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### **Crail Rowing Club wins Bronze in St Ayles Skiff World Championships**

Crail Rowing Club competed in the inaugural St Ayles Skiff World Championships held in Ullapool from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July. Some 20 rowers from the club took part in various racing categories, with all but one team successfully qualifying through to the finals.

As a novice club, Crail gave an exceptional account of itself, winning bronze medals or, at the least, achieving hard fought midfield positions against the strongest of teams in the finals. Bronze medals were won by the Under 17 team, (also noted for being the youngest team in the whole championships), the Mixed 40+ team and the Men 60+ team.

The championships were dominated by the well established Coigach, Ullapool and North Berwick clubs, with Coigach going on to win the overall Championships. Crail Rowing Club came a very commendable 7<sup>th</sup> in the league of 31 clubs. Topher Dawson, Convenor of The Ullapool Coastal Rowing Club and Treasurer of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association said, *"Your club performed extremely well and kept coming up the field in a very impressive manner. Your guys stood out as good rowers"*

There was a spectacular opening ceremony in glorious sunshine as around 20 colourful skiffs took part in a procession and salute on the water, watched by HRH Princess Anne.



Crail Rowing Club at The St Ayles Skiff World Championships in Ullapool