



OURCs

Captains' Meeting Agenda

Thursday 5th Week Hilary Term 2024

7.00pm, 15th February

Doctorow Hall, St Edmund Hall

Chair: Louis Corrigan (OUBC)

1. **Welcome**

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Available at <https://ourcs.co.uk/organisation/meetings/>

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Ratification of Ordinary Committee Members** – Sophia Ungermann to speak

- Georgia Douglas (Pembroke)
- Suzanne Lim (University)
- Zara Watson (Queen's)

5. **Ratification of Webmaster** – Sophia Ungermann to speak

- Tobias Bretschneider (Balliol)

6. **Transfers under A1.2.** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak

Under A.1.2.a.:

Objections may only be based on the following:

- *Athlete is not a member of the college they are transferring from*
- *Athlete has never been a member of the college they are transferring to*

- Miles Graham, Balliol to Magdalen
- Leopold von Waldthausen, Regent's Park to Magdalen
- Jake Rule, Magdalen to New College

7. **Update to Code of Conduct: Scope** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak

Simple majority to pass

Change:

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Proposed: Samuel McLoughlin (OURCs)

Seconded: Sophia Ungermann (OURCs)

8. Change to Code of Conduct: Breaches – Qianyi Sun to speak

Simple majority to pass

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2. The club(s) involved in the serious incident may be required to attend a Club Safety Review with at least one week's notice provided, or sooner if mutually agreed. Failing to attend a Club Safety Review may be treated as a further serious incident. Should a club not cooperate by making appropriate representatives available and/or not engage with the review meeting then, at the discretion of the OURCs Secretary, the Senior Member or the Bursar of the club concerned may be informed by the Senior Member or Senior Treasurer of OURCs.

Proposed: Qianyi Sun (OURCs)

Seconded: Sophia Ungermann (OURCs)

9. **Update to Rules of Racing: Visiting Student Eligibility** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak
Two-thirds majority to pass

Change:

A1.1.a. Members of College Boat Clubs are classified either as:

i. Student Members;

[...]

2. Students on the Visiting Student Programme holding a valid University Card stating "Visiting Student Programme";, who are affiliated to that college.

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Proposed: Samuel McLoughlin (OURCs)

Seconded: Sophia Ungermann (OURCs)

10. **Update to Rules of Racing for Bumps: Associate Members** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak
Simple majority to pass

Change:

A3.6.a. Associate Members' of College Boat Clubs may compete in bumps races subject to the following restrictions:

[...]

iii. If a College Boat Club has no qualified Rowing On crews, not including composites, for a given gender, associate members may only compete in the College Boat Club's lowest crew of that gender provided it is not in a Senior Division, including Sandwich boats, at the start of the competition.

iv. If a College Boat Club's lowest crew for a given gender is in a Senior Division at the start of the competition, specific permission to compete as an associate member in that crew must be given by a majority vote at a Captain' meeting. The Associate Member(s) in question must be named in the proposed motion. All other Associate Member rules must still be followed.

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Proposed: Samuel McLoughlin (OURCs)

Seconded: Sophia Ungermann (OURCs)

11. **Associate Rowers in Torpids 2024 Senior Divisions under A3.6.a.iv.**– Samuel McLoughlin to speak
Simple majority to pass

a. **Kirils Bistrovs, St Antony's M1** – Roger Creus Vila to speak

St Antony's College Boat Club would like to ask for the Captains' approval so that our associate member, Kirils Bistrovs (hereafter Cyril as he himself prefers), could compete in our only crew for the Men's Divisions. St Antony's M1 currently stands at bungline 11 in Div3, as of Saturday's finishing order Torpids 2023. Cyril was a full member of the club 2020-21 during which he only went out on a couple of taster outings, and he joined the club again this academic year as an associate member, learning to row with other novices. He has never raced in an OURCs race at all, and this could be confirmed by the records. On the grounds that we have no other full member alternatives who are able to race every single day this year, and that Cyril is practically similarly trained as other novices who joined this academic year, we hope the captains would vote in favour for us and allow Cyril to race in our M1 as an associate member.

Proposed: Roger Creus Vila (St Antony's)

Seconded: Katharine Taylor (St Antony's)

b. **Brigid Falvey, Wolfson W3** – Lara Bolte to speak

Wolfson W3 (1st in WDiv4) would like permission for Brigid Falvey to row as an associate in Torpids. Brigid started rowing with us as a novice after Eights 2023 and has since finished her degree without getting to race at all other than one IWL. Due to the red flag, we don't have any other novices who are safe to race in the last seat in W3 - those who would have been W4 have barely been on the water, if at all. Hence, we would like Brigid to be able to race with the crew

she has trained in. If the Captains don't grant permission, our alternative is to use a full-member former W1 rower who has not trained with us, which seems less in the spirit of the event. We stress that allowing Brigid Falvey to row with Wolfson W3 is not going to give us an unfair advantage.

Proposed: Lara Bolte (Wolfson)

Seconded: Ben Hardin (Wolfson)

12. **Ratification of Club Safety Review** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak

- LMH [Paper 1]: £50

13. **AOB**

- **Torpids update** – Rachel Quarrell to speak
This item of AOB will be raised at the start of the meeting due to availability of the speaker.
- **OUBC Dev. Squad** – Ella Stadler to speak
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- **Boat club contacts** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak
- **Torpids tear-down marshals** – Sophia Ungermann to speak
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