



**O U R C s**

# Captains' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> week Michaelmas Term 2021

7.00pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

St John's College Auditorium, St John's

Chair: Amelia Standing (OUWBC)

Attendance:

College Clubs (voting members): 55

OURCs Committee (voting members): 5

Absences – St Peter's, Wadham

1. **Welcome**

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Available at [www.ourcs.org.uk](http://www.ourcs.org.uk)

3. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

4. **Ratification of Ordinary Committee Members** – Ty Rallens to speak

- Zara Watson (Queen's)
- Nikolaos Kanellakis (University)

**No objections. Ratified.**

5. **Ratification of Webmaster** – Ty Rallens to speak

- Agathiyar Bragadeesh (Wadham)

**No objections. Ratified.**

6. **Transfers under A1.2** – James Lucas to speak

*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*

- Ryan Yan: Wolfson (St Cross) to Brasenose (papers in order)
- Christopher Whiteman: Somerville to Oriel (papers in order)
- Leah Tillmann-morris: GTC to St Catherine's (papers in order)
- Aleksy Kwiatkowski: Merton to University (papers in order)

- David Tritsch: Wolfson (St Cross) to LMH (papers in order)
- Elinor Buys: Mansfield to Wolfson (papers in order)
- Venla Karppinen: Brasenose to Merton (papers in order)
- Emily Milan: Wolfson to SEH (papers in order)
- Suqi Tang: St Antony's to Christ Church (papers in order)

**No objections. Ratified.**

**7. Treasurer's Update** – Evan Roberts to speak

The OURCs Treasurer explained that colleges were not billed for swim tests in the 2019-20 year, and that these will have to be billed this year. In recognition that this may be an unexpected payment for many boat club treasurers, the OURCs Treasurer asked colleges to let them know if there were any problems with making these payments. The Treasurer also stated that OURCs intend to buy jackets for the new committee members this term; this has been a long-standing tradition and allows OURCs committee to be identified during events and on the towpath. There were no objections.

**8. Update on COUR Meeting** – James Lucas to speak

The Rowing Sabbatical Officer stated that at the last COUR meeting the Blue Flag Rule change was presented by OURCs, who promised to continue to keep COUR informed on its progress. It was explained that COUR also ruled on capsized drill exemptions: COUR strongly preferred capsized drills to be taken in Oxford, as this course of action removes the need for judgement to be exercised regarding the proof of capsized drills taken or the qualifications of capsized drill providers. The Sabbatical Officer stated that they planned to work with OUWLRC to organise capsized drills in a more regular way every term. It was also explained that requests for capsized drill exemptions can still be made to the Sports Safety Officer through the Rowing Sabbatical Officer.

**9. Amendment to Code of Conduct** – Ruby Sioux Harrison to speak

*Simple majority to pass*

**Extension of Light Blue Flag Trial.** Only two days of Light Blue flag this term have not given enough time for the trial Light Blue Flag change to be properly evaluated. This change extends the trial period for an additional term.

Change:

**2.8.g.iv 1. Novice status coxes on Light Blue Flag:**

*In addition, on Light Blue Flag (but not Dark Blue Flag) Novice status coxes with at least one full term of coxing experience may train under the following four conditions:*

*a. the outing must occur between Sunrise and Sunset (2.1.a);*

b. other than the cox, the crew must be a Senior crew as defined in 2.7;  
c. the cox must be accompanied by a bank rider with, in case of emergency, a throw-line and a mobile phone, programmed with the phone number for Iffley Lock, which is 01865 777277; and  
d. the names of the full crew, cox, and bankrider and the outing time must be registered with the OURCs executive committee at least 2 hours in advance using the web form at the following URL: <https://forms.gle/4XxUp1GrdtZZhPMi8>.

*This rule applies only for a trial period ending on Saturday of Week 8 in MT21 unless otherwise renewed in a Captains' Meeting.*

To (changes in red):

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*Proposed: Ruby Sioux Harrison (OURCs)*

*Seconded: Ty Rallens (OURCs)*

No comments or questions.

**Passed unanimously.**

**10. Amendment to Code of Conduct** – Ruby Sioux Harrison to speak

*Simple majority to pass*

**Novice coxes going through the Gut.** For some time, the standard set at coxing registration meetings has been that newly registered coxes must complete ten outings on the Isis before they are allowed to go through the Gut. This motion updates the code of conduct to match current practice.

Change:

2.8.e.i *No 'novice' status cox may go through the Gut until the date designated by the Captain of Coxes at their registration meeting. Until that date coxes from boathouses upstream of the Gut should*

*spin at Longbridges, and coxes from boathouses downstream of the Gut should spin in the bay outside the Sea Scouts Boathouse when safe to do so.*

To (changes in red):

2.8.e.i No 'novice' status cox may go through the Gut until they have completed ten outings. Until that point, coxes from boathouses upstream of the Gut should spin at Longbridges, and coxes from boathouses downstream of the Gut should spin in the bay outside the Sea Scouts Boathouse when safe to do so.

*Proposed: Ruby Harrison (OURCs)*

*Seconded: Raphael Heim (Keble)*

No questions or comments.

**Passed unanimously.**

#### 11. Ratification of Club Safety Reviews – James Lucas to speak

- St Edmund Hall - £0
- Corpus Christi - £0
- Exeter - £0
- Keble - £0
- LMH - £0
- Oriel - £0

**No objections. Ratified.**

#### 12. AOB

- Update on Bumps appeal process – Ty Rallens to speak

The Secretary stated that there had not been time this term to formulate prospective changes to the Bumps appeals process. It was explained that introducing these changes next term, shortly before racing, ran the risk of the changes leading to unintended consequences. Instead, the Secretary stated that their focus next term would be on disseminating how the current Bumps appeal system works, including a guide on "How to make an effective appeal at Bumps". Planned training for Race Desk helpers was outlined, including training on the roles of Race Desk helpers, how these relate to the rules and to best practices, and the production of a "Handbook" (which captains would be able to access and comment on) for how Race Desk should operate. A message from the Senior Umpires was also passed on: they are happy to answer questions from captains about how the appeal process works and the Senior Umpires' part in it. No questions were raised in the meeting; it was stressed that these questions could also be asked to the Senior Umpires by email.