

## Rowing Report - 2020 AGM

It's been a strange year for coastal rowing in the club. We had lots of plans for the year that were curtailed by COVID restrictions, but some things have been progressed and, since September, regular rowing is now taking place within the guidance.

We managed to complete the theory element of the cox training in March but the on the water practice had to be cancelled. We had seven potential coxes from Chanonry and six from Nairn Coastal Rowing Club taking part. We hope to be able to complete some elements of the on the water training soon.

The coastal rowing section has been progressing disability inclusion with a couple of members attending Disability Inclusion Training. We had organised a training session with Sight Action to deliver sighted guidance training for coxes but unfortunately this was cancelled due to COVID restrictions. The club supported the purchase of a disabled rowing seat that will allow a wider range of people to take part in rowing. Chanonry Maid has been adapted to take the seat and we hope to trial it soon.

The Scottish Coastal Rowing Association had organised an ambitious RowAround Scotland as part of the Year of Coasts and Waters and celebrating 10 years of coastal rowing in Scotland. Over 70 clubs were due to take part carrying a baton around the coast. Our leg in July would have us take the baton from Cromarty to Fortrose. The real row was replaced with a Virtual Row and you can see our entry at [www.rowaround.scot/virtual\\_legs/cromarty-to-fortrose-section-7-day-13](http://www.rowaround.scot/virtual_legs/cromarty-to-fortrose-section-7-day-13). It is hoped the row will take place for real next year.

Last year we took part in the Castle to Crane long distance race on the Clyde. The race couldn't go ahead this year, but it was replaced with the 5 Miles From Home time trial in September. A team from Chanonry took part in this, completing our five miles from the harbour, out to Chanonry Point, over Skate Bank, and back to the harbour in a fraction over one hour. It was a great way to get rowing started and engage, albeit virtually, with other clubs.

While we were off the water we took the opportunity to give Chanonry Maid some TLC. She's now painted and varnished and looking great. Many thanks to Steve Bramwell, Richard Cherry and Donnie McLeod for their hard work.

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