

# ***Bernard Tao***

## ***RowSab 2013-14***

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### **My experience**

- Oxford trained Coxswain and Rower since 2008. I learnt to row and cox in Oxford, and have competed in most of the regattas run by OURCs for the last 5 years.
- OURCs Committee member since MT2011, where I have been on race committees for IWL, Torpids, and Summer Vllls. I have been heavily involved with organising umpires and marshalls, as well as heading up appeals committees.
- Introduced the OURCs camera in The Gut, and revamped the 'Introduction to Coxing' lecture.
- I was a co-ordinator for the student helpers in St. Anne's for the Oxford Interview period, running a team of 20 students, a similar size group to the committee!



### **My commitments to you**

- Make captain's interactions with OURCs easier and more transparent.
- Review the presentations given for events to see how we can make them more engaging and informative.
- Produce a 'Bumps for novices' guide for colleges to use to help brief their new rowers and coxes.
- Expand the use of technology to keep more people up-to-date with OURCs events.
- Make entries and subs easier and quicker for captains.
- Work with clubs to help retain and train more coxes.
- Use the OURCs Website and Twitter to promote the squads, their development programmes and events.
- Raise awareness of the squads by posting details of upcoming races.
- *Make sure the OURCs April Fools is sent out before noon!*

### **My motivation**

Coxing and racing at Oxford are the most enjoyable memories of my degree, and I found it stimulating and exciting. I'm keen to share my skills and ideas, such as The Gut camera, and pre-assigning Umpires to bunglines to improve the smooth running of racing, reducing delays to divisions. I'd like to bring my experience on the Committee to the RowSab role to ensure that the high standards we have achieved this year continue and feed into another successful year of rowing.

