

Thomas Chapman

for

OURCs Rowing Sabbatical

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



I have experience as

- OURCs Treasurer (2007-present) – This year I am working closely with the current secretary and sabbatical officer to ensure that all events run smoothly.
- OURCs Ordinary Member (2006-2007) – Last year I gained valuable experience in a role supporting the secretary.
- Race Committee (2006 – present) – I have been involved in numerous events, both bumps and head racing and have gained experience of the effective running of regattas as well as dispute resolution.
- Coach (2005-present) – I have coached novice and experienced crews at several colleges as well as with OARC at CORC.
- BC Captain (2005-2006) – I have experienced, first hand, the trials and rewards of captaincy, particularly tricky in Michaelmas term, and would bring that experience to the role of Sabbatical.



I am committed to

- Supporting the secretary – With my knowledge of the post I will assist the secretary in the running of regattas and help them to fulfil their daily administrative responsibilities.
- Improving the standard of Oxford rowing – One of my key goals is to provide better coaching support, especially for new captains. In order to do this I intend to organise dedicated coaching seminars expanding the current nuts and bolts course. Additionally I will provide support to the non-OURCs events that take place on the Isis.
- Expanding the Sabbatical Role – I currently feel that the post is not fully exploited by the university squads, I would like to commit the support of the Sabbatical to the squads in any way that they might need, particularly for any administrative tasks.
- Strengthening ties with other river users – Having worked with some other river users this year, and I would like to encourage more friendly competition, particularly in IWL and off the Isis.



Why I want this

- I have spent the last four years at Oxford totally immersed in rowing. I would love to fill the post of Rowing Sabbatical so that I can continue to work to bring my passion to others. I have a detailed understanding of the Oxford rowing system and want the chance to be able to share this with you and the committee so that we might all enjoy the sport we love.