



Tom Coles  
Rowing Sabbatical Officer  
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Proposer: Victoria Morris (Jesus)  
Seconded: Jonathan Williams  
(OURCs)

Who am I?

I'm Tom, a full-time cox and occasional classicist who's spent the last nine years in and out of all kinds of boats, coxing and coaching everything from schoolboy fours and novice boats to blades-winning eights. I've held multiple positions on JCBC Committee (Secretary, Captain of Coxes, and Treasurer), done six bumps campaigns, and I've been a racedesk helper for the last two years, joining OURCs as an Ordinary Committee Member in Michaelmas last year.

What am I going to do as RowSab?

- **Regular updates:** to ensure transparency, I intend to produce a fortnightly update of what I have been doing, like many JCR presidents do.
- **Coxes:** I want to work with the Captain of Coxes to ensure that novice coxes get the support they need, especially during long stretches of red flag. In particular, I want to look into chances for them to run the bumps racing line; e.g. providing an incentive for colleges to run novice coxes in IWLs.
- **IWLs:** Explore options to improve OURCs' timing procedures, and to ensure that these are run effectively and to schedule.
- **Equipment:** The running of bumps is made much easier by the use of the tannoy and the video camera, both of which are a bit ropey with age. Look into keeping these long-term, to ensure the good work of past committees bringing those in can continue.
- **Senior racing in Michaelmas:** Nobody likes Michaelmas rowing, because it is cold and miserable and everyone's busy with novices. I would like to review the races OURCs runs to ensure that those who train during the winter have a worthwhile prize to aim at.

Why do I want this?

I have fallen in love with Oxford college rowing during my time here; from the smiles on the faces of novices stepping off the water after their first session through to the joyous celebrations of first division crews, there is nothing quite like it. I want to help everyone who wants to try rowing at Oxford to explore their full potential, from top boats all the way down to the enthusiastic amateurs, while ensuring that the Oxford student body is represented by an organisation worthy of the trust you place in it. More than anything else, after the four fun years I've had in Oxford I would love the chance to give something back to the Oxford college rowing community.

