



Captains' Meeting Minutes

Thursday 4th Week, Trinity Term 2025

19:30, 22nd May 2025

Doctorow Hall, St Edmund Hall

Chair: Georgia Douglas (OUBC/OURCs)

1. Welcome

Voters:

Clubs: 43

OURCs: 5

Blues: 1

Total: 49

Absences from Magdalen and St Anne's

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising

4. Transfers

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 A1.2.a

- Alex Wythe, Christ Church to Merton
- Kieran Twaites, St John's to New College (awaiting enrolment certificate)
- Emelia Branagan-Harris, Christ Church to Oriel

All other papers in order.

Passed as a slate without objections.

5. Ratifications of CSR

- Wadham [Paper 1]
- Oriel [Paper 2]

Ratified without objections. The Secretary emphasised clubs should read the lessons from these CSRs in advance of bumps to avoid crashing into stationary river users and avoid bank runners.

6. Election for Secretary

- Samuel Schipper (New College)
Proposer: Imogen Rickard (Christ Church)
Seconder: Eleanor Prince (St Hilda's)

Voting:

Samuel Schipper: 43

RON: 2

Samuel Schipper elected OURCs Secretary. It was resolved that the handover would take place at an as of yet unspecified date in order to facilitate smooth transfer of power. Jack would email when he resigned.

7. Election for Captain of Coxes

- Dominic Seymour (Univ)
Proposer: Alex Rigamonti (Univ)
Seconder: Emily Stone (Linacre)
- James Hopkinson (Queen's/OUBC)
Proposer: Oscar Hayden (Balliol/OURCs)
Seconder: Michael Daly (Magdalen/OURCs)

Voting First Round:

James Hopkinson: 24

Dominic Seymour: 24

RON: 2

Voting Second Round:

James Hopkinson: 23

Dominic Seymour: 26

Dominic Seymour elected as Captain of Coxes. It was resolved that, similarly to the Secretaryship, the Captain of Coxes handover would be announced at an unspecified date, likely 9th week as Felicity was departing Oxford.

8. Election for Sponsorship Officer

- Q Sun (St Edmund Hall)
Proposer: Cat Dillman (St Edmund Hall)
Second: Oscar Hayden (Balliol/OURCs)

Voting:

Q Sun: 41

RON: 6

Q Sun elected as Sponsorship Officer. It was not resolved for this to take effect at any other time than immediately.

9. Honorary Staff Membership Motions

- Ivana Kuric (Oriol)
Seeking permission for honorary membership until Week 4 Trinity 2026. No permission sought for first boat.
Proposer: Carolina Vilaplana (Oriol)
Second: Emma Olmedilla (Oriol)
- James Alden (Lincoln)
"We are seeking association for James Alden, a porter on permanent contract at Lincoln College, through the end of Hilary 2026. We are not seeking permission for him to row in a first boat - in the case of this term we plan to have him in our M4."
Proposer: Madeline White (Lincoln)
Second: Charlotte Paylor (Lincoln)

No objections to either. Both approved.

10. Associate in Senior Division Motion – Harriet Anderson to speak

- Holly Haines in Christ Church W2
Proposer: Harriet Anderson (Christ Church)
Second: Imogen Rickard (Christ Church)

Harriet Anderson explained Holly had withdraw from her current DPhil in October and is working as a research assistant. She would be rowing next year when she restarts another DPhil. She had been rowing with Christ Church for 4 years and the rest of the boat are 7 Trinity term novices.#

Voting:

For: 43

Abstentions: 7

Against: 0

11. Rotas – Bernard Tao to speak

Eights rotas were explained – OURCs did their best to spread marshalling shifts around, taking into account when boats fail to row on, discounts being given for racedesk helpers who are around for multiple days. Middle shifts are harder to fill but try as early as possible to get people signed up – we do try to make sure there's no more than two people on a single slot.

Rota is done on the Sunday morning after Rowing On results are finalised.

Static umpiring on the Saturday was explained – first briefing at Longbridges and then shifts swap according to clubs.

12. **Radio Amnesty** – Oscar Hayden to speak

A photo of the OURCs radios was shown, and if anyone had happened to accidentally walk away with one after marshalling, were asked to bring it back.

13. **River Closure** – Oriel to speak

Saturday 14th June:

Opening Time – End of Racing

No objections, passed.

14. **AOB**

No other AOB