

Victoria Rees

Rowing Sabbatical Officer 2016-2017

Proposed by Oliver Watson (LMH)

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The experience I can offer

- President of Lady Margaret Hall Boat Club 2015-16 , Women's Captain 2014-15, Social Sec 2013-14
 - Work effectively within a committee, and familiar with college expectations of the RowSab and OURCs committee
- W1 rower and M1 cox at LMHBC, and have coxed various other college clubs
- Events organization and management - organizing fixtures for LMHBC and Harper Adams University BC, helped to organize Uni Modern Pentathlon events. Charities Rep LMH JCR 2013-14. Veteran crewdate organizer.
- Health and safety – as President, rewrote the club safety plan and risk assessment, and oversee general club safety. Previous work with horses and children (often at the same time) has given me an eye for risk analysis.



The things I would do as RowSab

Beyond supporting the OURCs committee members with their work, I would seek to do the following:

- **Communication between colleges:** facilitate communication between college clubs, especially with regards to:
 - **External regattas** – having experienced how motivational training for and competing in these events can be, encourage entry for both men's and women's crews by helping colleges to find trailer space, substitute rowers/coxes, and sites from which to boat.
 - **Training camps** – link colleges which would like to organize training camps (either on or away from the Isis) but which may not have the numbers to do so.
 - **Less exciting things** – such as information about club funding opportunities and ideas.
- **Training for coxes:** encourage colleges to take up the coxing training offered by OURCS, in a effort to improve the safety of training on the Isis, especially in high stream conditions in MT/HT.
- **The OURCs website:** as always, improve its user-friendliness in conjunction with the Webmaster.
- **The flag:** continue the work of the OURCs committee in communicating with the Environment Agency, to ensure that flag changes occur in a consistent and predictable manner.
- **Dorpids:** Maintain and update as necessary the plan for a contingent HT regatta in the event that it is unsafe to run Torpids. If a high stream and consistent red flags persist in HT, help colleges to organize trips to alternative training locations in order to gain water time.

Though I have not previously been involved with the OURCs committee, if I am elected I will help at racedesk during Summer Eights in order to gain some OURCs experience ahead of next year.

Why I would like to be RowSab

On a fateful Saturday afternoon in May 2013, I was, after a mere handful of outings, subbed into the 2 seat of LMH W2. 27 nerve-wrecking bunglines later (6 of them mid-finals), and I am still proud to be part of the Oxford Rowing community. I am keen to use my experience of coxing, rowing, and club organization at Oxford to assist our clubs and squads in providing their members with the same sporting and social opportunities that I have also been lucky enough to enjoy.

