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# Captains' Meeting Agenda

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> week Michaelmas Term 2022  
7.00pm, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
Sultan Nazrin Shah Centre, Worcester College

Chair: James Forward (OUBC)

1. **Welcome**
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**  
  
Available at [www.ourcs.co.uk](http://www.ourcs.co.uk)
3. **Matters Arising**  
  
No matters arising
4. **OURCs Committee Elections** – Natasha Smith to speak
  - a. Secretary  
**Q Sun (OURCs/SEH)**  
*Proposed: Ty Rallens (OURCs/Merton)*  
*Seconded: Toby Whitehead (SEH)*
  - b. Sponsorship Officer  
**Ty Rallens (OURCs/Merton)**  
*Proposed: Theo Duke (Merton)*  
*Seconded: Becky Hore (OURCs/Somerville)*
5. **Transfers under A1.2** – Natasha Smith 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*
  - Sacha Mouzin: Keble to Linacre (papers in order)
  - Hamza Ahmad: Oriol to St Catherine's (papers in order)

6. **Extension of Student Status** – Natasha Smith to speak  
*Simple majority to pass*

Alex Wythe is a Christ Church rower who has shown exceptional dedication to the club, competing in inter-college rowing for 3 years, and coaching for 1 year. Christ Church Boat Club is therefore a major part of Alex's life in Oxford. Due to unfortunate events beyond his control and through no fault of his own (retirement of supervisor necessitating completion of a taught-masters degree not offered at the

University of Oxford) Alex has been forced to suspend his studies for the 2022/23 academic year. Because of the importance of the Club to Alex, he would greatly appreciate and benefit from a continued full and active association with Christ Church Boat Club. We would like to request an extension of Alex's student status until 17/06/2023 from the captains to allow him to compete in Torpids and Summer 8s 2023.

Written approval from his Senior Tutor has not yet been received by the Rowing Sabbatical Officer.

*Proposed: Max Crane (ChCh)*

*Seconded: Ayman D'Souza (ChCh)*

7. **Amendment to the Rules of Racing** – Markus Baumgartner to speak  
*Simple majority to pass*

The aim of the rule changes is 4-fold:

- 1) Provide an alternate pathway for substitution more in line with the Oxford Student needs and sensitive to the examination schedule frequently interfering with the Bumps racing schedule.
- 2) Allowing increased participation in BUMPs by reducing the number of crewmembers required to be on stand-by as substitutes for higher crews.
- 3) Implement points 1 and 2 without adversely increasing the administrative burden on OURCs.
- 4) Implement points, 1, 2, and 3 without harming the integrity and the competitiveness of BUMPs racing.

Rule addition (in red):

A3.5.f. Where a competitor for any day (excluding Rowing On) has a race time which clashes with a university examination or viva, an 'examination substitution' will automatically be permitted under the extraordinary substitution rules, under the following conditions:

- i. A clashing examination or viva is defined as an exam or viva which finishes within 90 minutes of the expected division start time or starts within two hours of the expected start time of the affected competitor's division.
- ii. A copy of the affected competitor's timetable must be submitted to the race committee by either a time and date explicitly declared prior by the event committee, or 23:59 on the Sunday prior to the first BUMPs race affected. Submission must occur along with a cover note explaining the timings of the clash and the intended substitution or chain of substitutions.
- iii. The substituting competitor must be eligible to row in the crew they are substituting into under the normal rules of racing.
- iv. The substituting competitor must be ordinarily competing with a lower-ranked crew of the same college.
- v. Competitors being substituted under this rule can only compete in one crew on any given racing day.
- vi. Further chains-of-substitutions needed to fill resulting gaps in lower-crews can be approved and submitted as a slate subject to the same criteria in A3.5.f.ii through to A3.5.f.v.
- vii. Competitors substituted under this rule will be allowed to return to their original crews on later days.

viii. Applications made under this rule will be approved by the Race Committee unless they have a reason to believe it is being made in bad faith or to gain an unfair competitive advantage

*Proposed: Markus Baumgartner (Balliol)*

*Seconded: Antoinette Randet (St. John's)*

**8. Proposed request to amend the Code of Conduct – Dorothea Stark to speak**  
*Simple majority to pass*

Currently the rules allow certain graduate colleges and single sculls to row outside the usual weekday morning closures. I propose pairs and doubles be included in this exemption as it continues the spirit of the rule in that only small boats may be allowed out, while opening this opportunity to those who may not wish to or are not able to row a single scull for any reason.

This motion would not enact the rule change, but instead trigger a vote on whether OURCs should petition the proctors to make the change below. Any rule change would need to be put to the Proctors and approved by the university Rules Committee before it would come into effect.

Change:

*2.6.o. As decreed by the Proctors, no member of a Member Club, as defined in 1.3, may row at the following times:*

- i. Before Opening Time or after Closing Time.*
- ii. Between 8.30am and 1.00pm on weekdays between 1st and 8th week inclusive, unless:*
  - 1. from the following College Boat Clubs: Green Templeton, Linacre, St Antony's, Wolfson*
  - 2. in a single scull*
  - 3. with the Proctors' permission*

To (changes in red):

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*Proposed: Arthur Bown-Mazzoni (Worcester)*

*Seconded: Dorothea Stark (Worcester)*

**9. Amendment to the Rules of Racing - Ty Rallens to speak**  
*Simple majority to pass*

A3.7.j.iii requires that “The slowest Men’s crew, and the slowest Women’s crew, shall automatically be deemed not to have qualified, even if the event is otherwise undersubscribed”.

This change is intended to prevent A3.7.j.iii from excluding more than one crew in the event of a tie for last place in an undersubscribed event.

Change:

A3.7.g *In the event of crews having an equal time and if this affects the starting order, the crews involved may organise a private rerow and notify the Event Committee of the result.*

To (changes/amendments/additions in red):

A3.7.g In the event of crews having an equal time and if this affects the starting order **or the number of qualifying crews**, the crews involved may organise a private rerow and notify the Event Committee of the result.

*Proposed: Ty Rallens (OURCs/Merton)*

*Seconded: James Marsden (OURCs)*

**10. Ratification of Club Safety Reviews** – Natasha Smith to speak

- Brasenose - £0
- Brasenose - £100
- LMH - £60
- Lincoln - £60

**11. AOB**

- a. **Autumn Fours winners** – Natasha Smith to speak
- b. **Nephtys Regatta winner** - Tom Wagstaff to speak