

## 23rd May 2009:- Doncaster Regatta

The Club began the Spring and Summer regatta season with yet more success, with ten members competing at Doncaster.

Over a 600m two lanes buoyed course around a continuous bend, the club celebrated victory in the WJ14 2X event, with Nicole Hendy at bow and Harriet Housam at stroke, the two girls excelled and finished easily ahead of the competition from Chester Le Street by at least four lengths in the final.

The Club was represented in no less than five other finals on the day. Catherine Grayson and Emily Gall were only half a length behind the Doncaster crew in the W Nov 2X. Will Champion made his way to two finals, firstly in J15 singles sculls, and secondly in the IM3 2X where he was partnered with Jeff Elms, unfortunately on both occasions the crews were beaten by a Doncaster boat. After making brilliant progress through two earlier heats, Adam Berry decided to take an extended detour in his final of IM3 single sculls, which proved costly against a Doncaster sculler, as he only needed to maintain his course and the same stroke rate to win. Henry Apletree showed great promise by making his way to the Nov 1X final, but was just beaten by a faster sculler from Sheffield City.

Other promising performances were as follows:

IM3 4X- A. Berry, A. Apletree, N. Stow, J. Elms (Semi Final).

Mxd Nov 2X C. Grayson & N. Stow (Qtr Final).

Mxd Nov 2X E. Gall & H. Apletree (Semi Final).

WJ14 1X N. Hendy (Qtr Final).

WJ14 1X H. Housam (Semi Final).