



## City Of Bristol Rowing Club

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### **CLUB OBJECTIVES March 2008**

**Overall goal:** A rowing club for the people of Bristol: open access for men/women, whatever the social background or ethnicity, age or ability: to promote the notion that rowing should not be an elitist activity.

**1. A Rowing club for everyone in Bristol -**

Anyone has access:

In addition

We are complementary to university clubs

We work with local schools

We encourage corporate rowing teams

**2. A democratic institution**

Promote a democratic environment: all members equal and all points of view considered.

**3. Promote volunteering**

Promote involvement in coxing/coaching

Promote project leadership (clubhouse project, race and event organisation, fund raising...)

Reward people who get involved and help the club going forward.

**4. Raise the standards of the club**

Performance: competitive squads, participate in national events, help novices to access to the higher levels by having a supportive structure.

Kit and facilities: renew the fleet to stay competitive and allow everyone access to a good standard of equipment, and to build a clubhouse to improve: training areas/social side of things/welfare



In particular, over the next five years we will:

- Continue: maintaining and strengthening our club which derived from the Dockers Rowing Club over fifty years ago; working with our 'Learn to Row' course to coach adults and encourage them to join the club; working with our local schools to offer young people the chance to try rowing and improve their fitness; welcoming experienced rowers who move to our city and want to continue to row.  
We want all our youngsters, families, veterans, beginners, adaptive/disabled and elite rowers alike to achieve fulfillment and enjoyment in the sport of rowing.
- Continue: developing a rowing club which provides opportunities for all of Bristol's communities to experience and participate in rowing. As a consequence it is necessary to limit and license some sections of the club, for example Universities, to maintain a healthy balance between students and school groups whilst providing an open club for the city.
- Continue to build links with local businesses and work with them to offer employees the opportunity to improve their health and fitness through, for example, our Corporate Rowing Event.
- Focus on, encourage and support our high performance athletes and crews who compete at a national level, and in doing so add to the prestige of our city.
- Continue to upgrade and add to our fleet of boats and kit to match that of the other major UK rowing clubs.
- Build and furnish a clubhouse with training areas, a social area and changing/shower facilities. A clubhouse will provide: enhanced coaching for our members; indoor training; warm and safe surroundings to socialize, with particular benefits for families; and greater access for the general public to encourage 'health and wellbeing' throughout the community.
- Raise the profile of The City of Bristol Rowing Club within our city and the UK.