



O U R C s

Captains' Meeting Agenda
Wednesday 1st Week Trinity Term 2008
8pm, St Catherine's College

1. **Apologies For Absence**

2. **Minutes Of The Last Meeting**

Available At (<http://www.ourcs.org.uk/?content=ourcs/captains%20meetings/index.php>)

3. **Matters Arising**

None

4. **Squad Reports**

a. **OUWLRC**

OUWLRC lost to Cambridge by 1/3 length in their boat race. Preparation for the 2009 boat race starts in a few weeks with Summer Dev squad, meeting in 4th week.

b. **OUWBC**

OUWBC won S1,2,3 and 4 eights at Reading University Head and won Women's Head of the River a few weeks later by 5s over Brookes. Osiris and the Blue Boat both won their respective boat races against Cambridge at the Henley Boat Races.

c. **OULRC**

OULRC won its 7th consecutive win over Cambridge by 2 ½ lengths. Nephthys rowed over for the second year running. The Nephthys-Granta fixture is to be removed from the programmes as of 2010 races though OULRC will still continue to train a Nephthys crew. Summer plans include sending small boats to BUSA and hopefully Met, Marlow and HRR.

d. **OUBC**

On 29th March 2008, Isis defeated Goldie by 11 seconds and Oxford beat Cambridge by 22 seconds in a time of 20mins and 53s. This Summer, OUBC hope to take an eight to Henley and have been invited to several invitational regattas abroad.

5. **ARA Divisional Representative**

Mark Blandford-Baker introduced himself as the ARA div rep for all rowing within the University. The major change recently has been the 'club finder' on the new ARA page. All clubs are to check this and send back the form. ARA will put up a notice explaining that these clubs are closed to members of the University (unless anyone has any objections).

If clubs have had difficulty getting their mailing they need to see who it is addressed to (on the website) and check with their porters that it is getting passed on appropriately.

6. **Torpids Trophy Presentation**

After much hunting the Torpids trophy has been found and was presented to Magdalen by the OUBC president.

7. **Committee Elections**

a. Tony Harris, Regents Park – Internet Secretary

Proposed: Dave Pallot (OURCs)
Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

b. Laurence McGivern, Mansfield – Ordinary Member

Proposed: Dave Pallot (OURCs)
Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

c. Rachel Burke, Brasenose – Ordinary Member

Proposed: Dave Pallot (OURCs)
Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

d. Sarah Steele, ChCh – Ordinary Member

Proposed: Dave Pallot (OURCs)
Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

e. Felicity Shelley, St Anne's – Ordinary Member

Proposed: Dave Pallot (OURCs)
Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

8. Sabbatical Election

See manifestos on the OURCs front page

Ben Reed

Proposed: Dave Whiffin (New)
Seconded: Ben Harrop-Griffiths (OULRC)

Thomas Chapman

Proposed: Paul Taylor (OURCs)
Seconded: Emma Danforth (OURCs)

Each candidate will hust for 5 minutes and then questions will be taken from the floor. The result will be decided by a vote from all those present with voting rights. No votes will be taken by proxy.

Ben Reed

Student in Oxford 1993-2005.

Coached many colleges, won ChCh 3 times, New women's double headship and won 7 out of 8 OUWL races. Currently St Paul's School coach.

Whilst Tom as OURCs member is the man on the inside, Ben is the man on the outside but this isn't a problem because running SPSBC is very similar.

Will provide administrative support as the role asks, not political so OURCs experience is not necessary.

Looking to develop college rowing, with contact for training off the Isis and experience and contacts to improve the standard of coaching and advice for external regattas.

Tom Chapman

Wants post to pass on knowledge and passion.

Captain at Somerville and coach at other colleges. Experience of the committee as past Ordinary Member and current treasurer. Experience of racedesk, various secretaries.

Aim to build a coaching pack for employment, safety and standards, produce a weekly newsletter for captains, review the fines system and look for more productive ways of enforcing rules, look for more corporate sponsorship to reduce entry fees.

David Pallot (OURCs) 'The OURCs committee should protect the captains from themselves. Discuss'

TC – Captains have a lot of responsibility and the committee are there to help with things that are unpopular but for safety and fairness.

BR – The committee are needed to help prevent the captains from finding themselves in sticky safety-related situations.

Ben Pujol (Wolfson) OURCs rules are very different from other boatclubs which allow much more flexibility. Which do you agree with?

BR – On the tideway, rules are just as strict and on a 2k stretch like the Isis you need rules in place to help maximise its usage.

TC – Rowing is dangerous and the rules are there to minimise the risk. It would only take one slip in commonsense to shut down rowing in the University for everyone.

Tom Fowler (OURCs) If you are elected, can you have on Eights race desk?

TC – Yes. And running IWL.

BR – No, in Nottingham with Nat Schools. Bit on an unfair question as post starts in September.

Liz Rowles (OUWBC) 'How do you feel you could help with the squads?'

BR – Firstly to distinguish the three smaller squads from OUBC who have their own admin. The clubs to run well independently but would like to help to encourage more college rowers to trial.

TC – Act as an administrative link between colleges and squads eg with OUBCs outreach and provide administrative support needed.

Alex Simmons (Hertford) 'How would you improve the relationship with local clubs?'

TC – as a coach for OARC, who boat from CORC, already has many contacts and would work to build friendly competition.

BR – Get in contact and discuss issues, clarifying relationship and rules.

Votes TC – 18, BR – 41

Ben Reed will be Sabbatical Officer for 2008-9

9. River Closures

a. Eights

Friday 16th May, 12-6pm or when racing ends, Wednesday – Friday 21st-23rd May 11-7pm or when racing ends, Saturday 24th May from an hour before sunrise to 6pm or when racing ends.

Proposed: David Pallot (OURCs)

Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

b. IWL

Sunday 18th May, 1pm – 6pm or when racing ends.

Proposed: David Pallot (OURCs)

Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

c. Oriel Regatta

5th-6th June: 12:00pm – 5pm (or when racing ends) and 7th June from an hour before sunrise to 5pm (or when racing ends).

Proposed: David Woods (Oriel)

Seconded: Hannah Seddon (Oriel)

Passes unanimously

10. SU Ratification

Ratify the following as Senior Umpires for Summer Eights 2008: Rachel Quarrell, Lenny Martin, David Locke, Lynch Mason, Gareth Powell and Jonathan Price.

Proposed: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Seconded: David Pallot (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

11. OUWLRC President Ratification

OUWLRC would like to ratify Ruth Crewe as their president for 2008-9.

Proposed: Katy Taylor (OUWLRC)

Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Passes unanimously

12. Transfers

a. Alex Klein from Keble staff to Keble - until October 2009

Alex is a full member of staff affiliated to Keble on his staff card.

Proposed: James Popple

Seconded: Elizabeth Birch

Typically allowed.

JP clarified that AK was a member of the 2nd Eight, was a student but now was a full time member of staff at Keble.

Passed with 2 abstentions.

b. Lita Cameron from no college to St Antony's College

Lita started rowing with St Antony's in the fall of 2006 and rowed in summer Vllls as an associate last year. She would like to continue to row for St Antony's. She had little rowing experience before 2006 and no racing experience. She is working for the university at Queen Elizabeth House, the Department for International Development, which is closely affiliated with St Antony's and most of whose students are at St Antony's. Her husband is a student at St Antony's and she is also a member of the St Antony's football team. She is in possession of a bodcard. St Antony's is not in a senior division, and will have at least three novices in the first boat.

Proposed: Fenneke Sijssling (St Antony's)

Seconded: Tom Isherwood (St Antony's)

Typically not allowed.

16 for, 17 against, 21 abstentions

Motion fails

c. Catherine Collins from Univ staff to Univ (Until June 2008)

Cat Collins has been a staff member of University College for this whole year and would like to cox for the first squad in Summer Eights (under rule C6.6). She has had a continuous bod card for her whole time at Oxford from undergraduate at Regents' Park to the present, and has a *.ox.ac.uk e-mail address.

Proposer: Dannielle Kerby (Univ)

Seconder: Henry Sheldon (OULRC)

Typically allowed

38 for, 3 against, 12 abstentions

Motion passes

d. Matthijs Branderhorst from no college to Corpus - 1 year

Matthijs rowed for Corpus for several years during his D.Phil. He was a full-time postgraduate student and member of Corpus MCR until November, when he submitted his thesis. Since then he has been working in his lab as a PostDoc, and gives some tutorials to Corpus undergraduates. He would like to transfer back to Corpus to row in Summer Eights this term.

Proposed: Paul Taylor (Corpus)

Seconded: Emily Tipping (Corpus)

Typically not allowed

20 for, 15 against, 21 abstentions.

Motion fails

e. Jake Kislevitz from Somerville to St Antony's

Jake has already been involved with us quite a while. He has participated in our Ergaton fundraiser last year, and has been training with us since Torpids.

We moreover need him as we may not have enough people to field two crews, given that some of the people of our 2nd boat in Torpids are away on fieldwork. Also Associate Membership would not be good enough because we already have a rower and a cox taking up the two Associate Membership slots for our two men's crews.

We would also like underline that this is not a competitive issue. We are not in a senior division, and although Jake already has rowing experience he had not trained for a year and a half before beginning training with us 6 weeks ago.

Proposed: Phillip Strick (St Antony's)

Seconded: Alex Marr (Somerville)

Typically not allowed

Nick Broide (OUBC) noted that he had twice tried with OUBC. Somerville also noted that it was a small college too and so St Antony's could not really use that as a reason. Further JK has no connections with the college except his friends.

4 for, motion fails overwhelmingly.

13. Rule Changes

a. Rule re-structure

Please see the new structure here:

<http://www.ourcs.org.uk/files/file/rules/210408proposedch2.pdf>

Please note the effective change is the removal of the scope of the rules. This means those training off the Isis have to abide by ARA rules, EA rules and certain others, namely lightning, fog, darkness and personal conduct.

JG went through the paragraphs and changes. R8.7 was amended from 'Coaching launches must not be used on the Isis except with the prior permission of the OURCs secretary. Permission will only be given for the purpose of transporting launches', to 'Coaching launches must not be used on the Isis except with the prior permission of the OURCs secretary' in order to allow colleges to transport their launches out of termtime when the Secretary may be away. It was understood that by stipulating 'coaching launches' it was meant that when not coaching – ie just transporting, this would be allowed.

The issue of fines was raised but it was agreed that this particular rule re-structure discussion was not the proper time for changes here.

Motion passed overwhelmingly. (The new structure will replace the old one online but a record will be kept of the old structure online and with the sabbatical, for comparison.)

b. Isis Boathouse

Change R12c from:

Below the red and white post on Haystacks Corner but crews may not paddle further than the post other than to manoeuvre for spinning. The stretch between OBUBC boathouse and the lock is to be kept clear whenever possible and not used for coaching.

To:

Below the red and white post on Haystacks Corner but crews may not paddle further than the post other than to manoeuvre for spinning and must stay above the white Isis Boathouse post. The stretch between Isis boathouse and the lock is to be kept clear whenever possible and not used for coaching. Crews racked at the Isis boathouse may use the area just below the IBH post to boat or land only but are recommended in blue or amber flag to spin above the post and 'drift or back down to land.)

Motion passes overwhelmingly

c. 1 boat on Sundays

Add to R9.1

This 1 boat restriction does not apply to single sculls.

Motion passes overwhelmingly

d. Withdrawal rules

Add on the end of B6:

"B6.5

Crews withdrawing after the Start Order is finalised, or failing to boat for their race are withdrawn from the competition and not reinserted the following year. Crews in the division are moved up one place and a bungline left empty at the bottom of the division for the day's racing. In the Start Order for the following day all other crews are moved up one place and the fastest crew failing to Row On shall be invited to start at the bottom of the lowest division.

B6.6

The race committee may decide to allow a crew to withdraw for one day of racing.

a) In Eights, one crew behind will gain a bump by rowing clean past the withdrawn crew's bungline.

b) In Torpids, the crew may be reinserted the following day a number of places lower by the discretion of the race committee based on the reasons for withdrawal. Other crews in the division are moved up one place and a bungline left empty at the bottom of the division for the day's racing."

Motion passes overwhelmingly

14. A.O.B.

- a. BC Captains' Dinner
In keeping with a long lost tradition - possible dates: Tuesday of 6th, Thursday of 7th, Tuesday of 8th.
- b. Correct R9.1
Minutes say it should read **Saturday of 7th** not, as present: 'Weekdays before 8.00am, from Sunday of 1st week to Saturday of 8th week, no more than 1 crew out on a weekday morning without the written permission of the OURCs committee (to prevent congestion).'
- c. Captains' Training Day
Date set to Sunday 8th June. Apologies for the late date, RQ is at the World Cup the week before. If you cannot make all day, you can split the day in half (at lunch time) and have committee representatives attending.
- d. Racking
Any college with spare racking space or potential to erect outdoor racks, please get in touch with me as there are colleges desperate for space.
- e. I'W'L – Sunday 18th May
Given that so many IWLs have been cancelled over the year we have scheduled another one, to help increase racing and steering experience. Entries are open and close midday, Monday 12th May
- f. Keble – row to London
Keble will be rowing from Oxford to London, in aid of Jacari home teaching scheme, in 9th week of trinity term '08. Jacari is a local charity for children in oxford who have difficulties at school due to language barriers...etc. We are also holding a sponsored ergo just after eights week.

Keble explained they planned to do a 24hour intercollegiate ergathon outside the rad cam (it was clarified that this wouldn't involve each college rowing for 24hours...)
- g. Eights Programme
Deadline for crew photos, boat club comments and any other features: 28th April.
Deadline for pre-orders: 5th May
- h. Henley Royal Regatta
I have received information about Henley entries – email sabbatical[at]ourcs.org.uk for more details
- i. CORC Saturday river closure
CORC haven't sent or Dave any information on this – assume you won't be able to use the Isis on Saturday, to save you from rocking up and going home.
- j. Eights Race committee and entries deadline
We still need people if we want to run Summer Eights! Entries close midday Saturday of 3rd week.