Noting:

1. The CUCBC Handbook point 16 currently reads “16. That if a boat misses more than one race in the Lent or May Races of one year, the Club concerned forfeit that place on the river and be obliged to `get on' should it wish to compete again in a future year.”,
2. If a crew misses one bumps race, the crew behind them is awarded a bump once they have rowed past the start station of the missing crew,
3. Henley Women’s Regatta runs from Friday June 16th to Sunday June 18th in 2017, with the qualifiers on Friday,
4. CUCBC’s May Bumps run from June 14th-17th in 2017. This clashes with the Friday and Saturday of Henley Women’s Regatta,
5. Henley Women’s Regatta is a prestigious national event that every college should be uninhibited from entering. It allows college crews to compete against universities and participate in and compare themselves with the wider rowing community. Furthermore, many alumni funds that finance college clubs are given on the understanding that a crew trains with the ultimate goal of competing at Henley.

**Proposing that:**

1. **Provided that clubs fulfil the following conditions:**
   1. **Crews notify CUCBC of their intentions to enter HWR by the deadline for HWR,**
   2. **Crews miss a bumps race only on days in which they have a scheduled race at HWR (i.e. if they do not qualify or are knocked out on Friday, they must race the Saturday bumps race),**

**the rule for missing one day of races is extended to two days of races, with the same forfeit of being bumped down a place when the chasing crew passes the empty station ahead. [[1]](#footnote-1)**

We believe this will cause minimal disturbance to the May Bumps Races as:

1. HWR qualifiers and the first round are often both on Friday, as it was in 2016. It is unlikely that a college crew will end up racing at HWR on Saturday. Therefore this changed clause will unlikely be triggered,
2. The crew will endeavour to race if at all possible, for example will drive back to Cambridge immediately if knocked out on Saturday morning, in order to attend the bumps race in the afternoon.

1. Point 16 would read:   
   “16. a. That if a boat misses more than one race in the Lent or May Races of one year, the Club concerned forfeit that place on the river and be obliged to `get on' should it wish to compete again in a future year.

   b. That, in the case of a clash of a bumps race with Henley Women’s Regatta (HWR), provided that a club notifies of CUCBC of their intentions to enter HWR by the entry deadline for HWR, a crew may miss a bumps race on up to two days, provided that they are racing at HWR on each day. In this event, the chasing crew will be awarded a bump as they pass the empty station ahead.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)