



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

Captains' Meeting – 22nd January 2005

Present: *Pete Convey, CUCBC Chairman (PC)*
Ian Thompson, CUCBC Senior Treasurer (IT)
Cath Twilley, CUCBC Senior Committee (CT)
Tom Davies, CUCBC Senior Committee (TD)
Andrew Fisher, CUCBC Hon Sec (AF)
Percy Hayball, CULRC Hon Sec (PH)
Amy Wallace, CUCBC Coxing Rep (AW)
Jon Davies, CUCBC Internet Sec (JPD)

1. Apologies for absence

- CUCBC President, CUWBC President, CULRC President, Addenbrookes, CCAT Women, Churchill Women, Clare Women, Girton Women, Lady Margaret Women, Pembroke Women, Robinson Men, St. Edmund's Men, Sidney Sussex Men and Women.

2. Minutes of last meeting

- No objections.

3. Senior Committee

- PC introduced three members of the new Senior Committee:

Ian Thompson, the ex-Selwyn Senior Treasurer, who is taking over as Senior Treasurer.

Cath Twilley, the Lady Margaret Senior Treasurer.

Tom Davis, the Wolfson Senior Treasurer.

4. Early Morning Noise

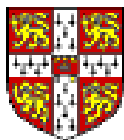
- PC reminded captains about the issues of early morning noise.

5. Early Morning Traffic Restrictions

- PC noted that the traffic restrictions in the morning are no longer in force, pointing out that novices are not around or as bad as in Michaelmas Term. Crews of a novice standard must still boat after 07:30. Marshals are out on the river to note any problems. Town clubs may have crews out before lighting down so it is not safe to assume a clear river on the first trip downstream.

6. Coxing Matters and Safety

- AW asked captains to ensure coxes and coaches are aware of the navigation rules. CUCBC are happy to answer questions about the rules and navigation issues.
- Lights should not be needed in good conditions between lighting down and lighting up - there will be no fines in such conditions - but if visibility is poor lights may be needed. Lights must be visible 360 degrees around the boat (individual lights may give less coverage than this). The CUCBC has secured a deal for lights from RowLight - these have a suction pad which makes fitting/transferring easy.
- CUCBC supports standard navigation law, unless there is a specific bye-law which overrides it. We advise white lights fore and aft, despite whatever motorboat owners and the CRA may say.



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- MBB advised that insurers are taking a more draconian view on crews involved in accidents where they were not following standard navigation rules (e.g. no lights, wrong lights, wrong side of the river etc.).
- If it is very foggy, crews should turn around. Marshals have the power to spin crews if they believe a crew continuing would be dangerous.
- The new senior coxes talk is on 31 January.

7. Alphanumeric Codes

- AF said that all boats should be registered with their college codes (see Appendix L of the Handbook) plus a number of their choice. The Conservators will allow free change of registration number before the end of February.

8. Lent Bumps

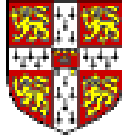
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- AW said that entries were due in 3 February. Payment of the bill must also be included by then.
- Colleges were asked to provide competent divisional umpires. This will reduce the college's marshalling quota.
- PC said that safety has been reviewed. Bumps is a potentially dangerous event. PC is eager to hear thoughts on safety, especially with respect to umpires communicate with crews. The CUCBC is considering barring bank parties from using megaphones, to allow DUs to be heard more clearly.
- A discussion ensued about what could be used to communicate effectively with crews. Whistles, klaxons and pistols (which would require a licence but would be heard) were suggested. Any non crew specific noise could only be used to stop the whole division.
- AW said that the coxing talks will be on Sunday 27 February in the Winstanley Lecture Theatre in Trinity. Coxes who haven't competed in the bumps are required to attend. There will be a second talk on the Monday evening in Goldie. Coxes who have coxed before may still send a representative.

9. Boat Races

- AF advertised that CUWBC and CULRC are racing on Saturday 26 March in Henley. CUWBC will be organising transport - Jess Stanley will advise.
- CUBC will race on Sunday 27 March at 15:00; Goldie race at 14:30.

10. Mooring Consultation

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- CT asked PC if he would be circulating his response. PC may circulate a list of points which could be included.
- PC advised the captains to understand the history and politics before responding. AF said that sensible issues included council tax, where they can moor etc.
- CT said that all college bursars have received a letter from the council asking for feedback. Captains are advised to ask their Senior Treasurers to communicate through the bursars.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- The pre-bumps coxing talks, umpires talk and Captains' meeting will all happen in the Winstanley Lecture Hall in Trinity on Sunday 27 February.

12. Any Other Business

- Cutter Ferry Bridge - PC advised captains that the Council are replacing the bridge. This will involve a river closure, probably some time in February.
- Towpath - PC said that the County Council is still intending on improving the towpath by the end of March. This will involve obstructions. Paul Wilkins (Pembroke Men) inquired as to what they are going to do. PC believes some kind of tarmac, two metres wide to Baitbite Lock and one metre wide to Clayhythe Lock.
- Bills - AF asked the captains to collect their club bills when they leave the meeting.
- Donuts - AF noted that there were several donuts left to be eaten.
- Message Boards - AF informed the captains that the Committee would not act on complaints made to Ed Rayne's message board. Requests and complaints for the CUCBC should be passed directly to the Committee.
- Small Boats Regatta - PH advised that the Small Boats Regatta would take place on Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 April.
- CULRC - PH thanked the captains for the help given to CULRC approaching the boatrace (notably Churchill, St. Catharine's, Robinson and LMBC especially). Clubs are asked to encourage people to trial for the 2006 boatrace.
- Houseboats - MA Men said that a gust of wind had blown one of their boats away from the bank, which floated down the river and hit a barge. They immediately went to apologise. The owner of the barge said her boat cost £80k, and that rowers were frequently scraping blades down the side, which not only damages the paintwork but is also very loud inside. This was the first time in six years that anybody had apologised. The owner had also asked that crews leave 10 metres clear water between them and her bow and stern, especially when in a queue; her boat is over 20 metres long and weighs 30 tonnes. As the boat has only one point of control she needs the space to keep straight and on the right side of the river.
- Pembroke Regatta - PM Men gave a shameless plug for the Pembroke Regatta, to be held on 19 February. The entry deadline is 12 February. Non-competing crews will not be allowed to row through.
- Marshals Instructions - QU Women asked the Committee to ensure that marshals have instructions.
- Newnham Short Course - AW gave a shameless plug for the Newnham Short Course, to be held on 5 February. Non-competing crews will be allowed to row through.



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- Rowing Through the Getting On Race - TH Women asked if crews would be allowed to row through the Getting On Race. PC said that they would.
- Bumps Crew Lists - AF requested that crew lists are submitted on time (before 5 February). MBB said it was much better to submit a guessed crew order than no crew order at all. The programme can go to print without crew lists. PC said that the programmes form a significant part of the income for CUCBC.