

Meeting of Boat Club Captains – Wed 19th October 2005
(2nd week MT)



1. Apologies for absence
Barney Williams OUBC

2. Minutes of last meeting
The minutes have not yet been put online, but will be soon

3. Squad reports

OUBC

OUBC ran a development squad over the summer performing well at events including Women's Henley and the European Universities Regatta. The squad is currently operating with 18 athletes, including returning blues, returning Osiris and talent from abroad. The squad recently entered the Pairs Head where 4 boats came within the top 3 of their division. The squad will be holding their winter training and selection camp in Belgium and hope to have crews selected by mid-January.

OULRC

OULRC entered Henley for the first time in several years and although suffering disappointing results they hope to introduce more summer racing next year. Training for this year began in Mid-sept, they will be holding their training camp in France nearer Christmas.

OOWLRC

OOWLRC had a good summer achieving best ever results in Taiwan. The squad is currently training in parallel with the open weight women, and anticipate sending 2 fours to the fours head. They will be on training camp with the open weight women and hope to have the crew selected by mid January. They are keen to continue with their summer rowing programme especially this year as they have many in the squad who qualify for future boat races.

4. COUR report

Rich Stock reported from the Council of Oxford University Rowing and made the following points.

- Capsize drills are recommended for anyone who is going to go out in a boat smaller than a four. Morven Porteous will be running centralized capsizes drills, so Captains were told to expect details soon.
- Captains were advised to go away and read the WSC themselves as soon as possible, if they haven't already done so. It was noted that this is available on the ARA website and that some copies of the Water Safety Code were made available to pick up after the meeting.
- All clubs were told to ensure they have a safety adviser, whose job is to educate the rowers, coxes and coaches about the WSC and OURCs safety rules, to make safety information readily available, and to advise crews on risk assessments.

MP would be emailing the colleges in due course to establish the name of their Water Safety advisors.

OURCS has asked RQ to organize a briefing for all safety advisors and captains were asked to await details.

- Captains were reminded that all clubs must report accidents and serious incidents. Reports should go to the ARA, the Regional Rowing Council safety adviser, and a copy to OURCs. RS intends to put a new section on the website to aid the reporting of accidents.
- Captains were told that it was agreed at COUR that all events, even if not ARA, will send a copy of their safety plan to the Regional Rowing Council. MP noted that this may be done through her.
- Captains heard that it is a well-hidden requirement of the ARA that clubs going on overseas trips should inform them of the details. They were also told that OURCs should also be told of these details.
- Captains were reminded that Safety audits need to be done by Christmas, and that affiliation fees won't be accepted if they aren't. MP would be ensuring colleges completed their audits on time.
- Finally it was emphasized that captains should ensure that everyone who goes on the water knows the basics; Captains should be ensuring that nobody goes out on the water without knowing what the main parts of a boat are and do, how to take forward and backward strokes, how to maneuver, how to stop (normally and in an emergency) and what basic commands they will hear. This was noted to be particularly important if someone starts rowing later in term/year than most other freshers.

RS noted that much of this information was available in RQ's coxing handbook and that copies were available after the meeting.

5. Elections

- a) Elect To Treasurer: Sarah Berman (*Queen's*) *Passed overwhelmingly*
- b) Elect to Ordinary Member:

- Hannah Johnson (*Corpus*) *Passed overwhelmingly*
- Andrew Dunkley (*Christ Church*) *Passed overwhelmingly*
- Judy Gleen (*St. Hilda's*) *Passed overwhelmingly*
- Nicholas Knight (*University*) *Passed overwhelmingly*
- Benjamin Charlton (*Lincoln*) *Passed overwhelmingly*
- Harry Bulstrode (*New*) *Passed overwhelmingly*

- Leonard Martin (*Christ Church*)

MP noted that there had been an error on the agenda and this election was deemed un-necessary since LM was already an elected officer of OURCS

6. Treasurer Report

SB reminded captains that their OURC affiliation fee would be due by Friday of 6th week (18th November) She explained that this fee had been created in order to collect the college contribution towards the salary of the Sabbatical Officer. She noted that any colleges in financial difficulties who may be unable to meet the payment deadline should contact her. She also produced a handout for all captains explaining the affiliation fee.

7. Transfers

a) Andrew Brennan from Wadham to Pembroke

Andrew did a masters at Pembroke and rowed in Summer Eights he has now been accepted to do another post graduate course at Wadham

Typically Allowed

Proposed. Steve Mills (*Pembroke*)

Seconded. Will McFarland (*Pembroke*)

Passed Overwhelmingly

b) Morven Porteous from no college to St Hilda's College

Morven was an undergraduate at St Hilda's College and is now working as the Rowing Sabbatical Officer in the Sports Department. She has been in continuous possession of a Bod Card.

Typically Allowed.

Proposed. Alice Motion (*St Hildas*)

Seconded. Rich Stock (*OURCs*)

Passed Overwhelmingly

c) Thomas Campbell from University College to The Queen's College.

Tom is a postgrad student at Univ, but was an undergrad at Queen's. He hasn't rowed for either boat club, but plays rugby for Queen's, and Queen's rugby team are entering a boat in ChCh regatta.

Typically Allowed

Proposed David Tulip (*Queen's*)

Seconded Matthew Suggit (*Univ*)

LM noted that this motion was not required to pass for TC to enter into Ch Ch regatta since the rules of entry for Ch Ch Regatta are not the same as those for OURCS events.

Passed overwhelmingly

c) Dan Blakey no college to St Catherine's college.

He has rowed with us as a member of college all through his masters and Dphil, and now is working at the university. He has been in continuous possession of a bod card.

Typically Allowed

Proposed, Darren Chadwick (*St Catherines*)

Seconded, Morven Porteous (*OURCs*)

Passed overwhelmingly

8. Request for River Closures:

- a) Isis Winter League / Autumn Fours
October 27th (Thursday 3rd Week 1pm - 6.30pm or until racing ends) and
November 20th (Sunday 7th Week 1pm-4.30pm or until racing ends)

Proposed; Richard Stock (*OURCs*)
Seconded; Morven Porteous (*OURCs*)

Passed overwhelmingly

- b) Nephthys Head and Regatta,
18th and 19th November (Friday/Saturday 6th week)
Proposed, Alex Woods (*OULRC*)
Seconded, Alice Motion (*St Hildas*)

Passed overwhelmingly

9. Confirmation of Torpids Dates

Torpids dates were confirmed as the Wednesday – Saturday of 7th week next term.

10. Confirmation of Christ Church Regatta Dates

Christ Church regatta dates were confirmed as the Wednesday – Saturday of 7th week this term (23-36th Nov). A motion was requested by LM and seconded by Charlie Thorogood for closure of the river on these dates, the motion passed overwhelmingly.

11. A.O.B

a) RS noted that the first proposed date of IWL may actually be unsuitable due to issues with the proctors. In which case he asked that a motion be passed in favour of a river closure on an alternative date, Sunday of 6th week (Nov 13th) This motion was seconded by MP. The motion passed overwhelmingly.

b) Alex Cairns reminded the Captains that OUWBC is organising a fundraising calendar of Oxford Rowing. She reminded anyone who had photos which they would like to submit for the calendar they should email them to ouwbc.calendar@gmail.com.

c) AC informed captains she had recently met with the Henley Boat Race Organisers and that the proposal was made that at the next Henley Boat Race there would also be held 2 invitation races. These races would be between the head of the river crews of Oxford and Cambridge. She asked that colleges with feedback on this proposal email her alex.cairns@riel.ox.ac.uk

d) MP told the captains that in the COUR constitution there is an Appendix section which should be inserted into all college boat club constitutions. This appendix notes that COUR provides an advisory role for all rowing clubs of Oxford University. OURCS would like to remind all clubs to insert this appendix into their constitution as

soon as possible. RS noted that the appendix of the COUR constitution will be made available on the website in due course. In the meantime it was asked that all clubs submit a copy of their current constitution to SB when they pay their affiliation fee