

Hannah Keenan

Rowing Sabbatical 2014-15



Proposed: Sophie Philbrick (*OUWLRC President 2013/14*)

Seconded: Maxie Scheske (*OUWBC President 2013/14*)

Experience:

- ~ Coxswain, Christ Church Boat Club
- ~ Coxswain OULRC (Nephthys 2013, BB 2014)
- ~ President OULRC 2013/14

Commitments:

- ~ Continue to increase the transparency of OURCS, in terms of how decisions are made within the committee, how captains' wishes are taken into account, and the relevant safety issues considered
- ~ Look into running focus groups open to all captains, to enable a fuller discussion on issues of interest, as captains' meetings are not always the appropriate forum for generating new ideas
- ~ Use my experience of running a boat club in assisting new captains, and the OURCs Secretary and committee
- ~ Encourage greater participation in the squads from college rowers and coxswains
- ~ Work closely with the Captain of Coxes to ensure more coxswains who learn at Oxford have the support to take and pass their S-status assessments

Motivation:

Arriving at Oxford I was a complete novice, and the Oxford rowing system has supported me right from the first outing through to a Boat Race. The experience as President of OULRC has allowed me to appreciate the rewards of giving back to a system, and I would be delighted to do the same for Oxford rowing more broadly.