



Captains' Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 1st week Hilary Term 2022

7pm, 19th January 2022

Online (Teams)

Chair: Amelia Standing (OUWBC)

1. **Welcome**
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Available at www.ourcs.org.uk
3. **Matters Arising**
No matters arising
4. **Squad Reports**

OUWBC

OUW has had a successful winter training period. We competed in 3 races last term, with our first boats winning 2 and placing 2nd behind the GB team in the 3rd. Over the Christmas vac we went on training camp to Wimbleball. We made a lot of progress despite the very cold weather and it was an invaluable experience. Unfortunately, due to covid we had to postpone our annual trial 8s race. However, this has given us the opportunity to progress more as a team before the race and we are looking forward to a well fought race!

OUBC

The last two months have been very productive for OUBC. At the Wallingford Head in early December the first eight of Olly Perry, Liam Corrigan, Charlie Elwes, Roman Röösl, David Ambler, Barnabe Delarze, Tobias Schroeder, Josh Bowesman-Jones, and Jack Robertson claimed Head of the River and won the event, beating Oxford Brookes and Leander's top eights. The second eight finished in fifth, five seconds behind the second eight from Oxford Brookes, and the coxed four won their event in the afternoon.

The team then trained hard for two weeks in mixed eights in preparation for Trial 8's on December 19. After a week of testing at Caversham, the two eights - Gondor and Rohan - were set. Gondor included Olly Perry, Tassilo Von Mueller, Liam Corrigan, David Ambler, Barnabe Delarze, Martin Barakso, Henry Pearson, James Forward, and Chris Hull. Rohan's line up was Jack Tottem, Charlie Elwes, Josh Bowesman-Jones, Tobias Schroeder, Augustin Wambersie, Jack Robertson, Roman Röösl, Jan Strattmann, and Chris Rimmer. Rohan had the better start and led by half a length around the Fulham bend. Gondor clawed the deficit back and the two crews were nearly level as they passed under Hammersmith Bridge. Rohan pushed hard after the bridge and after some clashing managed to push out to clear water by Chiswick Steps and maintained this

advantage to win by just over a length. It was a close contest, good racing from both boats, and showcased the calibre and depth of our team.

We returned for training camp on January 3 and spent four days on the Tideway getting in some beneficial side-by-side training. The camp in London was a success, and the team was able to spend a lot of time bonding over lunches and dinners. We are currently training at Caversham for a few days, getting in some side-by-side racing before Hilary term starts and we return to our normal training routine at Wallingford. With less than three months to go to the Boat Race, the team is in a good place and we will continue working hard every day to beat Cambridge.

OUWLRC

In welcome contrast to Michaelmas term last year, the squad enjoyed a full term of training together on the water and in the gym, including some valuable Tideway weekends and racing experience. Upper Thames Head at the end of October was the first time many of the squad had raced for the club, and despite the rain and strong headwind, all six crews performed well. A month later, despite a long marshalling period in the freezing cold, both crews entered in Wallingford Head also put in good performances to finish 4th and 5th in a category of 19 boats, and within 4 seconds of each other. The race was 5 km but upstream so it provided a piece of similar duration to the Boat Race that was useful Trial VIII's preparation for both coxes and rowers. Earlier in November, we had started this preparation with a weekend on the Tideway, hosted by the very welcoming Quintin Boat Club, to familiarise ourselves with the course and potential conditions. Only around a fifth of the squad have significant Tideway experience, so our first weekend training there proved to be an eye-opener for many. We were fortunate with the conditions for the outward journey on the first day, but on the way home, the wind picked up and treated us to more typical Tideway water! When we returned to London the day before Trial VIII's, slightly better prepared, we were able to tackle the conditions much more proficiently, highlighting how useful the previous sessions had been! After Wallingford Head, Trial VIII's promised to be a close race, and after a difficult start, Over held Under at a length for most of the course, putting in several strong pushes to challenge Under's lead. Towards the end of the race, Under pulled away to finish around two lengths clear, but pushed to the line by Over's persistent efforts. The day provided good practice of dealing with race-day nerves as well as giving us a benchmark for the challenges and demands of a 6.8 km race. The resilience shown by Over in their repeated challenges for the lead, and the determination from Under to hold off Over's pushes suggest that the squad is in a strong position to tackle the build-up to the Boat Race this term, and to challenge Cambridge on the day.

OULRC

Training recommenced on Tuesday 4th January, and has continued on our regular schedule up to this point. There has been a minor impact of covid on the squad following the return from Christmas, but thankfully this seems to have passed, and everyone has returned to Oxford for training. As of the new OURA rules concerning squad size, we have reduced our numbers to a final 12, which we will now maintain until the Lightweight Boat Race. The cuts were made following seat-racing in late December, post Trial VIII's. This seat racing has also informed a basic ranking within the squad, which has allowed us to start trying to find a Blue Boat. We expect to follow these preliminary results up with more seat-racing in the coming weeks, with a

near final selection made by the start of February. Once seat racing for the Blue Boat has been completed, we are then planning to start seat racing for Nephthys (as those being seat raced depends on the results from the Blue Boat races).

Longer weekend water sessions will see us venture to the Tideway this term, competing in regular fixtures against London based clubs, as well as gaining experience on the racecourse. The first external race we will attend this term is Quintin Head on the 28th January. We will later race Imperial and University of London on the Tideway. In February we will also do our final 5K trial of the term, which will allow us to compare between seasons and years. Based off recent pieces done in the 8+, times are comparable if not slightly better than previous years, which has filled the squad with hope and a determination to push on through to the Boat Race.

5. Ratification of reappointed Ordinary Committee Members – Ty Rallens to speak

- Hannah Germain (Corpus)
- Matilde Soares da Silva (Merton)
- Luke Svasti (Linacre)
- Daina Šadurska (Wolfson)
- James Marsden (Wolfson/Corpus)
- Natasha Smith (Worcester)

6. Ratification of new Ordinary Committee Members – Ty Rallens to speak

- Qianyi Sun (St Edmund's Hall)
- Sophia Ungermann (Linacre)

7. Transfers under A1.2 – James Lucas to speak

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*
 - Anna Garcia: Christ Church (Kellogg) to Magdalen (papers in order)
 - Tobias Schroder: Exeter to Magdalen (papers in order)
 - Mark Verhagen: Trinity to Linacre (papers in order)
 - Joseph Daniel Field: Lincoln to Mansfield (papers in order)

8. Change to the Rules of Racing – Jacob Applebaum (GTC) to speak

Two-thirds majority to pass

Change:

- 1.a. Members of College Boat Clubs are classified either as:
 - i. Student members**

1. *Bona fide students (in accordance with University Statute II) of their respective college(s), until such time as:*
 - a. *they leave or suspend their course of study; or*
 - b. *a pass list or class list marking the end of the course is published; or*
 - c. *leave to supplicate for the degree is granted. In extraordinary circumstances, this period may be extended to a given date by a majority vote at a Captain's Meeting.*

To (additions in red):

- 1.a. Members of College Boat Clubs are classified either as:
 - i. Student members
 1. Bona fide students (in accordance with University Statute II) of their respective college(s), until such time as:
 - a. they leave or suspend their course of study – **in extraordinary circumstances and with the written approval of the college's Senior Tutor, this period may be extended to a given date by a majority vote at a Captain's Meeting;** or
 - b. a pass list or class list marking the end of the course is published; or
 - c. leave to supplicate for the degree is granted. In extraordinary circumstances, this period may be extended to a given date by a majority vote at a Captain's Meeting.

Proposed: Jacob Appelbaum (GTC)

Seconded: Ana Alanis Amaya (GTC)

9. **Extension of Student Status** – James Lucas to speak

Two-thirds majority to pass

- a. **Rosalin Cooper (Wolfson)** is currently doing her corrections and may receive leave to supplicate later this term. We request that her student status be maintained (if she does receive leave to supplicate), such that she can compete as a full student member in Torpids 2022. This extension of student status would expire on the final day of Torpids 2022 (5th March 2022).

Proposed: Aimee Ruffle (Wolfson)

Seconded: Dominik Kloepfer (Wolfson)

- b. **Rob Ferritto (GTC)** is an ex-captain (2 year pandemic captain), who has been dedicated to the club despite only having 2 weeks of water time before TT 2021, and has only competed in bumps once (Toreights 21). Due to an extremely unfortunate series of events and no fault of his own (pandemic, and now civil unrest in Ethiopia), he has been forced to delay his field work for his DPhil several times and now suspend his studies until the travel advisory to Ethiopia lifts, or he is able to rethink/restart his entire research. We would like to request an extension of his student status from the captains to allow him to race with M1 in Torpids 2022. Our M1 boat is currently in Div 4, and composed of majority of rowers who started in MT. Rob is not a blues or international level rower.

Proposed: Jacob Appelbaum (GTC)
Seconded: Ana Alanis Amaya (GTC)

10. River Closures – Ty Rallens to speak

a. **Isis Winter League**

IWL C: Sunday 23rd January (2nd Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

IWL D: Sunday 6th February (4th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

IWL E: Sunday 20th February (6th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Proposed: Ty Rallens (OURCs)

Seconded: James Lucas (OURCs)

b. **Torpids**

Rowing On:

Saturday 26th February (6th Week) – 08:30 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Rowing On Contingency: *(to be used if Rowing On can't run on date above)*

Sunday 27th February (6th Week) – 08:30 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Torpids:

Wednesday 2nd March (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Thursday 3rd March (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Friday 4th March (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Saturday 5th March (7th Week) – Opening Time until Closing Time

Proposed: Ty Rallens (OURCs)

Seconded: James Lucas (OURCs)

11. Safety Notices – James Lucas to speak

- a. Lifejackets
- b. Boat lights

12. Ratification of Major Transgression Meetings – James Lucas to speak

- Linacre - £20
- Somerville - £0
- Oriel - £100

13. Extra Slots

Applications from: Linacre, Green Templeton, New College, Hertford, Lincoln, LMH, University College, St Hilda’s, St Edmund Hall, Wolfson, St Catz, Jesus, Magdalen, Mansfield, Christ Church

Monday: Opening – 8am	LMH
Tuesday: Opening – 8am	St Catz
Wednesday: Opening – 8am	Lincoln
Thursday: Opening – 8am	University
Friday: Opening – 8am	Jesus
Sunday: 1pm – 3pm	Mansfield
Sunday: 3pm – 5pm	St Hilda’s

Clubs who have received slots may swap days if they want to, but please let OURCs know so that the list can be updated.

14. AOB

- a. Personal conduct – James Lucas to speak

- b. **Change to the Rules of Racing** – Joe Hitchin to speak
Simple majority to pass

Designate WDiv3 in Torpids as Senior. This will make Women's Division 3 in Torpids a Senior Division, making the designation the same for the two sides in that event, and the same as the designation for Eights. As far as we are aware, the only effect of this change will be to require crews in WDiv3 wanting to use an associate rower to seek the Captains' permission. This would only be permissible within the other rules for associate rower if the club had no crews lower than the WDiv3 crew being entered, so this is a situation unlikely to occur in practice. We are open to this being applied to Torpids 2022, or being delayed a year to take effect from Torpids 2023 onwards.

Replace A3.2.a.viii & ix:

- viii. In Torpids, Men's divisions 1, 2 and 3, and Women's divisions 1 and 2 shall be designated "Senior Divisions".*
- xi. In Eights, Men's divisions 1, 2 and 3, and Women's Divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall be designated "Senior Divisions".*

With (replacement in red):

- viii. Divisions 1, 2, and 3 shall be designated "Senior Divisions"**

Proposed: Joe Hitchin (Senior Umpire)
Seconded: Ty Rallens (OURCs)

- c. Date of next Captains’ Meeting: Wednesday 16th February