



CUCBC Captains Meeting - 6th May 2026

1. Attendance and Apologies

- Apologies received: Emma (O&W)

2. Election to CUCBC Executive Committee

- Andrew Farquharson has been nominated for Honorary Secretary – for vote
- Zara Bek has been nominated for Event Secretary – co-opted

Zara is to be co-opted. She was last year's Hon Sec and won a boat race.
Andrew is up for vote for Hon Sec. He is the only nominee.

3. Feedback from Lent Bumps

- Comments on quality of coxing during Lents
- Cox training pre-bumps
 - Standard of coxing is better this year compared to Lents 2025.
 - Start preparing your coxes for Mays, if you need advice please get in contact.
 - You can't cox Bumps on half an outings practice.

4. Easter Term Reminders:

- Early morning noise – rules still apply, no coaching from the bank before 7:30 above the railway bridge.
 - Council is monitoring noise between Green Dragon and Railway Bridge.
 - The council are taking this seriously. No non-essential noise before 7:30am.
 - Captains make sure all boats are aware of this.
 - Council have previously threatened to ban rowing pre-8am.
- Evening rowing rules – dates updated on the website.
 - Fours may not be out in these hours unless they are below baitsbite.
- Wildlife advice – be careful around cygnets
 - <https://www.cucbc.org/wildlife-guidance>
- British Rowing Wildlife advice
 - <https://www.britishrowing.org/knowledge/club-support/swans-and-rowing/>
 - Please be considerate. We don't have right of way over wildlife.

5. May Bumps – Entries Open!

- Dates
 - Getting-on Race: 12th June
 - Running at least one late division for those with exams.
 - May Bumps: 17th – 20th June
- Entries open.
- Close of entries 3rd June 2026

- Eligibility rules reminder
 - (<http://www.cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general>)
 - Similar to Lents but slightly laxer on number of exceptionals.
- Submission of non-student status information
- Declaration deadline for non-students
 - Exceptional status members (Fellows/staff/other elected or appointed members of a college) need to be declared in the first two weeks of term by emailing the committee. (committee@cucbc.org)
 - Approval does not carry over from Lent term and all such members must be re-approved.
 - This also needs to be declared on the Bumps entry form for the crew in question.
 - See regulations for racing general rule 1.b. (<https://cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general>)
- Declarations of students with dual college membership
 - Members who have affiliation with two different colleges must pick one club to race for in any term and declare this to the committee. (committee@cucbc.org)
 - You only need to tell us if the person in question is not rowing for the college they are currently at.
 - This also needs to be declared on the Bumps entry form for the crew in question.
 - See regulations for racing general rule 4.c.i (<https://cucbc.org/handbook/racing/general>)
- Please check allowable reasons for requesting subs and remind all rowers (and have this in mind when setting race crews for May Bumps)
- If you're going to need a sub, get approval as soon as you know – easier now than the night before!
 - Subs form here: <https://forms.gle/YaYML9P61fTrSEGn8>
 - Form will close 24 hours before racing starts. Get your requests in early.
- Foul language, particularly abusive language, will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
 - This must stop. University has been in touch to indicate their displeasure.
 - We will apply sanctions for this.
- Public indecency/urination/the field near the lock. Stop it.
 - Complaint about rowers defecating in the field near the lock. This cannot happen.
 - We have toilets at marshalling.
- Marshals and umpires - requirements
 - The more umpires you supply the lower your marshal quota.
 - Rowers must have competed in two sets of Bumps prior to umpiring.
- Pre-Mays Captains' briefing: date TBC
- Briefings: dates TBC, around GoR (Likely 13th or 14th June)
 - If you have a venue please let us know.
 - Isabel will reduce your marshal allocation by one if you can help us.

6. Reminders, for all captains and coaches:

- Ensure lights are white, continuous, visible (new term, new batteries!), and attached to both the bow and stern of the boat (not people or riggers)
- Lights should be on no matter the time if the flag is yellow due to fog. This makes it even more important that they be bright enough!
- Early morning noise reminders.

7. AOB

Darwin - Fines from Lent Bumps, we haven't heard back from appeals. Isabel will poke our ST.
 Pembroke - We also haven't heard back from any appeals since the first week of Michaelmas.

Zara - Dan has published some appeals on our internal website. Perhaps emails not sent out.
Pembroke's two Michaelmas appeals have been granted.

Isabel 1 - We received irate email from houseboater. You must not do firm pressure on the boathouses side of Green Dragon.

Isabel 2 - One of you received a rude email saying you are not allowed to row below Baitsbite. This is rubbish, you ARE allowed to row below Baitsbite.

If you cross the bridge after Baitsbite beyond that the path is a footpath not a cycle route. (It is very uneven anyway.)

You can either engage yourselves or refer him to us if you get contacted similarly.

Jesus - Near sailing club, houseboats have complained about firm pressure near them. Obey the reduce wash signs.

NOTE - https://cucbc.org/handbook/rules/below_baitsbite see point 31. There is a rule against this.

Zara - Novices cannot push off before 7:30am.

Isabel - This year has not been the best. Thank you to those handing over soon and good luck for May Bumps.

Vote closed. Andrew is elected Hon Sec. 38 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstain.

LMBC - Question on what is happening with the motorway bridge for Bumps.

Isabel - Highway authority are doing work on the bridge. They have not yet committed to dates for Mays. There are three possible scenarios:

1. They do nothing.
 2. They have scaffolding on the far bank. Just don't hit it.
 3. They have scaffolding on towpath side. If this happens cyclists will have to route around. We will reduce maximum bank party size as a result. Station 7 will move to the other side of the river.
- We are engaging with them, we don't know what will happen. Hopefully they will take option one.

Meeting ends 6:31pm.