



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

Captains' Meeting
Sunday 13th January 2013, Robinson College

Minutes

Present: Holly Hedgeland (HH, chair), Evelyn Tichy (ET, minutes), Mat Bryan (MB)

Apologies: Tom Grimble, Chris Balmer, Mark Jacobs, Christ's Men Corpus Christi Women, Churchill Women, Corpus Christi Men, Downing Women, Downing Men, Fitzwilliam Women, Girton Men, Jesus Men, Sidney Women

1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the Michaelmas Term Captains' Meeting (30th September 2012) are on the website and were approved by the Captains. Matters arising:

a. Bank charges

HH explained the bank charges incurred by the CUCBC account. This is partially due to the fact that Santander has recently taken over the, previously free, CUCBC bank account and have imposed fees. It is also due to several recently bounced cheques. HH will look into moving the CUCBC account to a free account.

2. British Rowing Council Representative

The reorganisation of the British Rowing council means that the permanent appointed seat for Cambridge no longer exist. **HH** now sits on the British Rowing Council for the University clubs in the Eastern Region. This includes all other universities in the Eastern Region such as the University of Essex.

3. Request from University of Essex

The University of Essex is looking for loans of VIIIs and IVs. Please contact **HH** if you are interested in helping them out. Homerton is also in need of VIIIs this term.

4. Water Safety

- a. Clubs are reminded to submit their safety returns to British Rowing if they have not yet done so.



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- b. Clubs are reminded that they are required to boat with static white lights at both the bow and stern in the 15 minutes preceding lighting up and 15 minutes after lighting down as well as whenever visibility is poor. Clubs are asked to inform their coxes that CRA (town) clubs may now be carrying a static red light at the stern of their boats in addition to the required static white light.

5. Bills

Bills were distributed by the new Junior Treasurer, Evelyn Tichy (Wolfson, juniortreasurer@cucbc.org). Bills are to be paid by cheque made out to Cambridge University Combined Boat Clubs and sent to ET at Wolfson by Friday, February 1st. Any queries or problems should be sent to both the Junior and Senior Treasurers (juniortreasurer@cucbc.org and seniortreasurer@cucbc.org).

6. Lents Entries

As discussed in the previous Captains' Meeting, the fees for Lent Bumps have increased by £2 and are now £38/VIII. Captains were reminded that submission of crew lists for the bumps programme is separate from the race entries via the CUCBC website. Deadline for Lents entries is February 1st. Payments are to be made by cheque made out to CUCBC and sent to ET at Wolfson, as above. Entries open on Monday, January 14th. The distribution of the divisions over the 5 days of Lent bumps will revert to the 2011 distribution as WeHORR will not clash with the Lents in 2013.

7. Henley Boat Races

HH reminded the captains that the Henley Boat Races will be taking place on Sunday, March 24th 2013 and encouraged clubs to support the HBR both by supporting the racing Cambridge crews and by participating in the inter-collegiate races, which are being extended. HH reminded all clubs with headship aspirations to check whether their crew members are able to race at the HBR. HH also explained that the men's and women's Lents headship crews are invited to race their Oxford counterpart. If the headship crew is unable to race, the crew in 2nd place will be approached, etc.



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8. Early Morning Marshals and noise

HH reminded the captains of the requirement for clubs to provide Early Morning Marshals.

HH reminded the captains about noise during early morning outings. Coaching is not permitted upstream of the Railway Bridge before 07:30 and cox boxes should only be used for essential commands and be kept at a low volume before this time. Loudhailers are not permitted anywhere on the river prior to 07:30. Coach-cox box links are recommended to minimise noise.

9. Early morning traffic restrictions

HH explained that due to the post-Olympic bulge of interest in rowing, an unprecedented number of boats were present on the Cam in Michaelmas term, necessitating the implementation of the 2 boat rule. However, the number of boats entered in Fairbairns was only 10 more than in 2012. A number of options for traffic restrictions in Lent term, should they become necessary, were introduced by HH and Hugo Macklin (LMBC). After discussion, the captains voted in favour of increasing the 10 minute rule for lower boats to 15 minutes (1 against, no abstentions) over a staggered slot allocation system and the two boat rule. This rule will go into effect on TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th, from which date only 1st eights may boat within the first 15 minutes of lighting down. The early morning traffic rules on the website have now been amended to:

2. That from the date on which restrictions are introduced until further notice, at the discretion of the CUCBC Executive Committee, either
 - a. Each Club will only be permitted to have **two boats** on the river at any one time in the restricted period, or
 - b. **Only first eights** may boat within the **first 15 minutes** after Lighting Down. All other crews may boat 15 minutes after Lighting Down.”

The captains voted against a staggered system by which 1st women's boats would not be allowed to boat until 5 minutes after lighting down, i.e. 5 minutes after 1st men's boats (22 for, 24 against, 5 abstentions).



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The captains voted FOR the implementation of rule 2b on weekends (for: 19, against: 14, abstentions: 11). From SATURDAY, January 19th, only 1st eights may boat at 11 o'clock on weekends. Lower boats may boat from 11.15.

The hope was that the separation of 1st and lower boat boating times would allow enough staggering of boats to prevent significant queues from building up. Should the new 15 minute rule not sufficiently regulate traffic on the river in the mornings, the captains may be required to meet again before any further restrictions are implemented.

In order to minimise congestion in the mornings captains were reminded that the CUCBC rules state that at least half the crew must be rowing at half slide between the boat houses and the P & E. Captains are requested to pass this down to LBCs, coxes and coaches. It was also pointed out that waiting to dekit/chat at the P&E in the mornings causes unnecessary congestion. Crews are strongly encouraged to row to at least the bottom spinning area at the bottom of the reach without stopping as this allows faster crews to overtake on the reach.

HH will introduce the suggestion of a dedicated lecture-free sports afternoon for undergraduates at the next meeting with the university.

10. Bumps rules

HH raised the topic of complaints/disputes being raised by email very late (midnight) during bumps as well as the problem of uncalibrated video evidence (filmed by bank parties, from YouTube) being used to support these disputes and suggested that CUCBC Rule 52 be changed to:

- a) That all disputes be referred to the Chief Umpire via the Control Desk within 30 minutes of the start gun of the division. No correspondence concerning appeals will be entered into thereafter.
- b) Only eye-witness evidence from race officials and others at the discretion of the Chief Umpire will be admitted.



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- c) That the Chief Umpire shall have final authority over all decisions.
- d) That s/he shall have the power in all doubtful cases of causing the boats concerned to row the race again that evening.
- e) That there be no re-rows on the final day of racing, save at the Chief Umpire's discretion, which will only be exercised under extreme conditions.

The Captains voted unanimously in favour of this change to the rules.

11. AOB

None.

12. Next Captains' Meeting

The next Captains' meeting will be held on Sunday, February 24th 2013.