



# Sam McLoughlin

## RowSab Manifesto

### 23-24



#### About me:

My rowing career started on the River Lune in Lancaster back in 2014, initially with John O'Gaunt Rowing Club but later also with my school club. We raced – with varying degrees of success – at local, regional and national levels. When I came up to Somerville in 2019, I thought I might want to take a step back from rowing: I was wrong. I've fully fallen in love with the organised madness that is bumps racing and this is my manifesto help organise it next year.

I served as Somerville Men's Captain for the 20-21 season, which, despite the best efforts of a certain pandemic, culminated in my first bumps campaign (Summer Torpids/Torpeights/whatever you cared to call it). Since then I've rowed in another 3 bumps races as well as coxing those last 3.

#### Aims as RowSab:

- Be there to help and assist captains and committees, as well as the rest of the OURCs committee. Oxford college rowing is run by volunteers juggling their roles with their degrees. The RowSab is paid for their role so has to be there to support others wherever they can.
- Efficiency: racing is the centre piece of the rowing calendar and ensuring it runs smoothly and efficiently is clearly key.
- Swim tests: I know this comes up every year, but I've been booking them for Somerville these last 3 years and, if they are not conducted efficiently with accurate results delivered to people's inboxes ASAP, I will never forgive myself.
- Safety: I've been Somerville's Safety Advisor for the last 2 years so I have plenty of experience of this at a club level. One thing I would aim to do is organise the servicing of lifejackets centrally – it's one less thing for 35 different committees to organise independently.
- Fundamentally, my goal as RowSab is to get as many people rowing and racing as possible, safely.

#### Experience:

2014: got a nasty surprise when first stepping in a boat and discovering the seat moved

17-19: coached younger juniors in Lancaster most weeks after my own outings; helped out at John O'Gaunt RC in the running of local races

18-19: Lancaster Royal Grammar School BC Vice-Captain

20-21: SCBC Men's Captain (and reached x-status as a cox)

21-22: SCBC President & BR Club Safety Advisor

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22-23: SCBC Treasurer & BR Club Safety Advisor

