

Ian Maconnachie

Rowing Sabbatical

Proposed: Ellie Darlington (ChCh)

Seconded: Matt Maton-Howarth (OURCs)

My experience:

- Rower and Coach for Christ Church Boat Club 2008-present.
- Men's Captain of Christ Church Boat Club 2010-2011: I have first-hand experience of the pressures of organising a boat club which I can use to support and encourage your new captains as they take on a stressful role.
- Regatta Captain of Christ Church Boat Club 2011: I organised Christ Church Regatta this year, with 142 participating crews racing every 3 minutes for 4 days. I dealt with safety plans, risk assessments and all aspects of event management at every stage – a significant part of the RowSab role.
- OURCs Ordinary Member 2011-present: I have been heavily involved with the organisation and smooth running of Torpids 2012 and multiple IWLS, giving marshal and umpire briefings and also sitting on the Race Committee responsible for deciding the outcome of appeals.



Organising a large boat club, as well as one of the largest regattas in Oxford, has taught me how to deal with and prioritise many difficult tasks at once. My experience at racedesk would be invaluable to the safe and efficient running of next year's regattas.

I am committed to:

- Driving forward the possibility of increasing participation in Torpids and Eights.
- Closing the gap between the squads and college rowing, especially for aspiring coxes, by working with the college coaches alongside the squads to maximise the use of the development squads.
- Providing assistance with external representation by helping to arrange transport to the bigger head races and regattas.
- Examining the way in which IWL is used throughout the season in order to increase participation.
- Making sure that our regattas continue to be run efficiently by assisting the Secretary and Committee at all times.
- Continuing to move towards a more organised database for all members to make entries easier for captains.
- Organising lectures with notable oarsmen/women both for interest and education.
- Recruiting more members to the OURCs Committee. Torpids and Eights require a huge number of committed volunteers.
- Providing administrative assistance to the squads in order to lessen the burden on the triallists.

My motivation:

I learnt to row at Oxford and have enjoyed every moment of my time in and out of the boat since I started. I went on to row at the highest level of college rowing and also organised one of the largest events within Oxford. I found the whole experience incredibly rewarding. Nothing would please me more than to give something back to the people that have provided me with so much over the last four years by running efficient and enjoyable regattas for the entire University, as well as providing support



wherever possible to the squads.