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# Captains' Meeting Minutes

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Week, Michaelmas 2024

19:30, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

English Faculty Lecture Theatre 2, St. Cross Building

Chair: [James Hopkinson \(OUBC/OURCs\)](#)

## 1. Welcome

**Attendance:**

**College Clubs: 43 (43 voting) - Absences from Oriel and Osler House.**

**OURCs: 6 (5 voting)**

**Blues: 0**

**Due to illness, it was resolved that James Hopkinson would chair the meeting, in the absence of the OURCs Chair.**

## 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

## 3. Matters Arising

**No Matters Arising**

## 4. Ratification of Ordinary Committee Members – Jack Davies to speak

- Michael Daly (Magdalen)

**Michael was unanimously ratified.**

## 5. Athlete Transfers under A1.2.a - Oscar Hayden 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.*

- Emily Stone, St Catherine's to Linacre
- Julia Karjalainen, New to St Peter's
- Barbara Tyler, New to University

**No objections.**

## 6. Ratification of Club Safety Reviews – Oscar Hayden to speak

- St Catherine’s [Paper 1]
- Regent’s Park [Paper 2]

**The reviews were unanimously ratified.**

**7. Request For Honorary Staff Membership – Rosalind Weir to speak**

- Tamsin Greene Barker (Somerville, expiring end of TT2025)  
*Proposer: Rosalind Weir (Somerville)*  
*Secunder: Todd Denning (Somerville)*

*It was explained that Tamsin was a member of Somerville Boat Club as an associate and was a novice cox with them while being a Junior Dean at their college. She wished to transfer from her current club for welfare reasons so that she would be able to race in bumps as a full member. Under A1.1.a.iii.c., Tamsin is not able to race in a 1<sup>st</sup> VIII unless voted on by the Captains in a subsequent Captains’ Meeting.*

**In Favour: 48**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 0**

**8. Change to the Code of Conduct – Jack Davies to speak**

2.8 Rules Specific to the Isis

[...]

c. Boating and Landing

[...]

iii. From Longbridges, crews may boat and land either upstream or downstream so long as they do not interfere with other crews. *Such landings must avoid rowing against the traffic through the spinning area unless it is completely clear of spinning and gut-transiting crews throughout the whole manoeuvre;*"

*Proposer: Jack Davies (St Hilda’s/OURCs)*

*Secunder: Oscar Hayden (OURCs)*

*It was explained that this rule was to clear up the issues with Longbridges spinning this term. The correct procedure – that crews should come out of the Gut on the right side and move across at the top of Longbridges raft when crews are spinning was explained.*

**Vote:**

**In Favour: 47**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 1**

## 9. Change to the Rules of Racing – Q Sun to speak

*The Rules of Racing are the prescriptive set of if/else statements that the Event Committee utilise to run all of our events, and they exist to complement the institutional knowledge within the Committee, allowing racing to be run with structure with a completely new set of hands! The Rules of Racing are, therefore, the culmination of decades of amendments, and those amendments don't always work with each other perfectly.*

*A3 describes the rules of Bumps racing (Torpids, Vills) and the Captains voted on a major overhaul from an experienced Event Committee in MT23 to how A3 was applied due to the previous version becoming increasingly unwieldy to understand and to apply.*

*Despite most of the new format having changed minimal substantive portions of the Rules, one new consequence, as discovered during Vills 2024, was that there exists a contradiction between A3.15.e, and the portions in A3.17. Penalty Bumps and A3.18. Finishing Order. This amendment removes this contradiction and allows the rules to be applied in their spirit.*

*Please see [here](#) for a presentation of how the rules are currently contradicting.*

**Rule Change:** (removals in red, additions in blue):

Rules of Racing

A3.15. Technical Row Overs

[...]

~~e. Crews that have had bumps disallowed under A3.15.a.ii shall be awarded technical row overs, unless they have also accumulated penalty bumps.~~

*Proposed: Q Sun (OURCs/St. Edmund Hall)*

*Seconded: Oscar Hayden (OURCs)*

*It was explained that this rule was to prevent the situation which arose last year, where the rule was interpreted to give Technical Row Overs to crews in three boat sandwiches against the spirit of the 'reasonable misapprehension rule'.*

*The presentation shows how the rule was being applied and explained that this was a rare situation that many colleges would not encounter, but the rule needed to be abolished to prevent a 'cascade' of TROs due to the rule.*

**Vote:**

**In Favour: 48**

**Against: 0**

**Abstention: 0**

## 10. **Change to the Rules of Racing** – Connor Philp to speak

A1 – General Rules of Racing

[...]

4. Event Committee

[...]

vii. impose fines on Boat Clubs for not complying with the above rules or the event plan, such fines to be confirmed by the Race Secretary, who (or another member of Committee, typically the OURCs Treasurer) shall, [in the case of any multi-day regatta](#), notify the Colleges involved by midnight of that day's racing. Where fines are incurred on the Saturday of a bumps regatta, the clubs must be notified by midnight of the following Saturday. [For any single day race, Colleges must be notified of any fines within 48 hours of the end of racing.](#)

*Proposer: Connor Philp (St Hugh's/OURCs)*

*Seconder: Jack Davies (St Hilda's/OURCs)*

*It was explained that the fines were sent out before midnight during bumps racing so that crews could learn from their mistakes and not get fined for the same thing the next day. However, this doesn't apply during single day events such as IWL and Autumn Fours, and so for the Treasurer to send out accurate fines, the additional time was helpful.*

**Vote:**

**In Favour: 48**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 0**

## 11. **Water Quality Survey** – Oscar Hayden to speak

An email has been sent out to gather information on people getting sick during rowing, people not wanting to row due to water quality, and other related issues. It will be taken to a meeting in January, to hopefully pressure the Environment Agency to do something about the issues.

## 12. **Lifejacket Clinic** – Oscar Hayden to speak

*I am attempting to arrange with the RNLI to come and advise on lifejackets. I do not yet have more information, but I will pass on a date once I have it arranged with them – they're quite busy.*

*For now, please see this safety alert from British Rowing: [Check Your Life Jacket](#)*

*The RNLI have responded and hopefully it will be organised for around the start of Hilary. All clubs should still check their lifejackets themselves as well.*

### **13. AOB**

#### **Coxing Upgrades and Assessments**

*It was explained that Upgrades were almost complete and apologised for the delay. Assessments were booked in, if anyone was waiting for a response then you should check that you've provided Q with three dates. Lastly, if clubs wanted assessments to take place in 8<sup>th</sup> week, they should organise 12+ boats between themselves and inform OURCs that the river would be busy enough for an assessment.*

#### **Governance Review**

*Charlie Orton is still looking for people to join the Governance review from outside of Godstow clubs. Please do get in contact with him.*

#### **Emails**

*The Sabbatical Officer is contactable weekdays usually between 10am-4pm. If out of hours and urgent, copy the Secretary into the email. Typically for issues such as safety or day to day questions, or anything website related. Anything related to money, contact the Treasurer. Anything related to coxing, contact the Captain of Coxes.*

#### **Swim Tests in Hilary**

*Should be two or three taking place in the first few weeks. There won't be any nearer to Torpids.*

#### **Affiliation Fees**

*Affiliation fees have been sent to club Treasurers. They are £56.07 per Summer Vllls crew that participated in at least one day of racing during Vllls proper (i.e. excluding crews that failed to Row On), under 1.5.g. of the OURCs Constitution.*

