# Captains’ Meeting Minutes

## Thursday 1st week Michaelmas Term 201519:45, 15 October 2015Wolfson College

# Chair: Maddy Badcott

Voting members present: 61

1. **Welcome**
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting
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No comments

1. **Matters Arising**

None

1. **Squad Reports**
	1. OUBC
	2. OUWBC
	3. OULRC
	4. OUWLRC

No comments

1. **Appointment of Ordinary Committee Member**
	1. Tom Coles (Jesus)
	2. Cameron McGarry (Corpus Christi)
	3. Pete Bond (Coach Regent’s Park)

Passed none abstaining or against.

1. **Ratification of Senior Umpires**
	1. **Senior Umpires for any event**
		1. Rachel Quarrell
		2. David Locke
		3. Pat Lockley
		4. Lynch Mason
		5. Laura Dance
		6. David Pallot
	2. **Senior Umpires for IWLs only**
		1. Tom Baker
		2. Ian McConnachie

Passed no one abstaining or against

1. **Election of Sponsorship Officer**
	1. Alissa Bray (OURCs)

*Proposed: Jonathan Williams (OURCs)
Seconded: Yosiane White (OURCs)*

Short explanation of what this position is, again passed no one abstaining or against.

1. **Amendments to Constitution**
	1. Change A1.1.1.a.iv

The Rowing Sabbatical Officer is considered a student members of the club they last competed with not as an associate member, for the duration of their term.

to:

The Rowing Sabbatical Officer and Sports Federation President (both one-year non-renewable positions) is considered a student members of the club they last competed with not as an associate member, for the duration of their term.

*Proposed:* Victoria Morris (Jesus)

For: 0

Against: 55

Abstain: 6

*Seconded:* Chris Wharton (St Peter’s)

Lucy Harris started rowing for Jesus last year, so has only recently lost novice rower status. I propose to allow her to continue affiliation with the College Club she has belonged to during her undergraduate degree.

* To pass: 2/3 of everyone expressing opinion, half of all voting

Points made about how this constitutional amendment should not be made in order to allow one individual to row. If such a motion would pass, this might have to include other sabbatical officers such as OUSU which is a slippery slope and should be avoided.

1. **Amendments to the Rules of Racing**
	1. Change A2.1 from:

Unless resolved otherwise at a Captains' Meeting, Autumn Fours shall be held on one of the two Sundays preceding the Fours Head.

to:

For: 61

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Unless resolved otherwise at a captains’ meeting, Autumn Fours shall be held during Michaelmas term and shall not be held on the same weekend as the Fours’ Head of the River Race.

 *Proposed:* Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

 *Seconded:* Yosiane White (OURCs)

 No relevant discussion. Unanimous agreement.

* 1. Change A3.9.8 from

For a race to be deemed to have taken place, 10 of the 14 boats must be attached to their bunglines when the Starting Gun is fired.

to:

"For a race to be deemed to have taken place, at least 10 boats (for full divisions) must be attached to their bunglines when the starting gun is fired.  In half-division racing, only one of those taking part in the division that day need not be attached when the starting gun is fired."

For: 57

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

 *Proposed:* Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

 *Seconded:* Joe Hitchen (OURCs)

 No discussion.

* 1. Semi-overbumps

This change allows crews to bump any crew that started in front of them. We discussed this at the last captains’ meeting and there was general approval for the idea. The current rule is ambiguous; we are trying to make it clear that anything that started in front of you is fair game.

Change A3.11.1.a from

A boat touches any part of the boat in front of it, the term "boat" to include oars, rudder and crew; or

to :

For:

Against:

Abstain:

A boat touches any part of a boat in front of it, the term "boat" to include oars, rudder and crew; or

*Proposed:* Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

 *Seconded:* Joe Hitchen (OURCs)

* 1. Bumping by beating a crew to the finish;

Currently, a crew in Summer eights that has its bow over the finish line can only be bumped by contact. The new rule accommodates the unlikely situation where a crew crashes half way across the finish line; under the current rules, the only way this crew can be bumped is by contact or concession. We want to eliminate the situation in which the only available course of action for the chasing crew is to ram a stationary boat. We accept that the occasions when this rule will be invoked will be rare.

Add to A3.11.1;
d. A boat has finished the race (according to A.3.11.2) before a boat that started in front of them that is still a racing boat.

For: 50

Against: 5

Abstain: 6

*Proposed:* Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

 *Seconded:* Yosiane White (OURCs)

1. **Discussion point for Rules of Racing**

Sandwiches;

Under the current rules, a three-boat sandwich where it is not clear who made their bump first leads to a crew being awarded a TRO under ‘reasonable misapprehension that they had bumped/been bumped’. This means the crew behind the sandwich will get a bump by row past on the TRO’ed crew, that will be disallowed, preventing them from getting a bump at all. We feel that this does not make sense and is unfair. The current proposal also deals with crews stopping under reasonable misapprehension in other circumstances (rare, but happened last year).

Add A3.14.2 (and renumber subsequent parts):

Crews that have stopped under the reasonable misapprehension that they have bumped or, in Summer Eights, that they have been bumped (under A3.14.1.b) will be considered to have ceased to be part of the race at the moment that the ‘reasonable misapprehension’ occurred.

1. In Torpids, the race committee may alter the finish order so that the boat that has stopped under ‘reasonable misapprehension’ will finish no lower than the bungline they started on plus the number of times they have been bumped (accounting for chains of bumps) accordingly.

Explanation from JJW. Incoherent discussion ensues. General consensus that what happened to Pembroke must not happen again. A better worded proposal is needed to discuss this in full as the present one is not clear enough.

1. **River Closures – All passed unanimously**
	1. **Isis Winter League, sponsored by Neptune Investment Management**IWL A – Sunday 1st November (4th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time
	(pending passing of motion 9a – alternatively 8th November)
	IWL B – Sunday 29th November (8th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time
	*Proposed:* Yosiane White (OURCs)
	*Seconded:* Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

For: 61

Against:

Abstain:

* 1. **Autumn Fours, sponsored by Neptune Investment Management**Sunday 15th November (6th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time
	(pending passing of motion 9a – alternatively 1st November)
	*Proposed:* Yosiane White (OURCs)
	*Seconded:* Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

For: 61

Against:

Abstain:

* 1. **Nephthys Regatta** –Alex Moore (OULRC) to speakFriday 20th November (6th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or when racing ends and SU approves opening of river.
	Saturday 21st November (6th Week) – Opening Time until Closing Time
	*Proposed:* Alex Moore (OULRC)
	*Seconded:* Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

For: 61

Against:

Abstain:

* 1. **Christ Church Regatta** – Nicole Chen (Christ Church) to speakWednesday 25th November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time
	Thursday 26th November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time
	Friday 27th November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time
	Saturday 28th November (7th Week) – Opening Time until Closing Time
	*Proposed:* Nicole Chen (Christ Church)
	*Seconded:* Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

For: 61

Against:

Abstain:

1. **Safety**
	1. Lights
	2. Life Jackets
	3. Swim tests
	4. Flag
	5. Read the rules!!!!!!
2. **Extra Slots**

Suggested slots: feel free to swap amongst yourselves (email sabbatical@ourcs.co.uk if you do swap!)

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| Monday AM | St Anne’s |  |
| Tuesday AM | Jesus |  |
| Wednesday AM | Trinity |  |
| Thursday AM | St Catz |  |
| Friday AM | Hertford |  |
| Sunday 1-3pm | Mansfield |  |
| Sunday 3-5pm | St Hilda’s |  |

Brasenose wish to be considered for Hilary term.

1. **Transfers under A1.2**
	1. Joseph Thiel from St Antony’s to St John’s

Small kerfuffle, however relevant documentation was shown and this was passed.

* 1. Glenn Bretzin from Lincoln to Mansfield

Passed unanimously.

1. **Permission for an Honorary Staff Member to row in a 1st boat**

For: 3

Against: 55

Abstain: 3

* 1. Andrei Stefanescu from Trinity College

*Proposed: Robert Jones (Trinity)
Seconded: Eleanor Roberts (Trinity)*

Same request as last CM. Since nothing has changed, no change in decision about this,

1. **AOB**
	1. **OURCs affiliation fees - £35.50**
	2. **Reminder BR affiliation fees and BR safety audits**