

My proposal is to amend Early Morning Traffic Restrictions rule 2, part a. The proposed new wording of the rule is:

2. That from the date on which restrictions are introduced until further notice, at the discretion of the CUCBC Executive Committee, either
  - a. There will be an upper limit to the number of outings which any Club is permitted during a week during the restricted period between Monday and Friday; that limit shall be the greater of:
    - i. 5 outings or
    - ii. Twice the number of boats which that Club entered into the May bumps the preceding year
  - b. Only first eights 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.

To explain the reasoning:

With the current rule a small club with, say, 3 boats in Fairbairn's would be able to put each boat out more than 3 times per week in the morning. A larger club with 10 boats would be limited to just 1 morning per week per boat. The above proposal aims to make this more fair by evening out the number of weekday morning outings per boat between clubs of different sizes (weekends are not affected since there isn't a problem with them at the moment). I've tried to make the rule as simple as possible but it could easily be adapted to take into account any other captains' concerns.

There are 153 boats in the 9 divisions of May bumps (or 174 in the getting on race last year). 33 clubs are listed on the CUCBC website so 330 outings per week are possible in principle every week under the current rule when restrictions are in place.

The above change would mean a total of 306 possible outings per week (or 348 if reworded to be based on all crews entered into the GoR).