**Minutes – CUCBC Captains pre-Easter Term meeting**

**7pm, Thursday 1st May 2025**

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Conor CUCBC (Meeting Chair), David CUCBC (Hon Sec), Tony CUCBC (Event Sec), Luke (CUCBC Committee), ARU, Caius, Christ’s, Churchill, Clare, Clare Hall, Corpus Christi, Darwin, Downing, Emmanuel, First and Third, Fitzwilliam, Homerton, Hughes Hall, Jesus, King’s, LMBC, Lucy Cavendish, Magdalene, Murray Edwards, Newnham, Pembroke, Peterhouse, Queens’, Selwyn, Sidney Sussex, St. Edmund’s, Trinity Hall, Wolfson

Did Not Attend: Addenbrookes, Robinson, St Catharine’s, Vet School

**2. Election to CUCBC Executive Committee**

* + - Zara Bek has been nominated for Honorary Secretary – for vote
    - Zara Bek was unanimously elected to the CUCBC Committee
    - Andrew Farquharson has been nominated for Event Secretary – co-opted
    - Andrew was Co-opted to the committee for 2025/2026

**3. Feedback from Lent Bumps**

* Comments on quality of coxing during Lents
* Cox training pre-bumps

Consensus from the SC was that early mornings didn’t seem to have made a material difference to the rowing ability of top and lower boats in Lents. What was noticed, however, was that the quality of clearing was quite a bit below what we hoped for, resulting in far more checkmates than we would expect. The ability of crews to clear was lower than expected.

We wish to put together some materials for coxes and cox training with a view to making them a resource to get coxes thinking about clearing, stopping, and visualising bumps, so that bumps are not the first time people are trying to put into practice things they’ve heard from the coxes briefing.

**4. Feedback on the Michaelmas Trial from the Senior Committee**

* For vote – to continue or reverse the trial

The SC discussed the Michaelmas Trial. We do not think that the difference in rowing ability was significantly increased, so we don’t think there are any safety issues from continuing or stopping the trial. Feedback was mixed; senior mornings were better than novices.

Queueing will happen unless we limit the number of crews on the river.

Caius – a lot of novices were put off by the queuing, which they felt wasn’t as bad as it was in other days. Detrimental for both seniors and novices, and contributed to Lent Bumps issues. We found that to make it back for 9 a.m., our novices never rowed past the P&E because the traffic going downstream after 7:30 am was so much worse than in previous years

Lucas – The mixed Friday didn’t work

FaT – stressing novice coaching as coaches can’t be with two boats at once.

A vote was held on the motion of trying something else than segregated mornings:

50-4-2 (In favour, against, abstentions) in favour of doing something else

Two weeks to collect information on alternatives and ideas to be circulated for opinions.

**5. Easter Term Reminders:**

a. Early morning noise – rules still apply, no coaching from the bank before 7:30 above the railway bridge.

The SC see this as the single greatest threat to college rowing.

b. Evening rowing rules – dates updated on the [website](https://www.cucbc.org/evenings).

c. [Wildlife advice](https://www.cucbc.org/wildlife-guidance) – be careful around cygnets

d. [British Rowing Wildlife advice](https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/club-support/swans-and-rowing/)

**6**. **May Bumps – Entries Open!**

* Dates
  + Getting-on Race: 13th June
  + May Bumps: 18th – 21st June
  + Entries open.
  + Close of entries 4th June 2025
* Eligibility rules reminder (<http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general>)
  + Submission of non-student status information
  + Declaration deadline for non-students
  + Declarations of students with dual college membership
  + Please check allowable reasons for requesting subs and remind all rowers (and have this in mind when setting race crews for May Bumps)
  + If you’re going to need a sub, get approval as soon as you know – easier now than the night before!
* Marshals and umpires - requirements
* Pre-Mays Captains’ briefing: date TBC
* Briefings: dates TBC, around GoR (Likely 14th or 15th June)
* Subs process will be updated – one email per club per day (not per sub)

**7. Update to Bumps Rules regarding substitution:**

In addition to rule 25:

d. provided the Executive Committee is notified of an intention to make a substitution (including details of which competitors require a substitute and for what reasons) under this rule no later than 24 hours before the Getting-On Race for substitutions in that race, and no later than 21:00 on the Sunday before the first day of the Bumps races for the rest of the races. Requests made after this deadline will not be allowed unless the circumstances under which the request is required arose after the deadline.

e. provided the Executive Committee receives the final details of the eligible substitute no later than 24 hours before the race in question.

Unanimously approved 48-0-0 (In favour, against, abstentions)

**8. Proposal to allow IVs during evening hours**

A proposal was put forward by Caius to allow senior IVs out during Evening Hours, a vote was held after some discussion. As this was a significant change to the standard operations of the river, the Officers of CUCBC were consulted, and a 67% supermajority was required as per Item 23 of the CUCBC Constitution.

Result 18-31-0 (In favour, against, abstentions)

**9. Reminders, for all captains and coaches:**

* Ensure lights are white, continuous, visible (new term, new batteries!), and attached to both the bow and stern of the boat (**not people or riggers)**
* Lights should be on no matter the time if the flag is yellow due to fog. This makes it even more important that they be bright enough!

**10. CUBC Dev squad**

**11. AOB**

Note on Midsummer Fair and Bumps

CUCBC are aware of the clash between May Bumps and the Midsummer Fair. There are ongoing discussions, and CUCBC will update as soon as we have more information.