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BAD WEATHER; NO RACES YET

CURLEW GOES TO GERMANY report by Jenna

A 4:30 start (for some) was the beginning of a rowing adventure for a few wandering Curlews. Off to the airport and aiming for Heilbronn, a city outside of Stuttgart in Germany where our very own Frieder Mitsch hails from. Our fleet of Curlew rowers were greeted at the airport by the Mitsch cousins and fresh pretzels (which was Frieder more excited about?) and were ready to start their training at Heilbronner Rudergesellschaft Schwaben.

We were given an incredible tour of the beautiful brand new clubhouse, their boathouse and it's delightful array of empachers and filippis. With a tour of the line up of boats that we were able to use, we were ready to get on the Nacker river which had an old stretch that went into the town and a big, and importantly not too bendy, river.

Some slight rigging and steering issues almost left myself and Anita needing a quick plan b for our planned pair. At that moment, in walk an Olympian and World Champ medallist and her dad, also a world champ medallist, and they were delighted (for some reason) to take us out in a IV! They said they thought it was great so lets take their word for it!

Evenings of pre dinner balcony beers, German food and meeting Frieder's family were to be had as well as a bbq at the clubhouse where Anita, as honorary club "President", exchanged a Curlew Club Pennant for a Heilbronner Rudergesellschaft flag.

Happy to report despite many people's first few goes in singles that there were no capsizes and no major crashes despite a few trees sometimes making themselves known (or Tom W voluntarily choosing to visit them because "the trees are my friends"). It was a fantastic group with everyone happy to muck in and help whether it be lifting boats off the top shelves, grabbing blades back from the pontoon or thoroughly washing (inside and shell) and drying the boats after every use.

A huge thank you to both Frieder for organising such a successful camp, and to Ed too for being 'camp captain'! We are also extremely grateful for Heilbronner Rudergesellschaft Schwaben for hosting us during our trip away.



WHAT'S HAPPENED?



L2R COURSE CONTINUES

Our Autumn Learn to Row course continues at speed, with our current cohort hitting the half way mark a few weekends ago. They have made swift progress, and Coach Nick has been very impressed with how quickly they have taken to the water.

L2R graduation takes place on 19th November 2023 at the clubhouse, and all are welcome to welcome our potential new members!

BOATHOUSE BLITZ

A successful boathouse cleanout took place on 7th October, with all the clubs taking part to clean up where our boats are racked, and to ensure that the entire space is kept tidy. With a stern found, rumours abound that the dreadful accident was caused by one cox's venture into sculling. Additionally, we have now acquired a new club single, named Christopher!

Thank you to Felix, Andreas, Aline, Ryan, and Charlotte who helped out!



CURLEW (DOES NOT) RETURNS TO UTAH

Upper Thames Head, which was due to take place on 29th October 2023, was cancelled due to weather issues. The river in Henley is on red boards for its strong stream, and this combined with predicted gale-force winds, led the organisers to cancel the event. Hopefully Curlew will make a return next year on 27th October 2024!

Sadly, a similar fate occurred for Vets Fours Head and Fours Head too, which were due to take place on 4th and 5th November. We look forward to Docklands for hopefully the first races of the season!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

POST DOCKLANDS CELEBRATION

With crews across all squads racing at Docklands Head on 12th November, all are welcome at the Fox for drinks and food to wind down after a long day of (very cold) racing – speak to Ashley/Farah for more details.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

November

4th – Vets Fours Head
5th – Fours Head
12th – Docklands Head
19th – L2R Graduation
23rd – Thanksgiving Potluck

December

2nd – Christmas party

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CHRISTMAS PARTY SIGN UP!

Its that time of the year again! Sign up for Curlew's annual Christmas dinner party [here](#). There are limited places, so get your tickets as soon as possible to secure your place and to not miss out!

WHAT ELSE?

COFFEE COMES BACK

While there were concerns that regular dock users would have no access to terrible coffee, it seems like demand will now be met with this pop up!

