

Stuart Walter

Proposed: Helen Smith (Worcester)

Seconded: Jack Breuer (Worcester)

Rowing Sabbatical 2014/5

My Experience–

- WCBC Club Captain 2013/4, Social Rep 2012/3, WCCC 1st XI captain 2013, Worcester College Pool captain 2013/4.

I have worked behind the scenes in sports events, having managed a junior cricket team the season before coming up to Oxford with 5 years coaching experience.

- Regularly umpire cricket matches; therefore I know what it is like to make decisions under pressure with up to eleven people shouting at me.

Having been in a sinking boat in my first 8s, I understand the importance of safety at regattas.

- Awarded WCBC club person of the year in 2013, and Normandy Cricket Club Junior Club person of the year in 2010, I consistently go the extra mile to help out the organizations I am involved in. *This included rescuing an out of petrol launch from the Godstow stretch - involving a round trip from Worcester to Godstow to the petrol station and back again over an almost flooded port meadow!*



I'm committed to –

- Exploring options for poor weather alternatives to bumps racing.

Bringing my experience as a facilitator to the RowSab role, smoothing and simplifying the process for the committee and captains in the carrying out rowing related activities in and around Oxford.

- Continue previous committees' and RowSab's work in providing clear information for those involved in rowing in terms of OURCs decisions and other announcements. Specifically working towards clearing up race day announcements e.g. bumps and delays.

Provide a friendly point of contact for both captains and others involved in college rowing.

- Bring a club captains insight into committee discussions in order for decisions to best benefit all parties involved.

My motivation–

To put it simply, I have fallen in love with rowing and have thrown myself into as much of it as I could, as a rower, cox and coach. The sport has provided me with two of my favourite memories while at Oxford, winning blades last summer and competing in external regattas. I want to continue my involvement in the sport and help others to experience the exciting moments rowing provides. Helping to facilitate participation in sport has been hugely rewarding for me so far and I would like to continue that for as long as I can!

Having already run for this position I hope I can demonstrate this is a job I really want to do and I will enjoy, which we all know is the best way to the job done efficiently and effectively.