



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

Captains' Meeting

Sunday 15th January 2012, Goldie Boathouse

Minutes

Present: Dan Wilkins (DW, chair), Chris Balmer (CB), Mark Jacobs (MJ), Fran Knight (FK), Tom Grimble (TG), David Lambert (DL)

Apologies: Ian Cowley, Dominic Silk, Mat Bryan, Christ's Overall Captain, Christ's Women, Churchill Men, Downing Men, Downing Women, Emmanuel Women, Homerton Men, Pembroke Overall Captain, Queens' Men, Sidney Sussex Men,

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the May Bumps Captains' Meeting (09/10/2011) are on the website and were approved by the Captains. There were no matters arising.

2. Bills

Bills were distributed. The deadline for payment is Monday 17th October. Cheques should be payable to Cambridge University Combined Boat Clubs and sent to Tom Grimble, CUCBC Junior Treasurer at Robinson College by the deadline for the Lents entries (Friday 3rd February).

3. Early Mornings

DW announced that throughout the Lent Term, only first eights will be permitted to boat within the first 10 minutes after lighting down on weekday mornings. All other crews may boat 10 minutes after lighting down.

DW reminded Captains to keep noise to a minimum before 07:30. There should be no coaching from the bank and only essential coxing commands (with the cox box volume low) before 07:30 upstream of the Railway Bridge.

Captains were reminded of the requirement for College clubs to provide early morning marshals. The rota

Any problems encountered by marshals, whether practical (*e.g.* record sheets) or with abusive behaviour from members of the public should be reported to the CUCBC Executive Committee (committee@cucbc.org).

4. Lent Bumps

The Lent Bumps 2012 will take place Tuesday 28th February to Saturday 3rd March. The Getting-On Race will be on Friday 24th February.

Entries should be submitted through the entry system on the website by Friday 3rd February. Crew lists and information for the Bumps Programme should be submitted separately by this date (information for the Bumps Programme can be submitted at <http://www.thebumps.co.uk/crewlists>).

The entry fee is £36 per crew. Entry fees as well as CUCBC bills for the Lent Term should be paid by the above entry deadline. Cheques should be made payable to Cambridge University Combined Boat Clubs and sent to Tom Grimble, CUCBC Junior Treasurer at Robinson College.

DW reminded Captains that at the Michaelmas Term Captains' Meeting, it was decided to reschedule the women's divisions of the Lent Bumps 2012 to allow crews to enter the Tideway Women's Head on Saturday 3rd March. All women's divisions will race every day Tuesday to Friday and will not race on Saturday. Men's divisions will race Tuesday to Saturday with one day off as normal (through the times of the division on Saturday have been altered to run an hour apart, with the Men's First Division racing at 16:00). The division times can be found on the website.

Murray Edwards proposed that the Lent Bumps 2012 division times be reverted back to the original schedule, noting that having a day off makes it easier for crews to schedule racing around academic commitments.

Asking how many crews wished to enter the Women's Head, the Captains expressed the interest to enter 9 crews.

Wolfon Women remarked that many of their rowers (and others) want the chance to enter the larger national events such as the Women's Head as well as the Bumps and that it would be a good experience for them.

Peterhouse Women asked if the W3 division could still run to the original schedule, but **DW** pointed out that this is not feasible as W3 must always race before W2 and W1 for the sandwich boats to be correct.

- 16 in favour of reverting to the original schedule
- 17 against
- 4 abstentions

The Lent Bumps 2012 will run to the revised schedule to accommodate those crews wishing to enter the Women's Head of the River.

DW noted that the revised revision times would affect only the 2012 Lent Bumps and that future years would revert to the original schedule where there is no conflict with the Women's Head.

5. Cam Conservancy Fees

CB reported that to make up their budget shortfall, the Cam Conservancy elected at a meeting on 12th January 2012 to increase the licence fee for rowing boats by inflation (measured by CPI) plus an additional 2%.

In addition, they would be introducing event fees initially at a rate of 10p per competitor, though this is likely to increase in future years. It is not clear whether this is per competitor for the entire event or per day in the case of the Bumps (as no formal announcement has yet been made by the Conservancy).

These event fees will most likely be effective from 1st April 2012. The Lent Bumps and College events should not be affected this year, however the entry fees for the May Bumps and Small Boats Regatta will have to increase to reflect this extra fee.

The event fee should not affect informal regattas (e.g. alumni regattas) arranged by College boat clubs that do not close the river and do not disrupt other river users (although these would generally not be reported to the Conservancy).

CB also noted that live-aboard community and motor boat owners would be facing a greater increase in their licence fees (by around 17%) than the rowing community (who will also be paying the event fees).

DW will be attending a meeting with the Cam Conservancy on 16th January and will clarify information on the event fees and report back to the Captains relevant information in due course.

6. Water Safety

MJ remarked that Emmanuel, Girton and St. Catharine's have not submitted British Rowing Water Safety Audits, the deadline for which was 31st December 2011. To ensure they are able to enter British Rowing events, they (and other clubs who have not yet done so) should submit their safety audits through the British Rowing website as soon as possible.

MJ also reminded Captains of the requirement for crews to carry lights (a static white light on both the bow and stern) within 15 minutes after lighting down and within 15 minutes before lighting up as it is currently getting dark quickly.

7. Date of the Next Meeting

The Lent Bumps Captains' Meeting will take place on Sunday 26th February.