

Dear Sir,

I am the WARA representative of the Veteran Commission. Over the past few years, increasing numbers of men and women in the 40+ age group have come into rowing, some returning to the sport but many taking it up for the first time. This has resulted in the growing problem of providing a fair playing field for those wishing to compete - even at Novice level - given the obvious disparity of (say) a Novice Veteran B sculler racing a Novice Veteran E. Similarly, having won their Novices in whatever boat type, unlike with the points system in mainstream rowing an inexperienced Veteran could then often find themselves competing against very highly qualified men and women. with the potentially demoralising consequences that might bring.

In order to prevent the potentially demoralising consequences that this might result in, the Veteran Commission has endeavoured to create a points system that will provide a fairer playing field. Accordingly, three Welsh regattas will pilot the new scheme this year. These regattas will be:

Monmouth (750m on 24th May '08),
Llandaff (1,000m and 500m on 12th & 13th July '08)
Swansea (1,000m on 3rd August '08).

Further details are obtainable via the WARA website:
www.walesrowing.com

Yours faithfully,
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