



SCCBC SUMMER 2015

Disappointing Bumps results - but plenty of cause for optimism

The May Bumps were undeniably a disappointing end to the year for the club. Dwelling on the results would be to miss the point, however, and ignore the huge amount of progress made by the club over the whole year. Successes include: the huge number of novice rowers joining the club, our first overseas training camp in Seville, and our participation in many many races off the Cam (e.g. both VIII's HoRRs, Peterborough Head and Henley Royal Regatta). New recruits with one or two sets of Bumps under their belts and the improving awareness of the quality of rowing outside Cambridge (and how to achieve it) will surely yield a more successful (in terms of results) year for the incoming captains. To the end of improving results the men's side of the boat club has just taken on a new coach, David Oldham, who will be working alongside new captain Will Norman. David has fourteen years of coaching experience at Star Club and three years in charge of the Women's Development Squad at Cantabs. We are looking forward to getting started with him in the autumn.

SCCBC victorious in the Henley boat races

Three members of SCCBC competed against Oxford in the Henley Boat Races. Sarah Lucas rowed in the bow seat of the victorious Cambridge University Women's Lightweight crew, with veteran Priya Crosby coxing. Alistair Nelson coxed the Cambridge University Lightweight men's crew to the narrowest of victories - winning by just 4 feet.

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Women's 1st VIII (W1)

The term has been a tough one for the women's squad. A relatively inexperienced crew was eventually brought together by hook and by crook. Undergraduate exams then took a heavy toll on training with many outings being reduced to IVs work. Nevertheless the crew soon learnt how to move the boat together.

Day one of Bumps showed just how much progress we had made - Churchill predicted they would catch us within 3 minutes but it in fact took them more than 5... Day two saw a resilient row over in front of Selwyn who achieved overlap on us several times. The week ended less well as the last two days saw us being bumped before First Post corner by Jesus II and King's I.

BETH CULLIMORE-PIKE WOMEN'S CAPTAIN



M3 row home after bumping St Edmund's - read about their eventful Bumps week overleaf

Women's 2nd VIII (W2)

W2 anticipated a turbulent campaign right from the start and were proved right, losing almost three weeks from the training plan due to exams in a win for the college's academic aspirations. Soon, hopes of rowing the length of the course were abandoned in favour of an all-out sprint off the start!

This worked to a degree as W2 held their own and gained on the blading crews around them early in their races. On day one a little complacency allowed Jesus W3 to close, and heart-stoppingly make contact just *after* the finish line. For the rest of the week, every day was similar, with W2 making small gains through the first minute, but ultimately being bumped by a faster crew.

This term has been challenging, however, the attitude from the crew in the face of adversity has been incredible - they should be very proud of the determination and spirit they showed every single day.

CHRIS EDDY COACH

Men's 2nd VIII (M2)

The 2nd VIII were undoubtedly located in a precarious position in the Bumps lineup. However, all the training in the world might not have prevented the eventual result of down 4 as the crew were hit with an absenteeism crisis of unprecedented proportions in the Bumps week. Turning out a crew everyday was, in the end, an admirable achievement in itself. Hopefully we will see fewer viruses, injuries and family emergencies in the Bumps next year!

Eddy's crew behind us rowed past. On day 2 we rowed slightly further before bumping Eddy's back. Day 3 brought a technical row-over as Corpus proved incapable of clearing the river. Day 4 was a day of high drama, and probably a fitting way to end the week. We had overlap on the Clare crew ahead of us but then took an alarmingly wide line around Grassy which meant that we nearly decapitated half of Darwin M2, and somewhere in the chaos Glenn ended up in the Cam and Wolfson rowed past us to earn the easiest blades ever.

We ended up down one, but the term has been great fun and we were definitely one of the most exciting boats on the river during Bumps. Thanks to Chris Eddy for coaching us, and sorry we couldn't transform our raw pace into blades. **IAN DOUGHTY CAPTAIN of 3rd VIII**

Men's 1st VIII (M1)

Easter started with a bang for M1, as we set our sights on the Head of the River Race on the Thames. A new experience for most of the crew, it was awe-inspiring to see 350 crews taking to the water and it was a really memorable day for all involved. The race saw us place 20th out of the novice crews, with a very exciting overtake of a London crew.

As the days grew longer and warmer the men of SCCBC took to the water for the final term of the year. We hit the training hard with a determination to improve ourselves individually and as a crew. As such it was very sad when Bumps came around and the final result left much to be desired. That said, with one exception each day we put in a better performance and held out against crews who were expecting to steam-roller us and we forced them to work their Bumps. Overall, I am extremely pleased with the dedication and effort put in by all of the guys this year and have high hopes for them in the year ahead.

ROB TRIVASSE MEN'S CAPTAIN

Men's 3rd VIII (M3)

M3 went into Bumps optimistic, despite the fact that exams and projects had disrupted the training plan quite a lot. We had a race plan that we executed with varying levels of success.

On day 1 we flew off the start, but sadly in the wrong direction and ended up ploughing into the opposite bank after about 100m and the