

Captains' Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 5th Week, Michaelmas 2025

19.00-20.00, 12th November 2025

Tanner Room, Linacre College

Chair: ~~Heidi Long~~ Julia Bellardo (OUBC)

1. Welcome

Meeting commenced 19.06.

Julia Bellardo chairs in absence of Heidi Long.

Attendance: 54 Total

- a. 47 College Captains (No attendance from **Linacre** and **Osler House**).
- b. 1 OUBC
- c. 6 OURCs Committee Members

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Available at <https://ourcs.co.uk/organisation/meetings/>

Ratified.

3. Matters Arising

Samuel Schipper gave an update on the panel to adjudicate the destination of OURCs fines. Members have been nominated by the OURCs Committee, OUBC, and Sports Federation. Once the OURCs Senior Member appoints a delegate, discussions will begin. We will provide an update as soon as possible.

Will Reilly, OUBC Men's Lightweight President, spoke to promote the OUBC Men's Lightweight squad. They are actively recruiting from College Rowing, both for the main squad and their development squad programme. If you are of lightweight size and keen to compete at a higher level, please get in touch with Will – there is no hard and fast rule about prior experience.

4. Transfer Requests

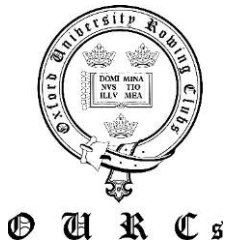
Sophie Kubik (OURCs) to Speak

Objections may only be made if:

The athlete is not a bona fide student, fellow or visiting student at the college they are transferring from.

*The athlete has never been a **student** member of the college they are transferring to.*

Transfers under A.1.2.a



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- a. Nicolas Nicolau: Mansfield to Pembroke
- b. Michael Simmons: New to Oriel
- c. Katharina Klotz: New to Oriel
- d. Hannah Czaban: Reuben to Pembroke

~~e. Anusha Roy: Regents Park to St Edmund Hall~~

- f. Angelica Rossi-Hawkins: Oriel to St Edmund Hall
- g. Hazel Wake: Wadham to St Edmund Hall
- h. Anya Gleizer: Mansfield to St Edmund Hall
- i. George Rabin: St Peter's to Pembroke
- j. Luca Abbiani: St Anne's to Wadham
- k. Christina Monroe: Somerville to Linacre

The transfer of Anusha Roy from Regent's to St Edmund Hall was rejected by a representative from St Edmund Hall, as it was discovered that she was never a student there, despite having permission to transfer from her captains at Regent's and the transfer being requested by St Edmund Hall's captains, in line with the documentation required by A.1.2.a.

This suggests a potential need to change the documentation required for transfer requests in the future as there is no requirement for evidence beyond permission from both clubs' captains and an enrolment certificate which shows their *current* enrolment, but not past enrolments.

All other transfers ratified.

5. Ratification of Ordinary Committee Members

Samuel Schipper (OURCs) to Speak

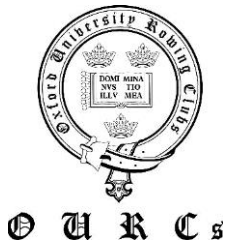
- a. Lucinda Lansdown (Mansfield)
- b. Sydney Rose (Mansfield/Linacre)

Ratified.

6. Ratification of Club Safety Reviews

Samuel Schipper (OURCs) to Speak

- a. 28 October, Hertford College Boat Club [Paper 1]
- b. 4 November, Brasenose College Boat Club [Paper 2]
- c. 5 November, Hertford College Boat Club [Paper 3]



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Samuel Schipper reviewed the lessons learnt from these CSRs – please make sure your coxes wear lifejackets, that your bankriders understand their duties (especially with novice coxes), and that coxes know to stop early to avoid a collision. Busy sections of the river, especially around the Gut and bottom of Boathouse Island, should be known by all and constant vigilance therein should be practised.

No comments from captains. CSRs ratified.

7. Request for Extension of Student Status

~~Laurentius Heukamp (St Catz) to Speak~~

~~Charlie Knight (St. Catherine's) began rowing for St Catz as a Novice in Michaelmas Term 2024 and has now rowed for the Club for 3 terms. During his time, Charlie has shown exceptional dedication to the Club both on and off the water. He now serves on the committee as Secretary and Lower Boats Captain for the 2025-/2026 academic year and works in the College Hall part time. Charlie has not continued on to do his integrated Master's, despite originally planning to do so. This decision has unexpectedly cut his academic tenure short, which otherwise would have ended in Trinity Term 2026. Charlie remains fully embedded in the life of SCCBC and our rowing community. He is living in Oxford with multiple Catz Men's Seniors and continues to actively contribute to the Club's operations and culture. Given his substantial involvement, leadership roles, his employment at the College Hall and ongoing presence within SCCBC, extending his student status would both recognise his dedication and support his welfare as part of the Catz community.~~

~~We would, therefore, like to request an extension of his student status until the end of TT2026 allowing Charlie to compete in bumps competitions as a full member.~~

~~Proposer: Laurentius Heukamp (St Catherine's)~~

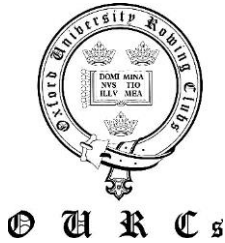
~~Seconder: Sam Lennon (St Catherine's)~~

Motion removed in advance of meeting with consent of proposers after discussion of particularities in Code of Conduct A1.1.a.i.

8. AOB

Samuel Schipper thanked all in attendance at Autumn Fours for their promptness and the high standard of crews. He asked for feedback from captains on how to cap entries should races continue to be oversubscribed (especially IWL-B on 30 November, which will have an hour less daylight than IWL-A). Captains suggested:

1. A cap on the number of crews per club;
2. That this cap be in proportion to the size of clubs as described in their early slot applications this term.



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Samuel noted that we have more leeway for small boat entries and encouraged competent scullers, doubles, pairs, and fours to enter IWL races.

Sophie Kubik gave some safety reminders:

1. As it gets darker, please ensure your lights are **bright** and attached to the bow and stern of the boat. If cycling to the river, or coaching, especially on the towpath, please ensure your bike is equipped with lights.
2. Please check equipment before every outing – an equipment issue during an outing is dangerous for yourself and other boats on the river.
3. Please, coxes, rowers, and bankriders, stay vigilant on busy stretches of the Isis such as the bottom of Boathouse Island, Longbridges/Greenbanks, and around Falcon Boathouse. The majority of our Incident Reports have occurred in these locations. Coxes especially must be aware of other river traffic and likely congestion points. **Do not assume the river will be empty just because it is early.**
4. Falcon is training novices. Please be careful around Falcon Boathouse and any area below the gut.

Julia Bellardo gave an update on the Lion and Chough Regatta, reminding everyone of the coxing briefing that evening and the upcoming entry deadline on Friday. She asked that questions are directed to regatta@sehbc.org.

Sophie Kubik echoed that the Lion and Chough, and Tamesis Regattas, are **not** run by OURCs, and thus questions about entries, coxing, and deadlines for these events should be addressed to the organisers of those regattas (regatta@sehbc.org and regatta@linacre.ox.ac.uk), *not* the Sabbatical Officer or Secretary.

Meeting adjourned 19.24.