



25th Anniversary Tourers' Dinner

Saturday 10th March
7.15 for 8.00 p.m.
At Leander Club, Henley

Celebrating 25 years of British Rowing Tours



Menu

Canapés in the bar

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Ham hock terrine

Roasted Mediterranean vegetables

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Stuffed saddle of lamb

Seafood en croute

Assiette de legumes

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Mango and passionfruit pavlova

Cheese and biscuits

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Coffee and petits fours

Tickets: £40

Dress: blazer and club tie or lounge suit for gentlemen,
Cocktail dress for ladies

Reservations and further details from:

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Online booking via [booking form](#)

The History of the British Rowing Tours

The British Rowing Tour owes much to the vision of Dame Di Ellis, long standing Chair of the ARA (now British Rowing) who saw potential in touring rowing in the UK based on FISA international touring activities. In 1992 she sent Greg Jones (Weybridge RC), then an ARA Executive Board member, to the FISA Tour Rowing Committee meeting in Amsterdam to learn more about the concept, and in 1993 Greg, along with Pat Sherwin (Southsea RC) attended a FISA Conference in Spain to gather further information.

The first tour was organised by Greg in 1994 with assistance from Alan Meegan from the ARA Office. Greg continued to be involved in the organisation of the early tours in conjunction with Pat Sherwin & Pip Lewendon (Southsea RC), who subsequently took on responsibility for the tour organisation.

The early tours alternated between the Thames and the Severn/Avon. In 2004 the Tour ventured further afield to the Norfolk Broads and then on to open up new touring routes on other waterways, with planning coordinated through the BR Recreational Rowing Committee. There have also been two European tours, to Amsterdam in 2015 and Hamburg in 2017.

As more and more clubs have acquired suitable boats, aided by the Explore programme, the tour has grown from its beginnings with around a dozen participants to typically some 80 rowers from clubs all around the country taking part.

In 2018 the 25th Tour will be on the upper Thames from Bablock Hythe to Mapledurham.

1994	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Wallingford to Weybridge</i>	2006	<i>River Great Ouse</i> <i>Bedford to Ely</i>
1995	<i>River Severn and River Avon</i> <i>Worcester to Evesham</i>	2007	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Bablock Hythe to Henley</i>
1996	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Lechlade to Wallingford</i>	2008	<i>River Severn</i> <i>Stourport to Gloucester</i>
1997	<i>River Avon</i> <i>Stratford to Tewkesbury</i>	2009	<i>Lake District</i> <i>Coniston and Windermere</i>
1998	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Henley to Hammersmith</i>	2010	<i>River Trent and Fossdyke Navigation</i> <i>Nottingham to Lincoln</i>
1999	<i>River Severn</i> <i>Stourport to Gloucester</i>	2011	<i>Lancaster Canal</i> <i>Preston to Tewitfield</i>
2000	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Bablock Hythe to Pangbourne</i>	2012	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Henley to Teddington</i>
2001	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Reading to Walton-on-Thames</i>	2013	<i>Scottish Lowlands</i> <i>Loch Lomond and Forth & Clyde Canal</i>
2002	<i>River Avon</i> <i>Stratford to Tewkesbury</i>	2014	<i>River Severn</i> <i>Stourport to Gloucester</i>
2003	<i>River Thames</i> <i>Lechlade to Radley</i>	2015	<i>River Great Ouse</i> <i>St Neots to Denver</i>
2004	<i>Norfolk Broads</i> <i>Beccles to Norwich</i>	2016	<i>South Yorkshire Navigations</i> <i>Leeds to Mexborough</i>
2005	<i>Yorkshire Navigations</i> <i>Ripon to Cawood</i>	2017	<i>Lancaster Canal</i> <i>Preston to Tewitfield</i>