**Minutes: 2022 Captains’ pre-May Bumps briefing (12 June, 2022)**

Attendees: Tom Grimble (CUCBC); Limeng Zhu (CUCBC)

*Representatives of the following clubs/squads:* Caius; St Catherine’s; Clare; Clare Hall; Churchill; Christ’s; Corpus Christie; Darwin; Downing Men; St Edmund’s; Emmanuel; First and Third; Fitz Men; Girton; Homerton; Hughes Hall Men; Jesus; King’s; LMBC; Lucy Cavendish Men; Lucy Cavendish Men; Murray Edwards; Newnham; Peterhouse; Queens’; Robinson; Selwyn; Sidney Sussex; Wolfson.

**1. May Bumps**

a) Division times

9 divisions – 4 men/ 4 women; split 5th. Division times are on the website. All division start times are 2 hours earlier on Saturday. <http://www.cucbc.org/mays/times>

The split division will be organised as follows: men racing first (chains 1-12), followed by women on bottom 6 stations (13-18). This allows for following the alternating M/W format and gives the men’s sandwich boat additional rest time before their next race. The men’s ‘go’ gun is not the four-minute gun for women; there will be a 1-minute gap from the men’s go gun and then the women will have all three separate guns fired.

b) Marshalling

Marshalling on station (M5/W5), or all other divisions marshal in reverse racing order from the Railway Bridge to P&E (sandwich boat under the Railway Bridge / head of division at P&E). M4 divisions upwards are expected to be parked on the bank to marshal at least 50 minutes before the start of their division.

c) Finishes

Top finish is post towards Chesterton Footbridge. Bottom finish is stern finish on Morley’s Holt (near division of footpath downstream of P&E; there will be a flag and umpire to mark the finish position). Both are stern finishes: ensure your coxes know to cross the line completely.

d) Marshals

Thank you for all umpire volunteers. Marshals are needed to help primarily with boat pulling in and crowd management. Rota on website (<http://www.cucbc.org/mays/marshals>). We cannot run the event safely if there are not enough marshals; fines will accrue for failure to send a representative. If Colleges want to swap slots then inform CUCBC committee or arrangements in advance.

e) Bank parties

This year 4 cyclist bank party are allowed per crew (no runners allowed). Handheld filming is banned. A Go-Pro camera attached to helmet/ handlebars is allowed, but no hand-held devices. Significant fines will be levied for any failure to comply with this rule.

f) Wildlife

Please notify all coxes and bank parties to be aware of cygnets, particularly when doing standing starts near the Plough and around Station 9.

g) 12 outing rule

There are outstanding documents from several Colleges. Please ensure these are submitted immediately.

**2. AOB**

Tom G notified captains of development of a new prototype app allowing for tracking boats along the Cam: <http://bumpstracker.azurewebsites.net/>. While it may be trialled by a few boats this Mays, it will not be a viable tool for any appeals. Any captains interested can contact Tom: tom@cucbc.org.

*Meeting closed at 18:14.*