

# ROWSAB MANIFESTO

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IWL D '25: 4 seat

## OBJECTIVES

I think accessible information starts with a document that looks like you want to read it. In the first few months of the role, I will update existing information formatting (website, constitution) and put together how-to guides in cooperation with the Secretary, Senior Umpires, and the Webmaster, to make sure we all start the year on the same page.

Oxford rowing has been around a long time, and I understand I'm coming into an historic system. But I want to take a look at existing procedures and see how we can modernise them – particularly around coxing and flag rules. The aim is to make things *safer*, not just easier, by looking at traffic in addition to river flow, and working with the CoC to ensure our coxes are confident as well as safe and informed. I also want to implement changes quickly. Rowing might have been at Oxford for centuries, but we aren't, and I want everyone to be able to make the most of their time here.

As RowSab, I'll have a lot of resources – but I won't control the weather. I want to be as proactive as possible in the lead-up to Torpids, and to keep captains and clubs informed at every turn. On the back of a successful Torpids, I'm excited to facilitate an organised and fun Vllls. I also want to enliven non-bumps races by re-evaluating the point system.

Some of my finest memories on the Isis have been in a state of what Oscar called 'organised chaos' whether in boats with 3-4 (or 8) different colleges or in the worst weather Oxford has to offer. I want to remind us all that we're here to have fun and try to take some of the stress out of *your* leadership experience by being accessible and responsive, holding frequent office hours, and spending time on the river just for fun.

## MY ROLE

### 1. Listen

I will be the point of contact between College Boat Clubs, OURCs, COUR, and local river users – from large committees down to individual rowers. I will also advocate for OURCs and CBCs on higher OUSport committees.

### 2. Coordinate

Rowsab takes care of lots of moving parts, from swim tests to several thousand person races. I will do the little things so that the Committee can put on smooth, safe, and fun events.

### 3. Administrate

Oxford Rowing is an impressively large system. I will make it accessible and intelligible, particularly to new captains and committees, by being responsive, transparent, and organised.

## AT A GLANCE

### PERSONAL AIMS

- Information accessibility facelift
- Coxing/Flag system update
- Make your lives easier

### COMMITTEE GOALS

- Throw a successful Torpids/Vllls
- Enliven non-bumps races like IWLs
- Institutionalise good practices; set up future committees for success



## ABOUT ME

I picked up rowing with Linacre in 2023 after a lifelong career as a swimmer in the USA. I've since rowed with OUBC's development squad and on exchanges in Copenhagen, Prague, and France. I've also been Linacre's Welfare Officer (2024), and one of the Student Bar Managers (2023-25), two positions which have made me an organised, compassionate, and proactive leader. I want to be RowSab to learn more about the historic institution of Oxford rowing, and to give back to the community which has shaped so much of my Oxford experience.