

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS 23rd April 2006, Goldie Boat House

Present: Ian Thompson (IT), Sam Farmer (SF), Eton Boy (EB), Tabi Hutton (TH), Kenrick Turner (KT), College Captains

Apologies for absence: Pete Convey, Jude Lowson, Darwin BC, Clare BC, Downing BC, Jesus Women, CCAT Women

MINUTES

1) Club Committee Updates

- **SF** reminded the Captains that any changes to their boatclub committees should be emailed to the CUCBC Committee (committee@cucbc.org), including email addresses, position, and the name and email address of the person they are replacing.
- **SF** requested that the names and email addresses of the college boatclubs' Safety Officers and Safety advisors be emailed to the Committee as soon as possible.

2) Early morning noise/no marshals this term

- **IT** stated that as usual, there will be no early morning marshals this term. However, if noise from crews became a problem, then marshals will be instigated at the discretion of the CUCBC Committee.
- **IT** also reminded Captains of Rule 7 – that crews shall not make any undue noise before 7.30am – and that it applies all the way to the *Railway Bridge*.

3) Weekend rowing reminder

- **SF** stated that Rule 12.a was in effect this term: rowing is allowed all day on Saturdays; no rowing on Sundays.

4) Men's/Women's Hours

- **KT** informed the Captains of the evening rowing restrictions. Specifically:
 - Early slot is 6pm to 7pm; Late slot is 7.30pm to 8.30pm, in effect from below Chesterton Footbridge.
 - Crews from the early hour *must* be heading upstream by 7.15pm.
 - Only 1st May VIIIs or VIIIs from the top two divisions of the Mays are permitted to row during men's/women's hour.
 - Only 1st May VIIIs or VIIIs from the top two divisions of the Mays are permitted to go over Baitsbite lock to train.
 - IVs composed of rowers eligible to row during men's/women's hour are allowed to train over the lock, and are *only* allowed to row in the changeover period (7pm to 7.30pm) to go over the lock.
 - Details of which weeks men's/women's crews are early or late can be found online: <http://www.cucbc.org/evening-rowing>



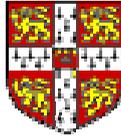
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5) Easter term races

- **Small Boats Regatta:**
 - o **EB** thanked Captains for the number of entries, although please could all entry fees be received as soon as possible.
 - o **EB** reminded crews to marshal on time, otherwise they risk disqualification.
 - o Marshals are to report to **EB** on the *towpath* side of the river.
 - o **EB** informed Captains that there is a river closure for the regatta from 9am-3pm on Monday and Wednesday, and 9am-6pm on Tuesday.
- **CUCBC/LMBC Ergo Competition:**
 - o **SF** regretted to report that the ergo competition will not happen this year due to a variety of reasons.
 - o **LMBC** apologised for not booking Concept2 – there had been a genuine misunderstanding. LMBC hopes to organise it well in advance for next year so that it may be included in the Handbook as an annual event.
 - o **SF** asked the Floor when the best time for an ergo competition be? Would the end of Week 1 in Easter term be suitable? The general consensus was that this would fine.
 - o **EB** noted that care should be taken to ensure that it doesn't clash with the Small Boats Regatta or BUSA if possible.
 - o **Stephen Benjamin (Jesus)** enquired if the ergo competition would be eligible for Michell Cup points?
 - o **SF** and **IT** explained that this would be decided at a future captains meeting.

6) Finances, Lent fines, Bumps entry date

- **SF** encouraged the Captains to collect their bills.
- **SF** announced that the closing date for entries for the Mays is **midnight Sunday 14th May**.
- The entry fee for the Mays is £37 per crew. Cheques should be made payable to “Cambridge University Combined Boat Clubs” and be delivered to Jude Lawson, Pembroke College.
- Entries will be made via the Online Entry System (<http://www.cucbc.org/entry>) which will be open for entries from 1st May (hopefully).
- **SF** informed the Captains that submissions for the Bumps programme should be made to George Gilbert by Sunday 14th May, and reminded them that the Bumps programme is separate to the CUCBC entry system.
- **IT** announced that the CUCBC has been approached by UBS, proposing that they sponsor the Lent and May bumps. Although negotiations are still ongoing, it is proposed that any money received be put towards entry fees, with entry fees being lowered in 2006-7, if the sponsorship deal is closed. The Captains will be kept informed of developments.



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- **IT** reminded Captains to submit the names of any exceptional rowers be submitted to the CUCBC committee (committee@cucbc.org) within the next two weeks.

7) Coxing matters

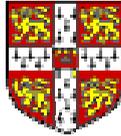
- **TH** announced that coxes from Oxford University had challenged the coxes of Cambridge University to a race.
- Oxford have proposed to race on Suicide Sunday on the Cam, over a distance of 500m, and the crew will be coxed by a rower.
- **TH** said that boats and blades were needed for boat Oxford and Cambridge crews, and that any club willing to provide should contact her (coxing@cucbc.org).
- On a random note, **SF** reminded all Captains to ensure that their crews keep hydrated during outings, as even though it is Britain, it can still get hot. This should be made especially clear to novice crews and Lower Boats Captains.

8) CUCBC Committee Elections

- **EB** explained why it was a joy to be the CULRC Hon Sec and encouraged anyone thinking of it to stand. The Captains are asked to advertise this position in their boatclub.
- Nominations for the CULRC Hon Sec close on Wednesday 26th April, and the election is on Wednesday 3rd March.
- **SF** announced that the CUBC Hon Sec would be elected at the pre-bumps Captains meeting. Benefits of serving as CUBC Hon Sec include free dinners, sitting on the FGPC, and a free pair of wellies. Any candidates should submit a manifesto of 200-300 words to **SF** as soon as possible (cubc@cucbc.org).
- **SF** also announced that the Coxing Rep would be elected at the next Captains meeting. Coxes interested in standing should email **TH** (coxing@cucbc.org).
- **SF** reminded the Captains that the post of Internet Secretary is co-opted, and will be decided by the CUCBC Committee 2006-7. Those interested in standing should email **KT** (webmaster@cucbc.org).

9) Amendments to the CUCBC Handbook

- **IT** noted that the handbook was both out of date, and, in its current state, non-compliant with certain aspects of health and safety.
- Several highly interesting documents with the proposed changes were distributed to the Captains. Further copies may be obtained by emailing committee@cucbc.org
- **IT** announced that two editions of the handbook will shortly be published: one for the remainder of the current academic year. This will be published exclusively online and distributed via email. A hard-copy will be published later in the term, which will be correct for the 2006-7 academic year.
- **IT** announced that the CUCBC had appointed **Tom Davis (TD)** to the officer of Safety Advisor. **TD** had completed a risk assessment of the CUCBC races,



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including the Bumps. A similar risk assessment for all college events will be required to be submitted to the CUCBC Committee for the 2006-7 academic year by the college boatclubs.

- **IT** revealed that the greatest risk identified in Bumps was the scenario of a rowing crew bumping a stationary crew.
- **IT** outlined the proposed changes to the handbook, including the introduction of static marshals with sirens from the Start to Grassy and a new rule whereby between the Start and Grassy a crew is ‘bumped’ if the bow-ball of the chasing crew passes the cox of the pursued crew.
- There was heated and spirited discussion of the proposed changes.
- The proposed changes were unanimously agreed upon by the Captains with no abstentions. The handbook will be amended accordingly, and the changes will apply to the Mays 2006.

10) AOB

- **James Williams (CULRC)** announced that CULRC are running a summer development squad in the 3-4 weeks after term finishes. He encouraged all interested athletes who are <85kg and <6’3” to consider participating as there would be high quality coaching, nice weather, and a great opportunity to improve oarsmanship and fitness. Further details will be circulated via email to the Captains list in a couple of weeks when the new CULRC president has been elected.
- **IT** informed Captains that oarsman from the CUBC boatrace squad will not be permitted to row in the Mays if they wish to row with CUBC at Henley, as Marlow regatta clashes with the Saturday of the Mays. However, CUBC Dev squad oarsmen are expected to row for their colleges if they wish to row with CUBC at Henley.
- **IT** announced that the CUCBC had been approached by a representative of the Radegund brewery who wished to sponsor a Mays Cup. The cup would be similar to the Michell Cup, only exclusively for the Mays and open to all clubs, irrespective of the number of crews they boat in the Mays
- In principle, it was proposed that the points system be the same as that of the Michell Cup. However, it was debated whether headship crews should be awarded 12 points, as some captains felt that this would advantage larger clubs.
- In principle, there was a consensus that the idea of having a cup (and free beer in it) was a Good Thing.