Research UK. What started as an attempt at breaking only the lightweight tandem world record for their age category (20-29), they put in an astounding performance to also break the overall lightweight world record. They also beat every heavyweight age category bar the 20-29 range, currently held by Olympians Sam Loch and Matt Ryan from Australia. They rowed an incredible 365,464 metres, an average split of 1:58.3 per 500m. Not only did they smash their first target of 350km, but they also smashed their goal of raising £ 1,000 for their respective causes, generating an impressive £ 3,211.



## Key Dates

NB. All the following dates are provisional - events may not happen due to ongoing disruption.

**27-28/2/21**

BUCs Head, Newcastle

**6/3/21**

Women's Eights Head

**20/3/21**

Eights Head

**1-3/5/21**

BUCs Regatta, NWSC

**18-20/6/21**

Henley Women's Regatta

**29/6-4/7/21**

Henley Royal Regatta

**3/7/21**

HRR Reception

**23-31/7/21**

Tokyo 2020 Olympic Regatta

**24/7/21**

Home International Regatta

## Other Fundraising Efforts

Several other members of the club set themselves tough targets for good causes.

EUBC member James Doran completed a marathon run around London, raising £ 1,220 for The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. EUBC member Immy Wolstencroft also took to the roads to run 10 km a day for the whole month of May, also raising £ 1,220 for her chosen charity: The Running Charity.

Elsewhere, SW Captain Sarah Riches (pictured) set herself an adapted half Ironman triathlon to do, in aid of Diabetes UK, as she herself suffers from type 1 diabetes. She raised £ 868 for her cause. Cameron Bradley with his friends ran the equivalent distance to Moscow, with Cameron running himself the 4th most on his team with 267.5 km in aid of Move4Minds, helping raise just over £ 5,000. Henry Pooley and James Hodson, completed relay ergo marathons with their families, with their old school boat club in aid of the Slough Food Bank.



## Get in touch with EUBC!

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