

CUCBC Captains' Meeting May Term 2017 – Minutes

Date: Sunday 30th April 2017

Time: 17:10 - 17:35

Location: Audit Room, King's College

Attendees: David Munday (CUCBC Chair), Mark Jacobs (CUCBC Safety Officer), Charlie Prior (CUCBC Honorary Secretary), Kate Shipley (CUCBC Executive Committee), College Club Captains

1) Apologies

- ARU (Absent)
- Churchill (Absent)
- Clare Hall Men (Absent)
- Darwin (Absent)
- Fitzwilliam (Absent)
- First and Third (Absent)
- LMBC (Absent)
- Queens' (Absent)
- Selwyn (Absent)
- St. Catharine's (Absent)
- St. Edmund's Women (Absent)
- Trinity Hall (Absent)

2) Minutes of the previous Captains' Meeting were approved

3) Early Morning Traffic Restrictions

- Lent term restrictions no longer apply, so no 15 minute rule etc.
- All crews may boat at Lighting Down, or 11am on weekends

4) Evening Hours

- See CUCBC website for the timetable of who has early and late hour
- Early 17:30-18:30, changeover 18:30-19:00, late 19:00-20:00
- Only first eights and eights from the first two divisions of the May Bumps. IVs and small boats not allowed, unless they go over the lock (they may go through during the changeover period). A reminder that only crews from 1st boats or the first two divisions of May Bumps may row over Baitsbite lock

5) Declaration of Eligibility Exceptions

- All exceptional rowers / dual college members etc. must be declared by tomorrow morning (Monday 1st May)
- Anyone who is not a student / fellow must have their status as an employee of the college confirmed with a letter from College Authorities

6) May Bumps

- May Bumps will run from Wednesday 14th June 2017 to Saturday 17th June 2017
- The Getting on Race will be on Friday 9th June

- The course for all divisions will be the full course finishing at the concrete post downstream of the Chesterton footbridge for all divisions
- Entry Deadline -Friday 12th May 23:45
- Remember to enter both on CUCBC and fill in the Bumps Programme form

7) Weekend Rowing During Events

- The river is not actually “closed” during river closures, they have a ‘control of navigation’
- Crews wishing to row through a race must obtain permission from the club organising the event, and do so at the times they agree to, but still within the CUCBC hours (so not before 11am)
- Please remember to be polite to marshals and follow their instructions
- MJ: If clubs running the events are particularly difficult, involve CUCBC

8) Senior Committee Proposed Rule Changes

DM: Apologies for the late notifications of these proposed rule changes

- a) Proposal 1 - To clarify rules for coxing town clubs during term time (Rule 9 of the Restrictions on Use of the River)

Kate explained rule change, and read out current and proposed wording

DM: Any comments?

EBC: Is this just formalising what CUCBC currently enforce?

KS: Yes

Vote passed unanimously

Rule 9 of the Restrictions on Use of the River, amended from:

“9. In any given term, College rowers may train with a Town club provided that training on the water is done during college hours (for example, whether that be weekend hours, evening hours, flag, etc.), or render themselves ineligible for CUCBC competitions.”

To:

“9. In any given term, College rowers may train with a Town club provided that training on the water is done during college hours (for example, whether that be weekend hours, evening hours, flag, etc.), or render themselves ineligible for CUCBC competitions. College coxswains may cox for Town clubs at any time without rendering themselves ineligible for CUCBC competitions.”

- b) Proposal 2 - To ensure proper safety briefing of coxswains before Bumps (Rule 24 of Eligibility and Conditions of Races)

Mark explained the rule change and the reasons the CUCBC committee want to change the current rule

MJ: From a safety point, rowers are not able to properly brief a cox for bumps, but other coxes are much better placed to do this.

DM: Comments?

JCBC: If a cox can’t attend, does the cox that gets sent in their places have to not be racing in another boat, or can they be briefed by one of the coxes that has been able to attend?

MJ: They can be briefed by one of the coxes that has been able to attend. Do NOT want only 32 coxes (one from each college) to turn up to the coxes briefing before bumps though, that would not be acceptable

EBC: Does every cox that cannot attend the briefing have to email the committee?

MJ: Yes. For senior coxes this is just a notification to CUCBC that they are unable to attend, and one of the coxes attending has agreed to brief them. For novice coxes, they must email CUCBC requesting permission to miss the briefing.

DM: Any further comments? - No

Move to a Vote

Vote passed unanimously

Rule 24 of the Eligibility and Conditions of Races has been amended from:

24. That College Boat Clubs be fined a minimum of £10 per case if any coxswain (or a representative from his/her crew) in the Lent or May Races fail to sign in at the Coxswains' meeting held by the CUCBC before these Races.

To:

24. a) That crews be removed from the start order if their coxswain (or a competent representative from his/her club) in the Lent or May Races fail to sign in at the Coxswains' meeting held by the CUCBC before these Races.

b) For coxes who have previously coxed the Lent or May Races, a competent representative shall be defined as a senior cox from his/her club who undertakes to brief the coxwain on safe racing during bumps.

c) For coxes who have not previously coxed the Lent or May Races, a competent representative shall be defined as a senior cox from his/her club who undertakes to brief the coxwain on safe racing during bumps, and where prior permission has been granted by the CUCBC Safety Officer.

9) Applications for CUCBC Committee Positions

- Notification that applications have opened to for CUCBC committee positions next year. There are multiple positions available, and you do not have to be a student.
- Honorary Secretary must be a current student though
- Anyone from the college clubs can apply, doesn't have to be captains, so do pass this around your college clubs
- Anybody interested in joining the committee/finding out more should contact David (chair@cucbc.org) or the committee (committee@cucbc.org)

Comments from the current Committee on this:

CP: CUCBC does a lot of admin and preparation behind the scenes which college rowers don't necessarily see, but without them Bumps, Uni IVs, SBR wouldn't happen. At the moment it is mostly made up of people that are not students (Conor, Kate, Robert, all the Senior Committee), and if they decided they didn't want to continue giving up their spare time to do this, CUCBC would be very difficult to run. Need more student involvement/interest in helping put on the events that CUCBC does.

KS: It doesn't have to be a big job, you can give as much/little time as you want to it. Bear in mind though that the more people that volunteer, the easier/less work it is for everyone on the committee.

DM: Just because you register an interest doesn't mean you've committed to it. If upon finding out more you decide that it isn't for you, that's ok.

10) AOB

- Swans & Ducklings

MJ: Haven't seen many around yet, but it is getting to the time of year where ducklings and cygnets are around on the river again. Just be aware of where they are on the river and don't mow them down.

- Town Clubs & Training

MJ: Colleges mainly train in Vllls and Town clubs send out a lot of 1x, 2x & pairs which are much more vulnerable. Been a couple of reports from town clubs of crashes between college Vllls & town small boats over the holidays. Be careful and vigilant and make sure your Vllls coxes and coaches are aware of the smaller boats around. Just because you are doing a piece doesn't mean that you can pough down the smaller boats or run them into the bank

- Next meeting: Sunday 11th June, 5pm