



O U R C s

**Captains' Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday 1st Week Michaelmas Term 2009**  
**8pm, Balliol College**

**1. Ratifications**

- a. Georgina Baines (Merton) as OUWLRC President  
*Ratified nem. con.*
- b. Sonia Bracegirdle (Merton) as OURCs President  
*Ratified nem. con.*

**2. Minutes Of The Last Meeting**

Available at (<http://www.ourcs.org.uk/files/file/minutes/2008%20TT%20Wednesday%208th%20week%20minutes.pdf>)  
Minutes approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

None arising.

**4. Squad Reports**

- a. OUWLRC

OUWLRC had a successful summer. We collaborated with Oxford Brookes to form an eight for Senior eights at Henley Women's Regatta. We lost in the semi finals to the eventual winners, Yale. Following this impressive performance, we decided to attempt to qualify for the Remenham Cup at Henley Royal Regatta which we did, losing our first race to the GB U23 eight, making this the first OUWLRC representation at Henley Royal. After a couple of months off we reformed in September with our new coach Chris O'Hara. Since then, the returning athletes and the new girls have been training hard on the water and in the gym. We are aiming to send two boats to Four's Head of the River and possibly more to Upper Thames Small Boat's Head.

We are still encouraging anyone interested in trialling to come down to training, so if there are any interested athletes or coxes in your college please pass on my contact details.

- b. OUWBC

Following on from a strong summer season, where the development and senior squads competed well at a number of major regattas, we now have an enthusiastic and dedicated group of athletes in training for the Henley Boat Races next year. Our major race for this term is the IVs Head, and we have several athletes who will be attending GB U23 trials. We are still welcoming new additions to our squad, particularly coxes, and we have been able to make positive steps this year towards reducing the cost of trailing. Anyone interested in becoming involved for the 2009 – 2010 season should contact Sonia Bracegirdle ([sonia.bracegirdle@chem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sonia.bracegirdle@chem.ox.ac.uk)) as soon as possible.

- c. OULRC

The club ran a Summer Development squad in Trinity term and the long vacation, the first in long time. Our aim was to take a boat to Nat Champs, this didn't happen due to weight issues. However we did compete in a number of high profile regattas such as Marlow and Kingston. The 4+ won IM3 and IM2 at each of these events, recording the fastest time of the day at Kingston. Four athletes and two coxes took part; all but two of them are trialing for seat in a crew this year. We hope to offer more summer squad opportunities next year.

A few weeks ago the club also represented the University at an invitational regatta in Nantes, France. The eight competed in a weekend of racing that included an 11km match race on the Loire. Much fun was had by all.

At present we have a squad of 25 athletes and coxes, all concerned have made great gains in the month since trialing began. The program has been uniformly grueling this year, every session being completed with the intent and determination that only loss the previous year can bring.

Four of our athletes will also be attending GB trials at the end of the month, each hoping to qualify for a place in the World Universities squad for 2010.

Overall, the club is in excellent shape thanks to the hard work put in over the summer by members of the committee. We look forward to converting a promising start to the season into good results in the autumn head races.

d. OUBC

OUBC had a good summer, with a 4- winning at both Marlow and HRR. The club has been back in training now for 4 weeks. There is just one returning blue, but the squad is very strong. OUBC is still looking for triallists, and would also like to hear from those interested in trialling in 2011. Those interested are asked to contact Andy Nelder ([andrew.nelder@sport.ox.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.nelder@sport.ox.ac.uk)) or Sjoerd Hamburger ([president@oubc.org.uk](mailto:president@oubc.org.uk)).

**5. Elections**

a. Chris Cooper (Linacre) as Ordinary Member

Proposed: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)  
Seconded: Tony Harris (OURCs)

LM read a short statement from Chris outlining his experience with OURCs and his motivations for standing for OM.

*Elected nem. con.*

b. Sarah Steele (Christ Church) as Ordinary Member

Proposed: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)  
Seconded: Ben Thurston (OURCs)

SS introduced herself and gave the captains a brief guide to what she would do on committee. This involved name-taking, bod-card checking, and bringing food to race desk.

*Elected nem. con.*

**6. Amendment to the Constitution**

a. C.6.3.e: From:

“Clinical Medical students may choose between membership of their College Boat Club and Osler House Boat Club, but may not change clubs after competing in their first OURCs event, except by being granted honorary membership under C6.4”

To:

“Clinical Medical students may choose between membership of their College Boat Club and Osler House Boat Club, but may only row for one club in OURCs events in any given academic year, except by being granted honorary membership under C6.4.”

Proposed: Ben Thurston (OURCs)  
Seconded: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)

BT explained that clinical medics currently have to choose between Osler House and their own college, and once this choice is made it can't be reversed. The amendment would allow medics to choose either Osler House or their own college one year, and choose again the next. The more flexible arrangement will help more people to row.

*1 against.*

*1 abstention.*

*Motion passed.*

b. C.8.9 ('Motions') Add 'c':

“Any motion pertaining to the affiliation or disaffiliation of a college boat club, or part thereof, must be submitted to the Sabbatical at least seven full days in advance of the Captains' Meeting at which the motion is proposed.”

Proposed: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)  
Seconded: Ben Thurston (OURCs)

LM proposed an amendment to the amendment:

“Any amendment to C.6.3 must be submitted to the Sabbatical at least seven full days in advance of the Captains' Meeting at which the motion is proposed.”

LM explained the amendment was to clarify the area of the rules affected.  
*Amendment to the motion passed nem. con.*

LM explained that the motion was intended to allow affected boat clubs to organise representation of the colleges (rather than college boat clubs) involved at the Captains' Meeting, as college staff often need significant notice.

*Motion passed nem. con.*

## **7. Amendments to the Rules**

a. R.14: Replace R.14 with Appendix H (see below) on a temporary basis. This appendix will replace R.14 until the first captains' meeting of Hilary term 2010 when R.14 will be reinstated or permanently altered.

Proposed: Ben Thurston (OURCs)  
Seconded: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)

BT explained the alterations to Appendix H:

H.2. – 'advise' replaced 'caution', to acknowledge the new official caution that precedes monetary fines.

H.3.a – section relating to 'minor training advantage' was removed.

H.3.b – section relating to 'minor training advantage' was inserted.

H.3.c – section relating to 'major training advantage' was inserted.

H.3.d – This clause was removed as it was not possible to implement.

H.6. – 'cautions' was added, to acknowledge the new official caution that precedes monetary fines.

H.8. – Appeals should be directed to the OURCs Treasurer, not Secretary. This is in keeping with current practice.

H.9. – Transgressions will result in ‘written cautions’. This is to make sure a club knows it has received a caution, despite there being no fine payable.

H.10. – ‘Race’ was added. The changes do not apply to race or administrative fines.

DP pointed out that Captains’ Meetings have to ratify extreme transgressions and that extreme transgressions were not just 5 offences, but 5 offences of the same type.

LM said that OURCs was trying to encourage better communication within boat clubs and hoped that the new system would make this more of a prominent concern for boat clubs.

Wadham Men asked for clarification of H.4. (Violation of scheduled restrictions).

BT replied that under the new system, violating restrictions would never go unpunished.

TB clarified H.9.

*Motion passed nem. con.*

## 8. Transfers

- a. Katherine Hindley from St. Hugh’s College to Christ Church  
Applying under C6.4.b (typically allowed)

Kat has finished a 3-year undergraduate course at Christ Church and gone to St. Hugh’s College to begin a graduate course. She rowed as a novice with Christ Church during her first term, then went on to row in W1 from Hilary of her first year. She competed in Torpids and Summer Eights for Christ Church, as well as several external regattas. Kat was Women’s Captain during her second year, and coached novices for the college during her third year. She has always been very involved with the Boat Club, and has travelled abroad with her crew for a training camp in Leiden. Kat would like to transfer from St. Hugh’s College and continue to row for Christ Church. St Hugh’s captain has agreed to this transfer.

Proposed: Poppy Simister (Christ Church)

Seconded: Valerie Mocker (St. Hugh’s)

*Motion passed nem. con.*

- b. Beatrice Krebs from Corpus Christi College to Lincoln College (to beginning of MT 2012)  
Applying under C6.4.b (typically allowed)

Beatrice was previously at Lincoln for a total of three years. She rowed for the Lincoln W1 both in 2005/6 and 2007/8. She moved to Corpus to take up a Graduate teaching position, a scholarship with some teaching attached, and would like to continue rowing for Lincoln.

Proposed: Annakathrin Meiburg (Lincoln)

Seconded: John Dudding (Lincoln)

DP questioned the status of Beatrice Krebs. Is she a student, or staff? Eligibility issues would come up if she was staff.

No definite answer was forthcoming.

BT suggested passing the motion subject to confirmation of status.

*Motion passed, subject to confirmation of status.*

[After the meeting confirmation of status was received: Beatrice Krebs is a member of the MCR and a DPhil student, and thus eligible]

*Motion passed.*

- c. Sophie Carp from St. John’s College (Staff) to St John’s College Women’s 1st Torpid and Eight (to beginning of MT 2010)

A member of the College Boat Club according to C6.6, as a member of college staff.

[However C6.6 states that staff members will not normally be allowed to row in the college 1st Torpid or Eight unless agreed at a Captains’ Meeting.] This motion was passed last year but was done so without a time limit. This is necessary and the motion is being resubmitted.

Proposed: Sarah Turner (St. Johns)  
Seconded: Phil Robinson (OURC ordinary member)

*This motion was withdrawn.*

- d. Elizabeth Birch from New College to Keble College (to beginning of MT 2013)  
Applying under C6.4.b (typically allowed)

“Elizabeth is currently completing a doctorate at New College but she was a member of Keble College boat club for the duration of her undergraduate degree, taking the role of Women's Captain of boats in her second year and Boat Club President in her third. She wishes to continue rowing with Keble”

Proposed: Anna Fox (Keble)  
Seconded: Max Jaderberg (Keble)  
*Motion passed nem. con.*

- e. Sam Thompson from no college to Pembroke College (to beginning of MT 2011)  
Applying under C6.4.g (typically allowed)

“Sam is a post-doctoral research worker in Organic Chemistry and therefore a recognised member of University staff. He is a Junior Research Fellow at Pembroke and has taught undergraduate students there since Trinity Term 2009.

PCBC attempted to transfer Sam last year when he was employed to teach by the college, but was not a full member of the college. This was turned down, however as the holder of a Junior Research Fellowship (a 2-year fellowship for young academics) he is now a full member of both college and the SCR.”

Proposed: Jonathan Ross (Pembroke)  
Seconded: James Thom (Magdalen)

JR produced confirmation of Sam Thompson's appointment to a Junior Research Fellowship. This proves the membership of a college necessary under C6.4.g.

TB asked which crew Sam was likely to row in.

JR responded that Sam would row in the 1<sup>st</sup> VIII.

DP reminded the meeting that honorary memberships are treated as constitutional amendments and thus require at least a 2:1 ratio of those for to those against, and an overall majority of all present and eligible to vote.

*38 in favour.*

*11 abstentions.*

*58 present and eligible.*

*Motion passed.*

## **9. River Closures**

- a. Christ Church Regatta

Request for river closure from Noon until Dusk between Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> November and from 10.30am – 3pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Proposed: Sahana Jayakumar (Christ Church)  
Seconded: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)

- b. Autumn Fours

Request for river closure on 1<sup>st</sup> November from 1pm to dusk.

Proposed: Ben Thurston (OURCs)  
Seconded Laurence McGivern (OURCs)

- c. IWL  
Request for river closures on 15<sup>th</sup> November and 29<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm to dusk.  
Proposed: Ben Thurston (OURCs)  
Seconded Laurence McGivern (OURCs)
- d. Nephthys Regatta  
Request for river closures on 20<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm to 4.30pm and on 21<sup>st</sup> November from 10.30am to 4.30pm.  
  
Proposed: Joe Sadowski (OULRC)  
Seconded: Paul Taylor (OULRC)

River closures were voted on in mass.  
*9.a, 9.b, 9.c and 9.d passed nem. con.*

## 10. Other motions

### a. Boat Race Fees

This year the Henley Boat Races made a financial loss. Therefore each boat entered into the races had to pay £100 each (a total of £500 between the three clubs). The Henley Boat Race squads already have to charge the athletes a lot to cover the costs involved in training and racing. It is very likely that this will be a one off payment. Could OURCs possibly cover the £500 incurred in the 2009 Henley Boat Races? Also encourage Boat Clubs to come to the races and buy programmes!

Proposed: Georgina Baines (OUWLRC)  
Seconded: Sonia Bracegirdle (OUWBC)

*This motion was withdrawn.*

## 11. Announcements

### a. OARC

OARC handed out leaflets and gave a brief description of what they do. They reminded the meeting that they were always in need of volunteers, and that they go out on Sunday mornings when college clubs aren't allowed to train, so there is no conflict. Contact details are available from LM ([rowsab@gmail.com](mailto:rowsab@gmail.com)).

### b. Stitch Clothing

Stitch brought a display of their kit range. They pointed out that with Ben Reed working for them they now have a base in Oxford. They can also offer kit sizing sessions in Oxford. Ben can be contacted by email ([jbhreed@hotmail.com](mailto:jbhreed@hotmail.com)).

### c. IWL Scoring

LM announced that following a motion passed last year, OURCs would be running a league table for IWL in an effort to encourage entries and foster a competitive spirit. He made it clear that the event will continue to run as in past years. The scoring system likely to be used is one similar to that used in F1, with points allocated based on finish position.

### d. Ergs for BR Seminar

LM announced that British Rowing have organised a coaching seminar with Steve Gunn at Iffley Road on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. However, there are no available ergs at the Sports Dept, and OURCs is looking for a college willing to lend 4 ergs for the evening. OURCs would arrange transport and prompt return. LM asked captains to email him.

### e. Extra Slots

It was announced that due to the large numbers of colleges requesting extra slots and the generally overcrowded river in early MT, no extra slots would be allocated at this point. This would be reviewed later in the term.

## 12. A.O.B.

### a. Affiliations

DP announced affiliation fee pays for part of the Sabbatical wages, and that they would be £28/crew competing in Vllls 'proper' (i.e. excluding those that failed to row on). These are due Sunday of 5<sup>th</sup> week, and invoices will be sent out shortly.

### b. Novices on Saturday of 0<sup>th</sup>.

Wolfson Men asked about the possibility of a river closure for the 'novice Saturday' next year.

TC pointed out that even for OURCs regattas, river closures are only advisory.

LM suggested next year's Secretary or Sabbatical might want to email other river users to give them notice that the river will be very busy.

### c. IT

TH (Internet Secretary) says captains should have received their passwords for the club sections of the OURCs website. With these they can update their boat club committees. This is not the job of the internet secretary. Please email [webmaster@ourcs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@ourcs.org.uk) if you have not yet received a password.

TH is happy to add anyone to the Rowing Captains mailing list so long as the addition is proposed by the captain of the club involved. He pointed out that there is also the OURCs mailing list which is often just as useful.

There is an OURCs wiki – please update the boat club sections or link to your own boat club website.

TH will not alter the swim test database without proof that a student has passed a test. If the red light shows on the entry system, the student concerned will not be allowed to row. There will be no exceptions.

### d. OURCs Committee

SS pleaded for new members to join the committee. As the only woman on the committee, she made an impassioned plea for more members of the fairer sex to join.

### e. Snowdon Foundation

Sjoerd Hamburger (OUBC) made a brief announcement about the Snowdon Foundation, which provides funding for disabled students. A fundraiser in London is being organised, and OUBC is taking part. More details can be found at <http://www.snowdonawardscheme.org.uk/>. More details and publicity to come.

### f. Swim Tests and Capsize Drills

LM announced that the swim test dates were hard and fast. Clubs with students unable to make their allocated date must email him with the names of those people, so he knows who to expect and when. Capsize drills are already oversubscribed. Please don't send any more requests for the time being. Those being tested this time around will be emailed. The test will not be before Autumn 4s.

### g. Attendance

SS reiterated that people deputizing for captains must email LM in advance. At the next meeting there will be bodcard checks for everyone.

## **Appendix H:**

Fines and sanctions may be imposed upon a College Boat Club in the event of a breach of OURCs rules. Transgressions witnessed by non-members of the OURCs Committee should be reported to the OURCs Secretary or the OURCs Sabbatical Officer.

1. Any member of the OURCs Committee may impose fines.
2. At their discretion, committee members may choose to advise a cox or crew rather than impose a fine.
3. Types of transgression:
  - a. Minor transgressions are defined as those breaches of these rules without serious safety implications, which only minimally inconvenience other river users. The first transgression will result in a caution and will be recorded. The fine for the second minor transgression shall be £10.
  - b. Major transgressions are defined as those with potentially serious safety implications, which significantly inconvenience other river users or which gain the crew minor training advantage. The first transgression will result in a caution and will be recorded. The fine for the second major transgression shall be £25.
  - c. Extreme transgressions are defined as those resulting in serious incidents or major training advantages, rowing whilst banned, for example by the OURCs flag or a previous penalty, or as a result of repeated offences as in 5 and 9 below. Only a formally convened OURCs Committee Meeting may impose the fine, the size of which is at its discretion. It may also impose further sanctions on the Boat Club involved, such as banning them from the river and/or from OURCs races and/or giving time or position penalties in any OURCs event to the crew involved.
4. Violations of any of the scheduled restrictions shall incur a £10 fine for the first offence in each academic year, but double for each additional offence of any scheduled restrictions within the same year.
5. Transgressions as set out in 3.a and 3.b above shall incur the stated fine for the first offence in each term, but double for each additional offence of the same type within the same term. If a single Boat Club accrues more than 5 offences of the same type within 1 term then this will be viewed as an extreme transgression and acted on as per 3.c. Following the OURCs decision on the extreme transgression, fining for any subsequent transgressions of the same nature will start at the level of the fine stated in 3.a and 3.b above.
6. Committee members must notify the OURCs Treasurer of cautions or fines they have imposed. The OURCs Treasurer will then send the College Boat Club concerned details of the fine.
7. Dangerous or careless coxing may (in addition to a fine) result in endorsement, or in particularly serious cases withdrawal, of the permit of the cox concerned.
  - a. Coxes whose permit is endorsed more than 3 times in any 3 consecutive terms shall have their permits withdrawn for the rest of the term in which the fourth endorsable offence occurred and for the entirety of the subsequent term.
  - b. Following a period of disqualification, coxes whose permit has been withdrawn shall have to satisfy the OURCs Captain of Coxes that they are competent to cox before they may reapply for their permit.
8. Appeals against fines or other penalties imposed by OURCs should be directed, in the first case to the OURCs Treasurer and on further dispute, to the OURCs Senior Member, who shall have the final say in all such matters.
9. Fines under 3.a. and 3.b. shall be suspended from Sunday of 0th week until Sunday of 5th week of Michaelmas term. However, transgressions will result in written cautions and be recorded, and repeated transgressions may be treated as a single extreme transgression and acted upon according to 3.c. Repeated transgressions occurring in the subsequent weeks of term will incur fines at the level it would have been if the offences in the first 4 weeks had been fined.
10. The alterations outlined in this appendix do not apply to race or administrative fines.