



O U R C s

Captains' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 1st week Michaelmas Term 2017

19:00, 10 October 2017

Michael Dummett Lecture Theatre

Chair: Katherine Erickson

1. Welcome

Voting member present: 69. All colleges had at least one captain present.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Available at www.ourcs.org.uk

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Squad Reports

a. OUBC

"We've had a good start to the season, with returning athletes turning up in good shape and a number of promising newcomers arriving. We've been rowing at Wallingford consistently, making the most of our ability to row twice a day on good water around completing the initial testing process. The squad is coming together both technically and off the water, and most individuals are handling the training load well. There are a number of impending decisions for the near future and later in the season: what crews to send to the British Rowing Championships, arranging crews for Fours' head, and assessing likely blue boat candidates for the longer term. We are aware that Cambridge have recruited well for this season and will be a very fresh and motivated team."

b. OUWBC

The 2017/18 Boat Race season began on 5 September, with roughly 25 athletes and coxes attending the first meeting and a few more joining in the following days. There is a mix of experience in the new squad, with 3 blue boat returners and 6 returning Osiris/spare athletes, as well as some more experienced postgrads and a large group from this spring's dev squad. It is a relatively small squad, but early commitment has been positive and the group has been progressing well.

Early sessions on the water have been extremely productive, supplemented with demonstrations of technique on the erg and in the rowing tank. In addition to these technique and fitness building sessions on the water, athletes have now completed a series of preliminary physiological tests on the ergometer that will provide a baseline as the season progresses.

OUW will next race at the Fours Head in November, followed by Trial Eights to close out training in 2017.

c. OULRC

The season has started well, with a good number of returning athletes, and several strong new recruits. The squad has made a lot of initial progress, particularly on the water. We will have a series of tests in the next week or so, and will then begin to set more definite plans for racing we are planning to do this term. On the whole, the squad looks promising, and we're looking forward to the main part of the season.

d. OUWLRC

Our squad entered the British Universities Championships regatta 29th April-1st May. The highlights of which: Lwt8+ won gold and therefore qualified for full blue status, Championship Lwt1x finished 6th and the 4+ finished 7th overall. We also entered 2 lwt2- at Henley Women's Regatta, one of which reached the semi-finals.

Following summer eights our seniors trained in small sculling boats and we ran a successful development squad for people who may be interested in trialling next year. Those who attended dev squad benefited from training with our coaches in Wallingford as well as land training sessions and the option to compete in a selection of summer regattas alongside the seniors including Reading Town, Henley T & V, Molesey and Met Regatta.

Based on performance at dev squad, 8 members of dev squad were invited to our summer training camp in Sarnen, Switzerland 9th-14th September alongside the returning athletes, 2 coaches and our squad nutritionist. We trained on a 5km stretch of lake, with an emphasis on small boats. We also ran a number of sessions educating the new athletes about the importance of nutrition and recovery, boat maintenance and what to expect during the approaching season. Our season with the full squad began 18th September; we currently have approximately 30 squad members who are regularly attending training sessions. For the upcoming season we have planned to attend several races and fixtures with local schools.

5. Ratification of the Webmaster

- Cameron McGarry
Unanimous vote.

6. Ratification of Ordinary Committee Members

- Matt Rigby (Keble)
 - Jameson Lee (Worcester)
 - Joe Lord (Benet's)
 - Sacha Tchen (Corpus)
 - Max Spicer (Exeter)
- Voted on as a block. 1 abstention.

7. Election

- **OURCs Treasurer - Lukas Koch**

Proposer: Tom Murphy (Merton)

Secunder: Paris Jagers (Merton)

Two abstentions. No votes against. **Lukas Koch is hereby elected as OURCs treasurer.**

8. Names/Colleges of Ordinary Committee Members under 1.8.5.a.i

Oliver Hedges showed the names and photos of all committee members.

9. Vacant OURCs Positions:

Captain of Coxes

Sponsorship Secretary

Oliver Hedges told captains that there were potential candidates for these positions, but that they should still encourage people from their club to apply.

COUR Captain's Representative

Oliver Hedges requested a volunteer from the captains. **Felix Clark (St. Hilda's) volunteered.** No objections.

**10. Ratification of Senior Umpires
(Senior Umpires for any event)**

- a. Rachel Quarrell -
- b. David Locke -
- c. Laura Dance -
- d. Ian Maconnachie -
- e. Lynch Mason -
- f. Pat Lockley –

All Senior Umpires ratified

11. Amendment to Rules of Racing

Create new subsection of the Rules of Racing A5 and renumber accordingly:

A5: Rules of the Isis Winter League

A5.1 Events Page

1. It is expected that there will be five IWL races in each academic year: two in Michaelmas Term and three in Hilary Term, the dates of which are at the discretion of the OURCs Committee.
2. The exception to this is in years where Torpids is held in 6th week, in which case there should be two in Hilary Term.

3. In years with low water time (e.g. IWLs and/or Torpids are cancelled), the OURCs Committee may elect to hold an “Isis Spring League” in Trinity Term, to which all of the below rules also apply but for which no points will be awarded.

A5.2 Entries

1. Entries shall open at least 10 days before the scheduled date of the event, superceding A1.3.1b. A maximum number of entries will be stated when entries open.
2. Entries will close at noon on the Tuesday preceding the event.
3. The scratch deadline shall be 23:59 on the Wednesday preceding the event.
4. In the event of there being more entries than places available the Race Secretary will remove crews in order to maximise the number of different competitors who get to compete.
5. Crews must alert the Race Secretary to significant speed differentials.

A5.3 Categories

1. Each IWL shall include the following categories:
 1. Men’s Coxed Eights
 2. Women’s Coxed Eights
 3. Men’s Coxed Fours
 4. Women’s Coxed Fours
2. Other categories may be offered at the discretion of the Race Secretary.
3. Any category may be dropped at any point if safety dictates.

A5.4 Eligibility

1. Each crew is permitted two associate seats in an eight and one associate seat in all other boats.
2. Coxes may be exempted from this restriction at the discretion of the OURCs Captain of Coxes.
3. Crews with additional associates may enter and race but will not be eligible for points.
4. Crews unaffiliated to OURCs will not be eligible for points.
5. A person may only row for 1 crew in each category for points, or cox for 1 crew in each category for points. Where multiple crews have been entered with the same rower or cox, then only the fastest of these eligible for points will receive points.

A5.5 Conduct of the Race

1. The start and finish of each race will be timed by the bows.
2. Except in the Gut, crews who are being overtaken must make all reasonable effort not to impede other crews, or be subject to a time penalty at the discretion of the Event Committee.
3. In the event of a klaxon sounding during a race:
 - A. All boats shall immediately cease rowing and hold the boat up until at a standstill.

B. Times will stand for crews across the finish line.

C. Crews who have not completed the course may be permitted to re-row in a later division, entirely at the discretion of the Race Secretary and the Senior Umpire.

A5.6 Results

1. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Race Secretary will publish results both by e-mail and on the OURCs website by 23:59 of the day following the event.
2. Complaints against another crew e.g. obstruction will follow the Disputes Procedure except that the deadline to register a complaint will be before the river is reopened at the end of racing.
3. Appeals against results will follow the Disputes Procedure except that the deadline to register a complaint will be 12 hours after the initial publication of the result.
4. Results will be finalised immediately after any outstanding appeals are resolved. In the event there are no appeals the results will be finalised 12 hours after initial publication.

Proposed: Oliver Hedges (OURCs)

Seconded: Hakim Faiz (OURCs)

Concept of city clubs scoring points was brought up.

Scott Houghton proposed an amendment to add 5.4.4 Crews unaffiliated to OURCs will not be eligible for points. Seconded by Pete Bond.

Motion declared unfriendly.

46 in favour, 5 against, 4 abstentions.

Amendment passes

Unanimous agreement on motion

12. External Regatta Underwriting

1. Upon written request from two or more clubs attending an external regatta, the OURCs Treasurer can pay for a coach organised by one of the athletes involved for the purposes of communal transport.
2. After the regatta, OURCs will invoice the clubs involved for their share of the transport, as agreed with the organiser before the event.
3. Clubs may join the arrangement at any point provided space on the transport is still available.
4. Clubs who leave the arrangement will still be liable to pay their share if OURCs funds have already been committed and the seats are not later filled by another club.
5. In exceptional circumstances, such as extended periods of red flag, this policy can be extended to include training on external waters.
6. These arrangements will always be cost-neutral for OURCs.
7. The OURCs Senior Treasurer retains final discretion over the application of this policy.

Proposed: Joe Hitchen (OURCs) Seconded: Oliver Hedges (OURCs)

Unanimous agreement on motion

13. River Closures

a. **Isis Winter League**

IWL A – Sunday 29th October (4th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

IWL B – Sunday 26th November (8th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Proposed: Oliver Hedges (OURCs)

Seconded: Hakim Faiz (OURCs)

2 opposed, 3 abstentions. Motion passes

b. **Autumn Fours**

Sunday 5th November (5th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Proposed: Oliver Hedges (OURCs)

Seconded: Hakim Faiz (OURCs)

No objections, motion passes

c. **Nephthys Regatta**

Friday 17th November (6th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Saturday 18th November (6th Week) – Opening Time until Closing Time

Proposed: Dhaval Desai (OULRC)

Seconded: Oliver Hedges (OURCs)

No objections, motion passes

d. **Christ Church Regatta**

Wednesday 22nd November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Thursday 23rd November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Friday 24th November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing

Saturday 25th November (7th Week) – Opening Time until Closing Time

Proposed: John Broadbent (Christ Church)

Seconded: Oliver Hedges (OURCs)

No objections, motion passes

14. Extra Slots

Feel free to swap amongst yourselves (email sabbatical@ourcs.co.uk if you do swap!)

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| Monday AM | Exeter |
| Tuesday AM | Hilda's |
| Wednesday AM | New College |

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| Thursday AM | Queen's |
| Friday AM | Balliol |
| Sunday 1-3pm | Peter's |
| Sunday 3-5pm | Catz |

Applicants: Anne's , Worcester, New College, Hilda's, Linacre, Wolfson, Pembroke, Jesus, LMH, Brasenose, Balliol, Hugh's, Queen's, Exeter, Magdalen, Peter's, Catz, Corpus, Christ Church.

No comments

15. Transfers under A1.2.1

Objections may only be made on the grounds that:

- 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

- a. Joseph Wynn (has done his undergrad at Hertford and this year started a postgrad course at Linacre) from Linacre to Hertford. Typically allowed.
- b. Amy Hughes (did her undergraduate degree at Univ, as well as the first year of her DPhil, she's now moved to Oriel to take up a scholarship) from Oriel to University. Typically allowed.
- c. Philippa Hammond (did her Masters at Wolfson) from St. Antony's to Wolfson. Typically allowed.
- d. Verena Weidemann (did her Masters at Wolfson) from St. Antony's to Wolfson. Typically allowed.

No objections to any.

16. Transfer Under A1.2.3

Objections may be made on the grounds that:

- The student is not a bona fide or visiting student of college A; or
- The student was a bona fide student (in accordance with University Statute II) of a different college during their time as an associate at College Boat Club B; or
- The student had rowed previously to being an associate member of College Boat Club B; or
- The student did not compete in an OURCs event for College Boat Club B.

- a. Renée Koolschijn (Renée learnt to row with Oriel last year when she was a research assistant at the JR and rowed in both Torpid's and Eights for Oriel's lowest boat, but is now doing her DPhil at Keble), from Keble to Oriel.

No objections

17. OURCs Accounts

No comments

18. Major Transgression Meetings

- a. **Exeter** - No lifejacket. £50 fine.
- b. **Somerville** - No lifejacket. £100 fine.

Captain asked why Somerville was twice the amount. It was due to previous offences in the academic year.

19. AOB

- a. **OURCs affiliation fees - £39 per boat in Eights**
- b. **Reminder BR affiliation fees and BR safety audits**
- c. **Meeting with Stephen Worley**

OH explained that Stephen was BR's Honourary Safety Advisor. Stephen is happy to meet with clubs to explain more about how to manage a clubs safety requirements.

JH made an announcement that Jo Egan was going to become interim CoC. He explained other candidates could still stand for election at the next CM, but that he JL and RQ would no longer be actively seeking a CoC.