

Women's Eights Head of the River Race

Press Release



Record breaking ocean rower to present prizes for 72nd Women's Eights Head of the River Race

On Thursday 15th March, Ocean Rower Roz Savage will present the prizes to the Pennant winners for the 72nd race at a reception to be held at Thames Rowing Club.

Roz is a record breaking ocean rower, holding a total of four records, including that for being the first woman to row three oceans (the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian) and in 2010 was named National Geographic's 'Adventurer of the Year'. No stranger to the Women's Head, having competed at least twice before swapping the relatively calm waters of the Tideway for the open oceans, Roz is pleased to be back in London to support the winners of this year's pennants. During her time rowing on the Tideway she competed for Thames Rowing Club, the fastest crew and winners of the Head pennant.

When not rowing, Roz is a campaigner for a subject close to many rowers' hearts, the environment. She is a United Nations Climate Hero. A key issue that has much resonance with all who row on the tidal Thames is that of water quality, as she explains,

"I was shocked to find out that 39 million tonnes of untreated sewage go into the Thames every year. It seems completely inappropriate that a fantastic and forward-looking city like London should have such an inadequate and antiquated sewage system. It's a major health hazard for rowers, other participants in water sports, and wildlife. I felt it was important and urgent that something should be done about it, which is why I am backing the Thames Tunnel."

Rowing in all its forms has clearly been a big part of Roz's life and she is honoured to be asked to present the prizes for the 2012 Women's Eights Head of the River Race.

"I've gained a huge amount from rowing over the years - fitness, lifelong friends, and unforgettable experiences. I'm really pleased to have this opportunity to show my appreciation of the sport."

2012 Pennant Winners

Head	Thames Rowing Club A	20:10.92
Overseas	RC Belvoir Zurich A	20:16.78
Senior	Imperial College BC/Sport Imperial BC A	20:18.25
Provincial Club	Nottingham RC A	20:27.81
University	Reading University BC	20:30.66
Intermediate 2	Cambridge University WBC A	20:38.71
Intermediate 1	Durham University BC A	20:45.11
School/Junior	Headington School Oxford BC	20:58.31
Intermediate 3	Cardiff University BC A	21:10.76
Masters	Willem III	21:46.84
Novice Club	Lea RC C	22:04.30
Novice Academic	Cardiff University BC C	22:52.49
HM Forces	Royal Air Force RC	23:55.96

For more information on Roz's ocean rowing and environmental work, see her website: <http://www.rozsavage.com>

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