

27th June 2009:- Peterborough Junior Championship Regatta

Harriet Housam wins a gold medal at one of the main junior regattas of the year.

Two members from the club, Nicole Hendy and Harriet Housam, were amongst approximately 500 other junior rowers from across the country competing at the J14 Championships at Peterborough's Thorpe Meadows 1000 metres 4 lane regatta course.

Both girls were racing in the WJ14 single sculls, which because of the large entry had been split into two divisions, placing Nicole in Div A and Harriet in Div B. In the morning heats Nicole started well, but unfortunately just missed out on a repechage place after an encouraging row of 5min 21sec. Harriet in her heat lead from the start and quickly pulled away from the other crews to finish in a time of 4mins 41sec, securing her place in the afternoon finals. In the Division B final Harriet exceeded even the expectation of her Coach by rowing an astonishing race finishing 5 lengths in front of her nearest rival, and in so doing recording a personal best 1km time, cutting her heat time by 20 seconds to finish in 4mins 21secs.

This awarded Harriet a gold medal, but also placed her in contention for a rowing bursary, which was being presented to the fastest WJ14 1X winner across both divisions. After a short wait Harriet was unfortunate, missing out on the prize by only one second.