

Andrew Pilkington for Coxing Rep

I am a first year engineer running for the position of CUCBC coxing representative. I have had a years experience coxing and I am currently coxing the Sidney women's third boat which I also coxed in Lents. This term I have gained an understanding of how other college boat clubs function as I have been coxing Clare Hall W1. I also have experience coxing for my local club, Mersey RC, in the docks in Liverpool. This is a very different experience to coxing on the Cam but the skills learnt in have turned me into a safer cox.



One of the roles of the coxing representative is giving a talk to novices at the start of Michelmas term. It was less than a year ago that I was a novice, so I remember it very well and since then I have been mentoring a novice cox. Therefore I feel confident in my abilities to be able to deliver a talk that will engage with coxes who are complete novices and to turn them into safe coxes.

I have witnessed many cases of dangerous coxing on the cam, with a lot of these incidents occurring on crossing points. I will make it a priority that all coxes are fully aware of the rules regarding crossing points and will try and help them out by making sure that the crossing signs are always visible and not obscured by trees! I would also liaise with other organisations such as the Camboaters to make sure all river craft are acting in a safe manner. This will lead to the general aim of improving the safety of coxing on the Cam.

As a cox I have good organisational skills which I can transfer to the role as coxing representative. I know how frustrating it is when marshals are disorganised and unclear; hence your third boat gets drawn against a first boat with the inevitable outcome! Therefore I will do my utmost in this role to make sure CUCBC races run as smoothly as possible.

Summery

- Engage with novice coxes to keep them safe
- Improve general safety awareness among all coxes on the cam
- Make sure races run as smoothly as possible by being clear and organised

Feel free to email me (**ajp205**) with any questions.