



# CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

Captains' Meeting  
*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013, Robinson College*

## Minutes

**Present:** David Munday (HH, chair), Tom Grimble (TG, minutes), Mat Bryan (MB), Henk-Jaap Wagenaar (HJ)

**Apologies:** Dan Wilkins, Mark Jacobs, Trinity Hall Women, St Edmund's Women, Pembroke Women, Homerton Women, Downing Men & Women,

### 1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting

### 2. Green Dragon footbridge closure

This term the navigable width under the Green Dragon bridge will be reduced due to scaffolding required to repaint the bridge.

To ensure safe passage around the corner a set of traffic lights are in place either side to let traffic know when it is safe to pass. Current timing is 2 minutes green 1 minute changeover. This may change however following consultation with other river users.

It appears both sides are navigable to low lying craft such as rowing shells but the safety of rowing under the scaffolding side has to be checked with the contractors.

Clare Men raising the issue that the lights were not easily visible on the upstream side. This would be looked into in the next meeting with the contractors.

To prevent gridlock in the mornings, restrictions on the number of crews allowed out each morning will be imposed. Each college will only be allowed 1 crew on the water at any one time between lighting down and 08:30. Weekend traffic would also be monitored to check things were manageable. This rule would apply to VIIIs and IVs but not to small boats.

It was commented that achieving 10 outings before bumps especially for larger clubs with many crews was going to be challenging.

It was suggested that the restrictions would be considered for review in approximately 2 weeks' time. Captains were invited to email their thoughts to the committee in that time.

### 3. Early Morning marshals

TG announced that the new early morning marshals rota was available on the CUCBC website. All clubs are required to provide marshals to enforce early morning traffic restrictions. Further details are available on the CUCBC website. Also marshal 1 was going to be moved to Chesterton corner to observe the upstream side of the traffic lights.

### 4. Lent Bumps 2014



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The Lent Bumps 2014 will run from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. There will be 6 divisions this year to ensure a safe standard of rowing in the lower divisions.

The Getting-on Race will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February in the afternoon. The same ratios of crews being pulled off to qualify would remain the same at a maximum of 18 places.

The bottom division of the races would either be a full M4, W3 or a split of the two depending on entry numbers to ensure a fair balance of crews required to qualify.

Entries will be opened shortly and the deadline for payment and crews to be entered is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### **5. Bumps programme pre-orders**

Programme sales would follow the same model as last Mays with colleges being offered the chance to pre-order for their club at a reduced price. Details and prices will be emailed later.

### **6. BR Safety Audit reminder**

Captains were reminded that BR safety audits have to be submitted and were due at the start of the year. Clubs would not be permitted to race in CUCBC or BR events until these were sorted.

### **7. Keeping river clear when stopping**

Trinity Hall Men raised the issue of crews stopping in inconvenient locations and not taking efforts to pull in to the bank and keep the river clear when they do so. All captains were reminded that if they do stop they are required to give way to other crews behind them and allow them to pass safely. The same also applies for a slower crew being followed by a faster one. If it is safe to do so then you should allow them to pass.

### **8. Cambridge Half marathon notice**

Captains were given notice that the Cambridge Half marathon on 9<sup>th</sup> March would be limiting road access to some of the boathouses because of closures.

### **9. Bills.**

Bills were distributed to the captains. Some previous fines from May Bumps 2013 were missed in the last round and hence would appear on this set of bills. Any queries should go to Henk-Jaap Wagenaar, CUCBC Junior Treasurer. The deadline for payment was Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### **10. AOB**

There was none.

### **11. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting would be on the Sunday preceding the Lent Bumps.