

Notes

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Regrettably, we had our smallest-ever entry since statistics were started in 1990. Our event clashed with the BUSA regatta in Nottingham, which would account for a lack of 'foreign' university entries but the lack of other entrants was disappointing.

A run of excellent weather leading up to the event (warmest April since records began) unfortunately changed to more typical conditions for the time of year. We had no significant rain and the sun was pleasantly warm (when out) but the biggest problem was a very strong downstream (tail) wind on both days. This was unpleasant on Saturday and even worse on Sunday. The *Aberdeen P&J* reported various trees blown down and some structural damage to building on Sunday so perhaps we got off lightly! We were fortunate that the wind direction meant that the most (only?) sheltered part of the course was at the start.

There were no untoward incidents during the event. Only one crew was disqualified for wandering into the course of their opponents. The regatta finished on time on both days. This was especially impressive on Sunday because Ron had to get on his grumpy-hat and lambast various local crews for arriving late for the start of the first few races of the day.

ABC officially named two new coxed fours and pictures of the champagne christening are on the Committee of the Dee website (<http://cofd.co.uk>)