



O U R C S

Captains' Meeting Agenda

6pm Wednesday 1st week Hilary Term

22nd January 2020

Habakkuk Room, Jesus College

Chair: Elsebine Bolier, OUWBC Vice-President

1. Welcome

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- Available at <http://ourcs.co.uk/>

3. Matters Arising

- a. **Safety Audits** – Jo Egan to speak

4. Squad reports

5. 8th Week Torpids Contingency

In the event that the usual 6th week dates are unfit for racing due to adverse conditions, racing could be held in 8th week instead. Racing could take place for a maximum of four days or a minimum of two.

The options to be voted on are, in order, depending on the results of the option above:

- a. Some 8th week dates should be kept as contingencies for Torpids
- b. 4 days of racing, from Wednesday to Saturday
- c. 3 days of racing, from Wednesday to Friday

Proposed: Jo Egan (OURCs)

Seconded: Joe Lord (St Benet's/OURCs)

6. Amendment to Rules of Racing

In **A1.10 Disputes Procedure**,

Change **A1.10b.i**: *Complaints against other crews must be registered with the Event Committee within 10 minutes of the end of the race.*

to

(additions shown in red)

Complaints against other crews must be registered with the event committee within 10 minutes of the end of the race, **or according to A3.21.**

And add

A3.21 Complaints arising outside the appeals window

- a. Complaints outside the appeals window can only be brought regarding regattas that have occurred during that academic year, defined to run from 1st October to 30th September inclusive.
- b. Any complaints brought between the first and last days of the Bumps Regatta shall only be considered after the Bumps Regatta has been concluded.
- c. The Procedure for making and receiving a complaint shall be
 - i. The individual wishing to bring the complaint shall direct it to either
 1. The Race Secretary of the regatta, or;
 2. Any of the Senior Umpires for that regatta, or;
 3. Any member of the OURCs executive committee (Secretary, Sabbatical Officer, Captain of Coxes, Treasurer)
 - ii. The individual who receives the complaint shall, with any of the individuals listed in A3.21c.i. who are deemed to be impartial and including at least one Senior Umpire and at least one member of the OURCs executive committee, decide whether:
 1. The complaint could not be brought during racing, and;
 2. The complaint is factually supported, and;
 3. The alleged breach of the rules ~~or~~ is severe enough ~~as~~ to warrant sanctions being imposed.
 - iii. If all three of the conditions in A3.21c.ii are judged to have been met, a Major Transgression Meeting shall be held under Code of Conduct section 2.12.d.ii to determine the penalties to be applied to the crew. The MTM shall consider, in order, whether the crew has
 1. broken rules, and;
 2. given themselves a significant advantage by doing so, and;
 3. benefited from it.
 - iv. If A3.21c.iii.1 is not met, no penalties shall be applied.
 - v. If all three of the conditions in A3.21c.iii are met, the Major Transgression Meeting will have the power to alter the finish order of the regatta, including applying Penalty bumps.
 1. If this course of action is taken with regard to a crew that has won blades, their college shall be informed of the decision and the outcome through the appropriate channels after the ratification of the Major Transgression Meeting.

2. If this course of action is taken with regard to a crew that has won Headship, the crew shall be stripped of its Headship and the Headship not reawarded. Their college shall be informed of the decision and the outcome through the appropriate channels after the ratification of the Major Transgression Meeting.
- vi. If either of A3.21c.iii.2 and iii.3 are not met, penalties shall be applied to the Start Order of the next year's regatta, with the Finish Order left unchanged.
- vii. In all of these cases, the MTM must be ratified by a two-thirds majority at the next Captains' Meeting.
- d. If a complaint is brought with regard to Rowing On, the complaint shall only be considered after the Bumps Regatta has been concluded, with any penalties applied to the results of Bumps Proper. If the crew failed to Row On, no penalties shall be applied.

Proposed: Jo Egan (OURCs)

Seconded: Rachel Quarrell (Senior Umpire)

7. Transfers under A1.2

Objections may only be made on the grounds that:

- *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*
- a. **Louis Lamont – Keble to Oriel**
 - b. **Isabella Clarke – Balliol to Oriel**
 - c. **Aoife Ni Chroidheain – St Hugh's to Oriel**
 - d. **Thomas Campbell – New College to Lincoln**

All papers in order

8. Ratification of Ordinary Committee Members

- Pete Bond (Regent's Park) – reappointment
- Hannah Germain (formerly Corpus Christi) – reappointment
- Tom Stewardson (formerly Brasenose) – reappointment
- Mathilde Soares da Silva (Merton)

9. Extension of Student Status

Simple majority to pass

Eleanor Watts (Wolfson) expects to receive Leave to Supplicate some time in February. She would like her student status extended so that she can race in Torpids as a full member.

Proposed: Mary Sanford (Wolfson)

Seconded: Marcus Tutert (Wolfson)

10. Oxbump Support Proposal

As many of you already know, the members of Wolfson College Boat Club have been doing our best over the past years to provide live bumps updates during Torpids and Summer Eights through use of OxBump, a free app created and previously maintained by two of our former members, Susan Graham and John McManigle. Although various appeals have been made over the years to receive sponsorship for this app, or to sell it to OURCs so that they might run it centrally, it has always fallen back to us as a club to run it without external support. We have done so happily, as we are aware that many Oxford colleges and their boat clubs now use and promote this app to check historic bumps charts, flag statuses, river conditions, and of course live bumps feeds; and we feel it is a worthy service to provide.

With the app creators no longer in Oxford and fewer non-racing supporters available to take charge of the live updates, we have taken it upon ourselves to create 'OxBump Marshal' slots within our club, and have begun to train all of our members in how to use and update the app so that we might continue to provide this service to our fellow clubs. However, this puts a strain on our rowers and coxes because we would have to fill these additional marshal slots on top of our regularly assigned marshal and umpire slots. Four years ago, this meant we had a total of 47 marshalling slots to fill for only 54 people. Understandably this was quite difficult to arrange, and many members were asked to take double shifts on top of their rowing, coxing, and academic commitments.

To alleviate this pressure while still providing live info on bumps races, we asked to reduce our allocation of marshalling and umpiring slots with the equivalent of 1 race desk helper per day, and have been granted this ever since. We would like to request to extend this arrangement for the upcoming edition of Torpids, where we will need around 16 OxBump marshals to keep the coverage live.

While we are fully aware that it is our own choice to continue to ensure OxBump is run and kept as close to 'live' as possible, we are also aware that many if not most of your clubs and corresponding colleges have come to enjoy and rely on this app as well; it would therefore be a shame if we were unable to run OxBump to its full potential this Torpids due to a simple lack of manpower. It is for this reason that I beg your consideration and support today.

Proposed: Mary Sanford (Wolfson)

Seconded: Marcus Tutert (Wolfson)

11. River Closures

a. Isis Winter League

IWL C: Sunday 26th January (2nd Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

IWL D: Sunday 9th February (4th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Proposed: Joe Lord (St Benet's/OURCs)

Seconded: Jo Egan (OURCs)

b. **Torpids 2020**

Rowing On: Friday 21st February (5th Week) – 08:30 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Rowing On Contingency: Sunday 23rd February (6th Week) – 08:30 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Torpids:

Wednesday 26th February (6th week) – 11:00 until End of Racing

Thursday 27th February (6th week) – 11:00 until End of Racing

Friday 28th February (6th week) – 11:00 until End of Racing

Saturday 29th February (6th week) – Opening Time until End of Racing

Torpids contingency dates:

Wednesday 11th March (8th week) – 11:00 until End of Racing

Thursday 12th March (8th week) – 11:00 until End of Racing

Friday 13th March (8th week) – 11:00 until End of Racing

Saturday 14th March (8th week) – Opening Time until End of Racing

Proposed: Joe Lord (St Benet's/OURCs)

Seconded: Jo Egan (OURCs)

12. Extra Slots

Applications from: Mansfield, St Catherine's, SEH, New College, Merton, Pembroke, Christ Church, Hertford, Somerville, St Peter's, Lincoln, Wolfson, and GTC

Monday: Opening-8am	Lincoln
Tuesday: Opening-8am	St Peter's
Wednesday: Opening-8am	Hertford
Thursday: Opening-8am	St Edmund Hall
Friday: Opening-8am	Pembroke
Sunday: 1pm-3pm	Mansfield
Sunday: 3pm-5pm	Christ Church

Feel free to swap between you, but please let the RowSab know if you do.

13. AOB

- a. **Torpids** – Jo Egan to speak
- b. **"HBR" Collegiate races** – Joe Lord to speak
- c. **OURCs Stash** – Viv Leong to speak
- d. **Senior Crew definitions** – Joe Lord to speak
- e. **RowSab Applications** – Jo Egan to speak

- f. **BUCS** – Jo Egan to speak
- g. **Torpids Coxing discussion** – Mary Sanford to speak