

Dear member

As we enter 2012 there are number of opportunities and changes that you will need to be aware of within Welsh Rowing. Firstly I would thank David Simmonds for his dedicated service to Welsh Rowing whilst being in post as Executive Support Officer for the past few years. David's support across the organisation has been very much appreciated by the Board, partners and the rowing community in Wales and we wish him well in his new ventures. In this transition period please could you direct your enquires to the following officers or board members;

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## 2012

The Welsh Rowing community I am sure will have the opportunity to cheer on our Olympic Rowers this year and we wish those that are selected the very best of luck. We should also celebrate the next generation of junior internationals making their mark at British Level under the supervision of our performance and academy coaches. The Board would like to thank all those involved for their commitment and determination in creating an environment in which our very best rowers can excel.

2012 presents a fantastic opportunity to build on these current successes, and existing infrastructure. To ensure that there is a deliverable and long lasting legacy for Welsh Rowing we are currently working with Sport Wales and British Rowing to identify further opportunities to develop river, coastal and indoor rowing across Wales. We will also continue to review and deliver events on the rivers, coast and indoors this year and work with existing and new partners to identify and coordinate further opportunities.

## Beyond 2012

Welsh Rowing will engage members this year to discuss the key strategic priorities for the next Olympic cycle 2013-2017 this will include a full council meeting this spring. The challenge for the next 4 years beyond 2012 will be focused on capturing the swell of interest the games will generate through appropriate and sustainable community and performance development programmes. We hope that you can contribute your ideas to ensure that 2012 is a defining year for the Welsh Rowing community.

Kind regards

Steven Osborne

**Chair of Welsh Rowing**