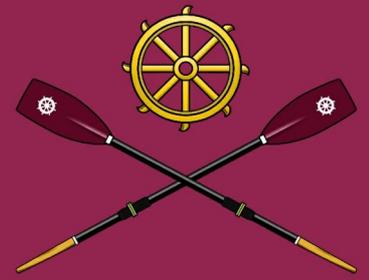


LENT 2015



ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

SCCBC vs Oxford

Catz will see 3 of its members taking on Oxford in the boat races at Henley this year. Both the Men's Lightweights and the Women's Lightweights will be steered by Catz coxes this year - Alistair Nelson (2011) and Priya Crosby (2010) respectively. Sarah Lucas (2011) will be joining Priya in the Women's Lightweight boat, rowing in the bow seat. The action takes place on Easter Sunday. We wish the best of luck to both of the crews, and look forward to their return to SCCBC for the Mays!

Disappointing Results in the Lents - But Successes Elsewhere

It would be difficult to sell SCCBC's Lent Bumps results to you positively - so I won't try. Both M1 and W1 were bumped every day to be awarded spoons, whilst M2 ended the week down 3. W2 earned SCCBC's solitary bump from this campaign but were bumped twice to end the week down 1.

I hope you will believe me when I say that the lack of success was not due to a lack of trying or training. M1 and W1 found themselves in their highest positions for 10 and 17 years respectively, with a similar story for M2. The standard at these giddy heights combined with slightly less experienced squads than in previous years made competition a challenge, although to be bumped every day was a humiliation we didn't deserve. Needless to say we

are resolved to turn this around in the Mays and although the number of returners is small we are already training hard to try to regain some pride.

For the lower boats, an extra challenge was presented this year by a CUCBC initiative to cut a division from the Lent Bumps, reducing the number of spaces for crews. This was felt particularly sharply by M3 who failed to qualify by just 4 seconds. Whilst W2 did qualify, all on-the-river crews were of a high standard not usually expected in the lowest division, which limited their successes.

Anyway, we managed to keep in good spirits for the Lent Bumps Dinner - I hope when reading this newsletter you will agree that we still have things worth celebrating in the club!

Chris Quarton

SCCBC Alumni Officer 2014-15,

Captain of Boats 2013-14



W2 celebrate SCCBC's solitary bump of the campaign



M1 train in the snow in early Lent term

After our trip to Seville in January, SCCBC has developed something of a taste for travel (albeit to some less ambitious locations!). This term saw M1 and W1 both travel to Peterborough for the Head of the Nene, and to the tideway for their respective Head of the River Races.

At Peterborough both crews were slightly daunted by the length of straight, featureless rowing but put down decent times, both finishing mid-table in their categories.

At WeHoRR, W1 found themselves battling a stiff headwind. Nonetheless they put down a solid time and finished midtable in the Novice category.

Two weeks later it was M1's turn at HoRR. After cancellation for the last two years the weather forecast didn't look promising, but fortunately the event went ahead with little incident. Whilst it is difficult to compare times given the slowing tide and their lateness in the division M1 were happy with their result, beating all but one of the Cambridge colleges in their area of the start order and finishing 18th in the Novice category.

Finally, plans are afoot for a trip to Henley this year for M1. It is early days, but it is hoped that a crew will be entered either into the Temple or Prince Albert Challenge Cups.



W1 at WEHoRR

SCCBC Alumni Reunion BBQ & Upcoming Events

We were very pleased to welcome back some old members in March for a reunion BBQ. Current students and Alumni were able to mingle, and enjoy some variably cooked burgers, and there was even one trip out onto the river.

The SCCBC Alumni reunion day and dinner will return in its full glory next year, on March 12th: a full invitation will follow later but do get in touch if you have any questions.

Finally, as always you are warmly invited to the St Catharine's marquee on the final day of the May Bumps. Full details can be found on the college website, where booking is also now open. We'll do our best to provide some entertainment for you!



M2 escape around Grassy during bumps



M3 battle hard in the Getting-on-Race

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