



# Captains' Meeting Agenda

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Week Trinity Term 2024

7.00pm, 25<sup>th</sup> April

Doctorow Hall, St Edmund Hall

Chair: TBC

1. **Welcome**

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

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

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Squad Reports** [ Paper 1 ]

5. **Transfers under A1.2.** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak

*Under A.1.2.a.:*

*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*

- Oscar Lyons, New College to Balliol
- Lara Bonney, Lincoln to Oriel
- Max Cowan, Green Templeton to St Catherine's

6. **Retention of Student Status (A1.1.a.i.1.a.)** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak

*Simple majority to pass*

**a. Hannah Simpson (Mansfield):**

Having been a member of MCBC throughout their studies so far, this student is awaiting a medical diagnosis of which the NHS waiting list is very long and as a result they have suspended their studies. Currently they are not getting the necessary support and have suspended their studies as mandated by the college's senior team, pending their eventual diagnosis and support being put in place.

*Proposed: Hannah Simpson (Mansfield)*

*Seconded: Tomas Wade (Mansfield)*

**b. Sibby O’Grady (Pembroke):**

We are applying to extend Sibby’s student status because her case is one of extraordinary circumstances - a term we do not invoke lightly. Last term, her health severely declined, necessitating a prolonged hospital stay, an ordeal for any student both physically and emotionally. The repercussions of her illness, compounded by the separation from her support network of friends and the cessation of all her usual activities, have exacted a significant toll on her well-being.

Both the college academic director and the welfare lead, recognizing the severity of her situation, have strongly recommended that Sibby’s student status be extended. Rowing is a cornerstone of Sibby’s recovery and reintegration into academic and social life at Oxford, before she resumes her studies next academic year. The boat club has been a central part of Sibby’s support network - she was a dedicated novice in her first year, women’s captain in her second, and treasurer this year. Until recently, she had been unable to train since last November, so there is no question of gaining an unfair competitive advantage.

Maintaining her connection with the boat club is paramount to Sibby's mental and physical health. As she resides in Oxford, full participation in the club’s activities is critical as she navigates through this challenging recovery period. While we are mindful that the policy of allowing suspended students to maintain their student status is reserved for use in exceptional cases, it is precisely for such instances as Sibby’s that this provision exists.

*Proposed: Jane Kuper (Pembroke)*

*Seconded: Emily Hall (Pembroke)*

**7. River Closures – Sophia Ungermann to speak**

*Simple majority to pass*

**a. Isis Spring League**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (2<sup>nd</sup> Week) – 12:00 until End of Racing or Closing Time, whichever is sooner

*Proposed: Sophia Ungermann (OURCs)*

*Seconded: Samuel McLoughlin (OURCs)*

**b. Summer Eights**

**Rowing On:**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May (4<sup>th</sup> Week) – 08:30 until End of Racing or Closing Time, whichever is sooner

**Eights proper:**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (5<sup>th</sup> Week) – 11:00 until End of Racing or Closing Time, whichever is sooner

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (5<sup>th</sup> Week) – 11:00 until End of Racing or Closing Time, whichever is sooner

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (5<sup>th</sup> Week) – 11:00 until End of Racing or Closing Time, whichever is sooner

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May (5<sup>th</sup> Week) – Opening Time until Closing Time

*Proposed: Sophia Ungermann (OURCs)*

*Seconded: Samuel McLoughlin (OURCs)*

c. **Oriel Regatta**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June (7<sup>th</sup> Week) – 8:00 until 18:30 or End of Racing

*Proposed: Beatrice Frediani (Oriel)*

*Seconded: Theodore Briscoe (Oriel)*

8. **Change to Code of Conduct: Godstow Flag** – Samuel McLoughlin to speak

*Simple majority to pass*

**Change:**

2.7. Definition of a Senior crew

- a. Within these rules, a Senior crew is defined as an eight or a coxed four with a cox classified as 'Senior' under [2.5.b](#) and at least four rowers with three full Terms' rowing experience, and not containing any rower with less than one full Term of rowing experience.
- b. With the written permission of the OURCs Secretary and the OURCs Captain of Coxes, other competent crews may be also be designated 'Senior'.

**and**

2.9. Rules specific to Godstow

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c. Fast stream conditions

During varying conditions, additional restrictions may be in force on the Godstow stretch, as indicated by the online flag:

- i. Red Flag (4 bucks at Osney Lock, 2 bucks at Godstow Lock or at the discretion of the St Edward's School Boatman): The Godstow stretch is closed to all crews. Navigation of Osney Lock is prohibited.
- ii. Amber Flag (3 bucks at Osney Lock, 1½ bucks at Godstow Lock or at the discretion of the St Edward's School Boatman): The Godstow stretch is closed to all College crews except Senior crews as defined in 2.7. with the exception that experienced status coxes may be used. All crews must be accompanied by a launch. The river is closed below Rainbow Bridge, crews should spin no lower than the sailing club unless landing at the Keble yard. Navigation of Osney Lock is prohibited.

**To (changes in red):**

2.7. Definition of a Senior and Novice crews

- a. Within these rules, a Senior crew is defined as an eight or a coxed four with a cox classified as 'Senior' under [2.5.b](#), and at least four rowers with three full Terms' **of water** rowing experience, and not containing any rower with less than one full Term of **water** rowing experience.
- b. With the written permission of the OURCs Secretary and the OURCs Captain of Coxes, other competent crews may be also be designated 'Senior'.

- c. Within these rules, a Novice crew is defined as one falling into either, or both, of the following categories:
  - i. crews coxed by a cox classified as 'Novice' under 2.5.b.;
  - ii. crews containing any rower with less than one full Term of water rowing experience.

**and**

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- c. ~~Fast stream conditions~~The Godstow flag

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- ~~ii. Amber Flag (3 bucks at Osney Lock, 1½ bucks at Godstow Lock or at the discretion of the St Edward's School Boatman): The Godstow stretch is closed to all College crews except Senior crews as defined in 2.7. with the exception that experienced status coxes may be used. All crews must be accompanied by a launch. The river is closed below Rainbow Bridge, crews should spin no lower than the sailing club unless landing at the Keble yard. Navigation of Osney Lock is prohibited.~~
- i. Red Flag (at the discretion of the St Edward's School Boatmen when the EA display Red Boards for the Godstow to Osney reach): the Godstow stretch is closed to all crews. Navigation of Godstow and Osney Locks is prohibited.
- ii. Amber Flag (at the discretion of the St Edward's School Boatmen when the EA display Red Boards for the Godstow to Osney reach): the Godstow stretch is closed to all crews except eights classed as Senior crews, as defined in 2.7. All crews must be accompanied by a launch. The river is closed below Rainbow Bridge; crews should spin no lower than the sailing club unless landing at the Keble yard. Navigation of Godstow and Osney Locks is prohibited.
- iii. Dark Blue Flag (EA displaying Yellow Boards for the Godstow to Osney reach): the Godstow stretch is closed to Novice crews as defined in 2.7.c. and all boat types except eights. All crews must be accompanied by a launch. The river is closed below Rainbow Bridge; crews should spin no lower than the sailing club unless landing at the Keble yard. Navigation of Godstow and Osney Locks is prohibited.
- iv. Green Flag: no additional restrictions in force.
- v. Grey Flag: the system is not currently being maintained and all crews are responsible for referring to the EA or lock keepers for stream advice.

*Proposed: Samuel McLoughlin (OURCs)*

*Seconded: Sophia Ungermann (OURCs)*

9. **Addition to the Rules of Racing: Definitions (in red)** – Finlay Jordan to speak

*Two-thirds majority to pass*

A1.1.

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- d. To apply for Summer Eights 2024 only. Anyone who was classified as either a Student Member or Fellowship Member, as defined in A1.1.a.i. and A1.1.a.ii. respectively, on the 28/02/2024 (first planned day of Torpids 2024), shall have their status extended up till and including the 25/05/2024 (last planned day of Summer Eights 2024), making them eligible to race as full members of their college boat club. This clause (A1.1.d.) will expire automatically on 26/5/2024, after which this clause will be removed from the Rules of Racing.

*Proposed: Finlay Jordan (Hertford)*

*Seconded: Matthew Campbell (Brasenose)*

10. **Isis Winter League Victor Ludorum Presentation** – Sophia Ungermann to speak

11. **Isis Winter League Fines Award Presentation** – James Hopkinson to speak

12. **AOB**

- **Treasurer's Report** [ Paper 2 ] – James Hopkinson to speak
- **Invitation for MNR Bids** – Qianyi Sun to speak