



Agenda – CUCBC Captains pre-Lent Term meeting 6:30pm 25th January 2025

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jesus overall

A request for representation was received from Clare Women

In Attendance: Isabel Nimmo (CUCBC Chair), David O’Loughlin (CUCBC Secretary), Jenna Armstrong (CUCBC Secretary), Caius, St. Catherines, Christ’s, Churchill, Clare, Clare Hall, Darwin, Downing, Emmanuel, First and Third, Fitzwilliam, Homerton, Hughes Hall, Jesus, King’s, LMBC, Lucy Cavendish, Magdalene, Murray Edwards, Newnham, Pembroke, Peterhouse, Queens’, Robinson, Selwyn, Sidney Sussex, St Edmund’s, Trinity Hall, Wolfson

Did Not Attend: Addenbrookes, Anglia Ruskin, Corpus Christi, Girton

Bumps Updates

2. Lent Bumps

Dates: 11th-15th March 2025 to avoid WeHORR on Sat 8th, with the GoR on Friday 7th March.

Entries open Saturday 25th and close Tue 25th Feb 2025 - 23:45

Fee: £90 per crew

Eligibility rules:

Dual college membership notifications need to be submitted in the next 2 weeks.

Email committee@cucbc.org

Sign up to umpire!

Briefings TBC but likely to be 9th of March - Reminder to make sure your coxes are subscribed to coxes mailing list for bumps briefing information

Clarification around how the Start Order will be set – see below

3. Bumps Subs

- a. Request for rower substitutions are now being handled by a dedicated [Google Form](#)
- b. Captains are to fill out the Form using your @cucbc email address. Please read the instructions carefully.
- c. All subs for coxing or complex requests still need to be submitted to committee@cucbc.org

4. Voting Procedure Update

- a. CUCBC is developing a voting platform that will be run through the CUCBC website to allow for live voting during Captain’s meetings.



Items for Vote

5. Uni IVs

- a. For Vote: Proposed update to rules regarding Substitutions and Composite Crews – see last page
- b. Survey to determine the future of the Coxless IV division as has been historically undersubscribed: <https://forms.gle/RoSsr4edLGLwawCS8>

First Change:

Change rule 4.a) to read “composite crews shall not be allowed for the University Fours”

Was accepted with no objections

Second Change:

Change rule 5. a) to read “[...] accident or illness, subject to rule 25 in the case of the Lent and May races, or subject to rule 57 in the case of the University Fours.

Add rule 57 and renumber the following rules accordingly:

“Substitutes for the University IVs must be deemed capable by the Executive Committee of competing safely in the division they will be subbing into, and all substitutes must be eligible competitors for the crew they will be subbing into. Permission for substitution shall only be given in the exceptional circumstances allowed by Rule 5 and in the event of compulsory and immovable academic commitments. Under no circumstances will a substitution be allowed where it would lead to a rower competing for two or more different crews during the same event.”

Was accepted unanimously.

6. Lent Term Traffic

- a. Two suggestions for control of Lent Traffic have been suggested.
- b. Alternative suggestions regarding having first boat only days were received, however due to the difficulties in policing this it is felt this would be impractical.
 - i. Two Boat Rule
 - ii. Staggered Boating (15 mins for first boats only)

Results of the vote were as follows:

Neither Option: 8, 15%

Staggered Push Offs: 27, 54%

2 Boat Rule: 19, 38%

[Early Morning Regulation 2b](#) came into force on Monday 27th of January to last for the remainder of the term.

*2b. Only **first eights** and boats in the **1st Lents Division** may boat within the first 15 minutes after Lighting Down or after the allowed boating time on Saturdays and Sundays. All other crews may boat 15 minutes after Lighting Down.*

7. Bumps Subs Rule – Proposal

- a. Wolfson have put forward a proposal to allow substitutions in Division 2 for “academic commitments or other sporting commitments” in line with Division 3. CUCBC suggest that, if this change is approved by Captains, it be extended to Division 1 to treat all first boats the same.



- b. For vote: Allow substitutions for academic commitments or other sporting commitments in Divisions 1 and 2 of Bumps

A vote was held – firstly, on the proposal suggested by Wolfson; to allow substitutions for other sporting commitments in Division 2:

For Division 2 only:

For: 20

Against: 19

Abstain: 17

Next on the amendment as suggested by the CUCBC committee so that all first boats would be treated equally:

For Division 1:

For: 8

Against: 25

Abstain: 17

Reminders and Updates

8. EMMs

- a. Update to the EMM system last term worked well – thank you
- b. EMMs start again 27/01/2025 rota is [here](#) – please ensure you note your slots

9. Reminders

- a. Early morning noise: no excess noise including coaching from bank before 7:30am (coaches of crews returning after early/short outings should be mindful of the time)
- b. Excessive noise is where a person on the towpath can clearly understand every word a cox is saying, and those calls are unnecessary – catch timings, loud explanation of the drills etc.
- c. Novice crews must still have a bank party, not boat before 7:30am etc.
- d. Lights! New term, new batteries!

10. Lent Term Rules

- a. No spinning upstream of Baitsbite within 15 minutes of lighting down
- b. During the Lent Term all crews must maintain full slide, full crew rowing until Chesterton footbridge, where they may begin exercises providing they allow room for other crews to overtake. This will apply in the 15 minutes after Lighting Down only.

11. Michaelmas Trial

- a. Update from the Safety Advisor on status of Michaelmas Trial

“I have heard positive and negative feedback about the early morning system that was trialled last term. One of the most commonly reported concerns was that the quality of training time for novices was significantly compromised because of the volume of traffic at 7.30, meaning that outings were little better than queueing to the P&E and back. When the trial was first discussed it was proposed to review its effectiveness and any future implementation at the start of Lent term. However, given the concerns raised, I feel that it would be premature to gauge the success without seeing how the



novices perform in Lents. I therefore propose that the discussion is postponed until next term."

Additionally, the Safety Advisor provided the following updates:

Take care in all conditions spinning beside the Conservancy weed cutting thing that's moored up, it's a tight fit in an VIII. If the flag is yellow with an elevated stream, crews may spin further upstream than normal (between the spinning zone signs and the curve in the river at station 12) if they wish, provided that in doing so they do not impede another crew.

We've recently been asked whether we'll allow reverse wings in bumps, and following review, we intend to allow this. If any person has strong feelings on this topic please contact the committee.

12. College Run Races

- a. Please post in 'Cam River Updates' Facebook groups giving details of events including row throughs

13. CUBC Dev Squad

- a. Update from CUBC Dev Squad

Emails from Women's squad about development ergs have been sent, JA to follow up with Men's coaches about signup.

14. AOB

IN – Tideway briefing to be scheduled – Any college that can host this briefing will have their Bumps Marshal allocation reduced by 1 – IN from the Committee will register as an umpire from that college.

Lent Bumps Start Order:

- Owing to the cancellation of the 2024 Getting On Race and as agreed at a Captain's Meeting - the start order for the 2025 Lent Bumps will be determined as follows:
 - Those crews who did not race the Lents 2024 are to be removed from the charts.
 - If necessary, crews will be removed from the start order (and required to compete in the GoR) until 18 spaces are available for each side
 - Successful GoR crews will be added in the following order:
 - 1. Those who raced Lents 2024 in the order they finished.
 - 2. Those who raced Lents 2023 but not Lents 2024 in the order they finished.
 - 3. Everyone else randomly, as usual.