

CUCBC Captains' Meeting - Sunday 19th January, 2019
Munby Room, King's College

Present: Matthew Temple, Conor Burgess, Ed Miller and the college captains.
Apologies: David Munday

New Billing Procedure for Bumps:

Normally we give out your Lent bills at this meeting, but Dan has decided that we wait until Bumps entries are finalised - then we'll email you with entry bills (including fines) after that, and you can claim back from your colleges then.

Lent Rowing Reminders:

Lights on Boats: Use lights for morning/evening outings (15 minutes before/after lighting up/down respectively). Make sure they're visible from the front and back (so putting them on riggers isn't ideal - get them mounted on the bow and stern). You can put a red light on the stern like most town boats, but don't put one on the bow!

Additional Rules: Row full crew and full slide to the first bridge; row all the way to the lock before spinning. If a crew can't row full crew, full slide or wants to spin before the lock, they'll have to wait 15 minutes. Depending on traffic we'll potentially introduce the 15 minute and 2 boats rules.

EMM Rota: Conor updated it yesterday - there are no changes to next week's. Tried to rebalance it a bit based on Bumps entries from last year to better reflect club sizes. If there are any issues, or you need to swap a slot with another club, just email committee@cucbc.org.

Lent Bumps! 25-29 February! Entry deadline: Jan 31st. GOR Feb 21.

The divisions are the same as last year - the bottom division may be mixed depending on entry ratios. Entries opened today on the CUCBC website. You can change names after the deadline, but not add crews. Scratching is fine and refunds work as usual.

We're trying to do the GOR as late as possible in the day to avoid lecture/seminar/lab clashes - if you have people expected to be participating, let them know in advance so they can reschedule stuff.

The finishes are as usual - everyone goes to the top finish except the bottom division who go to the Railings.

Mark will send you a 12 outing form late in term - all crews entering must have completed that many outings before the GOR, so make sure you're logging them. *Outings on weekdays after 9am will count for one and a half.* The point of that is to incentivise crews to use the river during the less busy parts of the day to reduce traffic in the mornings. Remember races count as outings.

Matthew: We're usually be lenient in allowing crews to use the GOR as their twelfth outing; if that'll be the case for your crew let us know in advance.

“Exceptional Status” Rowers - If any of your bumps rowers are not matriculated undergrad/postgrad students (e.g. college staff, fellows), email the exec committee. Rules limit these kinds of rowers to two per club for Lents, and four per club for Mays (but only two per boat). Exchange students will just be treated as regular students.

Members of Multiple Colleges - Anyone matriculated at more than one college can choose to row for either (but only one college per term).

Bumps Programs - We'll send a link to the form for you to enter information (coaches, crews, comments, etc.) for these. The deadline will be the same as for bumps entries.

Bumps Rowing Eligibility Query from Jesus:

Conor: Prior to one or two years ago, subs in bumps week were only allowed in the case of illness, injury or academic commitments. The rules were changed to allow subs in other circumstances for the 3rd and lower divisions, but not for the top two.

Jesus Captain: Our issue is Water Polo Varsity is on the last day of Lents this year - we have a very keen W1 rower who is on the Water Polo team, and if she can't do both she'll choose the blues game. She's just an example: we think there are quite a lot of keen sportsmen who would like to do rowing on top of their other sports, which helps keep college rowing at a high standard. It's a shame to take away the opportunity to do both. So we propose: a rule-change to allow subs in the case of varsity/high-level commitments in other sports, *in the top two divisions*.

Conor: I haven't drafted a rule change yet, but we'll see what people think and can have a preliminary vote. If there's pressure to change the rules we can put something together before bumps.

(A Captain): I sympathise with this proposal but I don't think it should apply to the 1st division.

Conor: Currently 1st and 2nd divisions are treated the same since there are quite a few first boats in the 2nd division.

(Another Captain): I think that at the level of the first divisions, it's an intense competition, and it'd be quite unfair to make such a rule-change. Fresher legs would be an advantage.

(Another Captain): I don't think it would be an advantage - the sub won't have trained with the boat the rest of term.

Conor: Just to gauge everyone's opinions - who would be in favour of making this rule-change, allowing 1st and 2nd division subs for varsity games?

(A majority voted in favour of the change)

Matthew: In that case, we'll get a rule-change drafted soon.

(A Captain): On this topic, we've had issues where people would like to sub out for family events in the 1st/2nd divisions. Are we going to allow those sorts of circumstances as well?

Conor: I think that'd be against the spirit of it - the point is a single boat competes the whole week and it should be the same people every night.

(A Captain): Surely the varsity athletes can just row in a lower boat? Just bring some of your lower boat people up instead.

Jesus: But part of what raises the standards of college rowing is high level athletes from other sports getting to the first boats - we don't want to exclude that. Our Water Polo athlete is a W1 level rower, she's not going to row in a W3 boat.

Matthew: I think there's a valid question of where the line would be drawn, which we'd have to agree on. At the moment the line is compulsory academic stuff and that's it.

Conor: Everyone should go talk to their committees and come back afterwards - we might do an anonymous vote online. Feel free to use the captains list to discuss! I'll draft a couple rule changes with varying degrees of "strictness". It's worth noting that most of the sub requests we get are for holidays/weddings, that kind of thing (obviously funerals are considered extenuating circumstances and that would always be allowed). We've only actually had one case where we had to say no to a Varsity sub.

Small Boats Regatta! 20-22 April. Deadline during Easter Holidays!

Matthew: There's going to be a category for novice singles, i.e. people who have never raced in a scull before - it'll be 500m side-by-side on the reach. Otherwise, it's as usual: singles/doubles/pairs will row across the full 2km course, in the Uni IVs chase format.

The deadline will be during Easter holidays so if you have keen scullers they need to be thinking about it now!

Other Business:

Conor: Please give way to upstream crews and be civil on the River!