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**MERSEY ROWING CLUB LTD.**

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#### **Introduction**

The Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. was revived in 1851 and established in 1854. There is no exact date as to when the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. first came into existence; no documentation exists preceding the 1851 revival. From personal memoirs, it is estimated as having been in existence since 1832.

The Mersey Rowing Club's headquarters were situated in Rock Ferry from 1858 to 1865 before relocating to New Ferry. On relocating to New Ferry a floating boathouse was moored off the end of the pier.

Before the Club's revival in 1851, it had entered a decline following an accident on the River Mersey that resulted in member fatalities.

On 10 July 1954 it was agreed that a merger would take place between the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd., and the Royal Chester Rowing Club. In 1959 the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. went into voluntary liquidation.

#### **Scope and Content**

The collection includes membership records and various items referring to the competitive and social activities of the club, dating from 1868 - 1959. The collection also contains financial records preceding the merger of the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. to the Royal Chester Rowing Club.

It does not cover the early history of the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. prior to its revival in 1851 and the subsequent re-establishment in 1854. The early history of the Club is speculatively referred to in the personal memoirs of Walter C. Higgins.

The collection comprises 188 items dated between 1869 and 1959. It is of interest to those who are researching the re-establishment and the eventual liquidation of the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.

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D/MRC/1/1 - 3	<b><u>MINUTE BOOKS</u></b>	<b><u>1894 - 1954</u></b>
1	Minute Book including bye-laws, Articles of Association and photographs of the 1901 Junior Fours.	15 May 1894 - 16 Apr 1914
2	Minute Book including rules and regulations and seating plan of the MRC Dinner, 1931.	Apr 1914 - 31 Mar 1932
3	Minute Book including bye-laws and Articles of Association.	4 Apr 1932 - 10 Jul 1954

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D/MRC/2/1 - 14	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>	<b><u>1948 - 1959</u></b>
1	Valuation for insurance purposes.	18 Sept 1948
2	Lloyd's Bank Ltd., sale of Club assets; merger with the Royal Chester Rowing Club.	23 June 1955
3	G.E. Holt & Son (Chartered Accountants); Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. accounts for the year ending 28 February 1955.	20 Nov 1955
4	Correspondence re Royal Chester Rowing Club.	21 Nov 1955
5	Lloyd's Bank Ltd., guarantees to be cancelled.	29 Nov 1959
6	Balance Sheet.	30 Apr 1959
7	Notice of a general meeting to be held on 18 June 1959 to discuss the Revenue Account.	25 May 1959
8	Subscription of Members.	29 May 1959
9	Dufaylite Developments Ltd., letter outlining ways to liquidate the Club.	8 Jul 1959
10	Companies Registered Office; request to be updated on the position of the Club.	9 Jul 1959
11	Special resolution; Companies Registration Office - notification that procedures are in place to remove company's name from the Register.	27 Jul 1959
12	Letter from Sefton Lodge.	4 Aug 1959
13	Companies Registration Office.	4 Sept 1959
14	Cheque Book stub.	1954 - 1959

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D/MRC/3/1 - 4	<b><u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS</u></b>	<b><u>1922 - 1931</u></b>
1	Notice of Annual General Meeting.	2 May 1922
2	Notice of Annual General Meeting.	21 Mar 1923
3	Notice of Annual General Meeting.	29 Mar 1924
4	Eleventh Annual General Meeting of Provincial Rowing Clubs.	1931

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D/MRC/4/1 - 4	<b><u>MEMBERSHIP RECORDS</u></b>	<b><u>1895 - 1928</u></b>
1	Mersey Rowing Club Ltd., members names displayed on a poster.	1895
2	List of Members.	1927
3	List of Members.	1928
4	A brief early history of the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.	n.d.

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1/1 - 5	<b><u>Regattas</u></b>	<b><u>1882 - 1939</u></b>
1	Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. Regatta Programme.	9 Sept 1882
2	Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. Regatta Programme.	8 Sept 1883
3	Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. Regatta Programme.	12 Jul 1884
4	Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. Regatta Programme.	2 Oct 1926
5	Seventh Open Amateur Merseyside Regatta.	20 May 1939
2/1 - 8	<b><u>Fixtures and Teams</u></b>	<b><u>1921 - 1928</u></b>
1	The future of the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd., and the season's fixtures.	2 Feb 1921
2	Notice of Fixtures.	8 May 1922
3	Notice of Fixtures.	20 Sept 1922
4	Notice of Fixtures.	22 Aug 1923
5	Notice of Fixtures.	1923
6	Fixtures and Regatta dates.	1928
7	Autumn Fours and Ladies Challenge Plate.	n.d.
8	List of crews present at the Chester Regatta.	n.d.
3/1	Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. season notebook.	1928
4/1 - 8	<b><u>Junior Fours</u></b>	<b><u>1908 - 1928</u></b>
1	Programme of "Junior Fours" races.	20 June 1908
2	Programme of "Junior Fours" races. [1 <sup>st</sup> copy]	12 May 1923
3	Programme of "Junior Fours" races. [2 <sup>nd</sup> copy]	12 May 1923
4	"Junior Fours" races.	10 May 1924



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5	Letter detailing the proposed date of 12 May 1928 for the "Junior Fours" races.	24 Apr 1928
6	Letter detailing the times and race procedures for the "Junior Fours" race on 12 May 1928.	9 May 1928
7	Agenda for 12 May 1928.	12 May 1928
8	The result of the draw.	n.d.
5/1 - 6	<b><u>Coaching / Training</u></b>	<b><u>1928</u></b>
1	Coaching Chart.	1928
2	Reminder to fill in the Coaching Chart.	n.d.
3	Letter re style in rowing.	n.d.
4	Notes on training by G.C. Bourne.	n.d.
5	Extract from the <i>Art of Rowing</i> , G.C. Bourne.	n.d.
6	A few points about "Sculling", by H.G. Smith Esq.	n.d.
6/1 - 10	<b><u>Cartoons of the Crew of Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.</u></b>	<b><u>1934 - 1948</u></b>
1	Letter detailing the names of the crew who rowed at Henley in 1934.	19 Oct 1948
2	Cartoon of J.H. Walker.	1934
3	Cartoon of W. Warren.	1934
4	Cartoon of Glynn Blackledge.	1934
5	Cartoon of A.C. Legget.	1934
6	Cartoon of F. Whitehead.	1934
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6/1 - 10	<b><u>Cartoons of the Crew of Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.</u></b> (cont)	<b><u>1934 - 1948</u></b>
8	Cartoon of a crew member, identity unknown.	1934
9	Cartoon of a crew member, identity unknown.	1934
10	Cartoon of a crew member, identity unknown.	1934

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1	Eastham Regatta.	4 Jul 1885
2	Chester Regatta.	19 Jul 1899
3	Programme of Races.	13 May 1893
4	Burton-on-Trent Amateur Regatta.	11 June 1921
5	City of York Regatta.	25 June 1921
6	Chester Regatta.	13 Jul 1921
7	Chester Regatta.	19 Jul 1922
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9	York City Regatta.	20 June 1925
10	Chester Regatta.	15 Jul 1925
11	York City Regatta.	19 June 1926
12	Northwich Regatta.	26 June 1926
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14	Northwich Regatta.	6 June 1927
15	York City Regatta.	25 June 1927
16	Chester Regatta.	13 Jul 1927
17	York City Regatta.	23 June 1928
18	Nottingham Rowing Club Annual Regatta.	7 Jul 1928
19	Chester Regatta.	18 Jul 1928
20	Chester Regatta.	17 Jul 1929

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1	Photograph of teams competing for the Royd's Cup.	20 Jul 1920
2	Photograph of the umpire's launch, Royd's Cup.	20 Jul 1920
3	Photograph of the Chester crew, winners of the Royd's Cup.	20 Jul 1920
4	Photograph of the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. crew of Royd's Cup.	20 Jul 1920
5	Photograph of Chester crew and Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. crew on the water, Royd's Cup.	20 Jul 1920
6	Photograph of the cups won by the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.	1920 Season
7	Photograph of the York Regatta "Junior Fours".	1921
8	Photograph of the senior crew, Chester Regatta.	1921
9	Photograph of the Royal Chester Rowing Club crew, Royd's Challenge Cup.	1921
10	Photograph of the Royal Chester Rowing Club crew winning the Royd's Challenge Cup.	1921
11	Photograph of the Royal Chester Rowing Club crew winning the Royd's Challenge Cup.	1921
12	Photograph of Royd's Challenge Cup, Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.	1921
13	Photograph of the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. maiden crew at Chester Regatta.	1921
14	Photograph of the Royal Chester Rowing Club winning the City of Chester Cup.	1921
15	Photograph of Chester Regatta.	1921
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17	Photograph of Royd's Challenge Cup: the rival crews.	1921
18	Photograph of Royd's Challenge Cup: the rival crews. [mounted]	1921

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35	Photograph of Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. on water.	n.d.
36	Photograph of Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. Boathouse and crews.	n.d.

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1	Newspaper Cutting from the <i>Liverpool Courier</i> re the wreckage of Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. Boathouse.	9 May 1913
2	Newspaper photograph re the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. Boathouse wreckage.	9 May 1913
3	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Daily Post</i> re the destruction of the rowing club's headquarters during severe gales.	9 May 1913
4	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Daily Post</i> re Chester Regatta - a successful revival and exciting rescue incident.	14 Jul 1920
5	Newspaper article re Dee oarsmen beating the Mersey opponents in the Chester Challenge Cup.	1921
6	Newspaper article re Chester Rowing: men, how the Mersey crew was vanquished on the Dee.	1921
7	Newspaper article re Regatta in the rain.	30 Sept 1922
8	Newspaper article re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd., 68 <sup>th</sup> Autumn Regatta.	30 Sept 1922
9	Newspaper photograph re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. Regatta.	30 Sept 1922
10	Newspaper photograph re rowing on the "Great Float".	30 Sept 1922
11	Newspaper photograph from the <i>Liverpool Evening Express</i> re "All Smiles".	30 Sept 1922
12	Newspaper article re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd., 69 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.	12 Apr 1923
13	Newspaper article re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd., 69 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.	12 Apr 1923
14	Newspapers article re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd., "Junior Four" results.	14 May 1923
15	Newspaper photograph from the <i>Liverpool Daily Post</i> re a win for the Wallasey crews on the "Great Float".	21 June 1923

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16	Newspaper article re a new Dee Champion at the Chester Regatta.	21 Jul 1923
17	Newspaper article from the <i>Manchester Guardian</i> re Chester Regatta.	21 Jul 1923
18	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Courier</i> re a report of the "Great Float".	2 Oct 1923
19	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Mersey crews for Chester.	1923
20	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Annual General Meeting.	10 Apr 1924
21	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Daily Post</i> re Mersey club gains the Dee Cup at the Chester Regatta.	14 Jul 1924
22	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re a triumphant day for local crews.	16 Jul 1925
23	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Annual Dance, Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.	4 Dec 1925
24	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Wallasey Grammar School's victory at the Northwich Regatta.	28 June 1926
25	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Chester Regatta results.	12 Jul 1926
26	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. races on the "Great Float".	4 Sept 1926
27	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Annual Dance, Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.	15 Dec 1926
28	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Echo</i> re a foiled burglary.	2 May 1927
29	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Daily Post</i> re Chester Regatta results.	14 Jul 1927
30	Newspaper photograph from the <i>Daily Courier</i> re Rivers in Rivalry: Mersey oarsmen win on the Dee.	14 Jul 1927

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31	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Regatta results, Mersey Rowing Club Ltd.	26 Sept 1927
32	Newspaper article re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. "Junior Fours" results.	14 May 1928
33	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. "Junior Fours" results.	15 May 1928
34	Newspaper article from the <i>Guardian</i> re Nottingham Regatta results.	9 Jul 1928
35	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re an announcement of crews for the Chester Regatta.	17 Jul 1928
36	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Chester Regatta results.	19 Jul 1928
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39	Newspaper Article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re Mersey rowing successes.	19 Jul 1929
40	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re annual race between the Mersey and Royal Chester Rowing Clubs.	25 Jul 1929
41	Newspaper photograph from the <i>Liverpool Echo</i> re the result of the women's race between the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. and Liverpool University.	5 Oct 1931
42	Newspaper photograph from the <i>Daily Post</i> re the result of the women's race between the Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. and Liverpool University.	5 Oct 1931
43	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Post</i> re the result of the Thames race.	21 Mar 1932
44	Newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Daily Post</i> re Liverpool men to row the Channel.	15 Mar 1950



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45	Copy of a newspaper article from the <i>Liverpool Daily Post</i> re Liverpool men to row the Channel.	15 Mar 1950
46	Newspaper article re "The thrill of the Boat Race".	n.d.
47	Newspaper article re Henley Regatta.	n.d.
48	Newspaper article re rowing club reunion.	n.d.
49	Newspaper article re ideal conditions for rowing in the Chester Regatta.	n.d.
50	Newspaper article re Mersey Rowing Club Ltd. "Junior Fours" results.	n.d.
51	Newspaper article re Chester Regatta.	n.d.
52	Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings, some mounted on Hall Line Advertisements.	4 Jul 1868 - 23 Mar 1936

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Item No.	Description	Date(s)
D/MRC/9/1 - 6	<b><u>SOCIAL EVENTS</u></b>	<b><u>1884 - 1926</u></b>
1	Grand vocal and instrumental concert.	30 Oct 1884
2	Menu re the competing crews for the Royd's Challenge Cup.	28 June 1912
3	Notification of club supper.	18 Jan 1923
4	Notification of club supper.	8 Feb 1924
5	Notification of the annual club dance. [3 copies]	14 Dec 1926
6	List of "Toasts".	n.d.

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D/MRC/10/1 - 5	<b><u>OLD MEMBERS CLUB</u></b>	<b><u>1904 - 1910</u></b>
1	Notice of the foundation of the Old Members Club.	Mar 1904
2	Menu for the inaugural dinner.	2 Nov 1904
3	Notice of the annual dinner and general meeting.	31 Oct 1905
4	Dinner Menu.	5 Apr 1910
5	The rules and objects of the Old Members Club.	n.d.

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D/MRC/11/1 - 6	<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>	<b><u>1923 - 1929</u></b>
1	Compulsory uniform at Chester Regatta.	1923
2	Letter from Walter C. Higgins to Mr. Griffith.	3 Dec 1927
3	Card with poem, entitled "Dellside".	31 Jan 1928
4	Letter from Walter C. Higgins to Mr. Griffith.	28 Mar 1928
5	List of members allowed to wear crossed oars on their caps.	8 Jul 1929
6	Postcard re Wirral Challenge.	n.d.

