

CUCBC Captains' Meeting Easter Term 2022 – Minutes

19:00, Sunday, 24th April

Location: Teams

Present: L. Zhu (LZ) (chair), C. Darsley (secretary; Lucy Cavendish Men's Captain), Murray Edwards Captain, A. Dalton, A. McHugh, A. Feest, B. Taylor, C. Hendy, C. Hughes, C. de Greef Limia, C. Smith, D. Unson, Darwin Women's Captain, D. Bridge, E. Sokolowski, F. McNally, F. Treherne Pollock, H. Mutton, H. Walters, H. Mayne, Hughes Hall Captain, I. Nicholl, J. Pemberton, J. Nash, K. Hempson, K. Heal, L. Blenkarn, L.S. Dell'Anno, Lucy Cavendish Women's Captain, L. Bonnor-Moris, L. Barratt (First and Third), M. Smolkova, M. Foxell, O. Wilson, R. Howe, Robinson Men's Captain, S. Clarke, T. Harris, T. Fitzpatrick, T. Marsh, T. Proudfoot, U. Kumar, Wolfson Captain.

1. Apologies: various committee members sent their apologies.
2. Feedback from Lent Bumps
 - a. [A. Feest] Need more marshals at P&E to help organise marshalling pre-races
 - b. [F. Treherne Pollock] In headship position, their coach crashed into people twice – recommend sending out a front-rider to ensure path is clear. LZ noted that Mays will have more people on the bank and that CUCBC cannot control towpaths. Bank parties should remain aware of their surroundings at all times.
3. Committee positions: new Hon Sec and Events Secretaries (to help run Uni IVs/ SBR/ Bumps)
 - a. Catrin Darsley accepted as Hon Sec for 2022-23
 - b. SBR 2022 was cancelled due to lack of organisers. Luke Barratt will start in the role after May Bumps 2022.
4. Easter Term reminders
 1. Early morning noise: none before 07:30 above the railway bridge. There are no early morning marshals in Easter Term but CUCBC are sure to be notified of issues by riverboat users or Cam Conservators (who have the power to limit our river access). **All captains please remind your crews and coaches of this rule.**
 2. Evening rowing rules: from week 1, we will have Men's and Women's Hours in the evening (see <http://www.cucbc.org/evenings>). First boat hours start Thursday 28th April, in line with previous guidance on the CUCBC website (**LZ to update website**). In future this will be in place from the start of Full Term.
 3. Wildlife advice: swans with cygnets can get aggressive and territorial. CUCBC try to keep an updated list of where cygnets are on the homepage, under Wildlife Guidance (<http://www.cucbc.org/wildlife-guidance>); please keep aware. **Ensure all coaches and coxes are aware not to continue a piece if there is a risk of hitting a swan, cygnet, or other wildlife.**
5. Declaration of eligibility exceptions: <http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general> **Non-student status information to be submitted within 2 weeks from Thursday 28th April** (declaration deadline for non-students or students with dual-College membership is Thursday 12th May).

6. May Bumps

- a. Dates & divisions – division times and dates are correct on the CUCBC website, with the Getting on Race to be held 10th June. M5/W5 may change depending on the number of entries received. W1 will be the final division to race.
- b. 12 outing rule is in place
- c. Course – no shorter course for lowest divisions in Mays
- d. Entry deadline & fees – to follow
- e. Programmes – aiming to do this for Mays (email mid-term asking for crew compositions); physical booklet available to buy at Race Control
- f. Pre-Mays briefings for Umpires, Coxes and Captains - meeting date proposal (Sunday 5th of June). Captains and Umpires briefings will be virtual or, if held in person, will have time allowed for travel between them (or be held in the same venue). Coxes need to be signed in and have their attendance registered so this meeting may need to be in person.

Question from St Catherine's – W1 rower planning to race at Henley Women's – does this count as justifiable reason for a sub?

LZ response to all captains (24/4):

The rules for subs in bumps are outlined by the rules, screenshotted below:

25. Substitutes 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:
- a. to crews in the first or second division in the case of compulsory and immovable academic commitments;
 - b. to crews in the third division in the case of academic commitments, or other sporting commitments;
 - c. to crews in lower divisions for those reasons or any other reason,
 - d. provided permission for any eligible substitute is sought at least 24 hours before racing.
 - e. For the purposes of substitution eligibility, a crew's division shall be the division it starts the races in. In the case of a crew competing in the Getting-On Race, Rule 25.c. shall apply.

This is final, so any individuals in the first/second division will not be allowed a sub for immovable sporting commitments. You should plan your crew compositions accordingly, if you are aware one of your rowers is going to Henley.

7. CUCBC bills – apologies for delay last term; these should be sent out before May Bumps but if not this will not affect racing.
8. Proposal outline: trial of spinning zone near Queens/Maggie for MT 2022

Rationale behind proposal:

During the previous LT captain's meeting, captains fed back concerns regarding traffic on the river which disadvantaged those clubs with boat houses further upstream on the Cam. The concern of restricted spinning zones and restrictions placed upon novice crews led to discussion and general agreement towards trialling a new spinning zone for the next academic year.

Proposed rule: Spinning: <http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/rules/spinning>

28. As a trial, for Michaelmas term 2022 only, novice boats travelling downstream only may spin between Caius and LMBC boathouses. This is to be reassessed at the next available captain's meeting following the trial.

Discussion by Captains:

- Suggestion: move this closer to Christ's, under the road bridge – as wider space. Concern for houseboats.
- Christ's Captain: noted this will be “a logistical nightmare” and disadvantage their rowers.
- LZ clarification: downstream is direction of the river's travel; 'downstream only' is crews who have spun at Jesus Lock having the ability to spin at the new point (i.e. not crews going from the direction of Combined Boathouse towards Jesus Lock).
- [Luke, FaT] concern – congestion at the new spin zone could add to length of outing for clubs in the centre stretch of clubs, making either direction not possible for novice outings.
- [Anna] – requested priority to boats pushing off over those spinning.
- [Luke] – Jesus Lock and proposed spinning zone are quite close together; could end up with congestion creating gridlock.

LZ responded to a comment that the benefits weren't clear. Discussion from the last Captains' meeting was that novice crews pushing off relatively upstream have difficulty getting down to P&E and back to their boathouse in time, and also delay other river users. This proposal was to create a stretch of river for novice crews to just have space to go up and down. All captains should note that it is against CUCBC rules to spin anywhere outside of recognised spinning points, and offenders will be fined.

Results of vote: 7 no; 10 abstain; 25 yes.

A trial of the following new rule will be held in Michaelmas Term 2022. It will be reviewed and may be removed early if unsuccessful.

Please pass information on to next term's Captains.

28. As a trial, for Michaelmas term 2022 only, novice boats travelling downstream only may spin between Caius and Christs' boathouses, with priority given to boathouses between the spinning zones. This is to be reassessed at the next available captain's meeting following the trial.

9. Any other business

- a) How to check river closures: <https://www.camconservancy.org/events-diary>
- b) To register people who aren't students but are attached to a College, email to a singular Committee member or to committee@cucbc.org [apply first 2 weeks of full term, relevant for all CUCBC races in the relevant term]
- c) Clarification: first Vllls can boat in men's / women's evening hours even if not in 1st or 2nd division.
- d) Rationale request for the following CUCBC rule: 'Michaelmas and Lent terms no boat may paddle below Baitsbite Lock between 8.30am and 1.00pm or after 4.30pm on any week day.' **LZ response to all captains 24/4:**
The reason for this rule is so that disruption to local residents is reduced at periods of time when the river upstream of Baitsbite is quiet. In the evening the limitation is to ensure no-one comes back after lighting up.