



26th November 2009

Dear Captain,

It is now three years since the introduction of "Rowing on the Tideway" and the release of its revised version is an appropriate time to announce the winners of the Rowing Code Implementation prize.

On the advice of the rowing code of conduct panel there has been a change to the format of the prizes this year. The Most Improved prize is being replaced with an additional Runners Up prize. This change reflects the fact that the rowing community as a whole has now firmly grasped the principals of the Code and these prizes are now intended to reward the first among equals.

This year the prizes have been awarded as follows:

Runners Up – London Rowing Club & HSBC Rowing Club
Overall Winner – Auriol Kensington Rowing Club

The overall winner will receive a cheque for a £1000 in a ceremony at the club on December 9th, with the other two clubs both receiving £500 at the same occasion. Our congratulations go to these three clubs in their efforts to keep the tideway a safe and enjoyable place for all rowers. The winners were closely followed by two other clubs who are commended for their efforts:

Westminster School Boat Club and Thames Rowing Club

The general downward trend in rowing incidents continues, which reflects well on the rowing community's ability to self-regulate. However there have been a number of alarming incidents recently which suggest that some oarsmen may need a refresher from their club safety advisors. The updated version of the Rowing Code has a number of changes to make it more user friendly with more illustrations and photographs than previously. With the winter months drawing in and the river getting increasingly busy, now is a good time for you to revisit it with your club members.

Finally we would like to take this opportunity to thank those club members who have given of their time to the rowing disciplinary code panel. They have helped to ensure that all clubs have been fairly treated, representing as they do all the different types of club on the river.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Harbour Master

Ruth Hatton
Chairman TRRC