

Laurence McGivern

OURCs Rowing Sabbatical



Proposed: Greg Petros (OURCs)

Seconded: Lucy Mase-Robinson (OUWBC)

My Experience:



Mansfield College Boat Club –

Captain (2007-2008),

Novice and Lower Boats Coach (2007-present).

OURCs –

Committee member (Trinity 2008-present),

Race Committee (Hilary 2008-present).

My Commitments:



Review the Fines System –

Investigate the introduction of non-monetary penalties, make the system more transparent and encourage the Captains to have their say in deciding how fines collected should be spent.

Facilitate entry to external events –

Look into organizing a central trailering and transport service, reducing the pressure on Captains and lowering costs. Send regular emails to the Captains with regatta information, deadline dates and transport arrangements with links to the event entry pages.

Improve the standards of coxing and coaching –

Provide on-the-water coxing and coaching help-sessions, reduce the cost of the Nuts and Bolts course and keep a voluntary database of coaches to help college Captains organize the training of their crews.

Encourage cooperation between Squads and Colleges –

Consider the sharing of coaches and equipment to increase standards and encourage more rowers and coxes to trial for University squads.

My Motivation:



I learned to row and cox here at Oxford. I turned up without having ever been in a boat, and benefited hugely from the system we are lucky enough to have here. I want to help OURCs and college boat clubs continue to provide the opportunities I was afforded, and believe that my experience, dedication and commitment, demonstrated both for my college and for OURCs, make me an ideal candidate for Rowing Sabbatical.