



ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

December 2017

May Bumps 2017 – Blades for W3!

In the May Bumps we had three women's boats competing for the first time in several years. Having won their division in Champs Head, W3 started at the foot of the river for bumps and quickly realised the only way they could go was up! With the crew ahead bumping out early on the first day, Catz continued to race and over-bumped Emmanuel W4 outside the Plough. They then proceeded to bump Clare W4, Sidney W2 and Magdalene W2 to end the week up six places. Their achievement is all the more remarkable given that 7 out of the 8 crew (and cox) had only learnt to row at Catz in Michaelmas 2016!



M2 and W2 – Up Three Places

M2 trained hard and ground out 3 long bumps, bumping at Ditton, the Railway Bridge, and the P&E. Unfortunately, despite having overlap on Queens' M2 at the P&E on the final day, they were unable to complete the bump before top finish and finished second in the third division. W2 also trained hard and were rewarded by going up three places: they missed out on their fourth bump during an agonising re-row on the second day, where they were chasing a slower crew at the back of a three-boat sandwich.

Unfortunately M1 was stricken with injuries during bumps and their performance did not reflect their level of effort and ability. W1 rowed over as sandwich boat before being bumped by a crew containing a few triallists and an Olympian. M4 and the Kittens combined to have an enjoyable term.





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Michaelmas Term – Novice Races

Emma Sprints

NW1 and NW2 were entered into Emma Sprints. Unfortunately both crews suffered problems with equipment, but NW2 managed to beat Downing despite rowing most of the course with only 7 rowers. NM2 were entered into the NM1 division due to an administrative error, but they still won two races against other colleges' first boats!

Clare Novice Regatta

NM1 also entered into CNR: they won three races before losing to Caius by one length in the final.

The Fairbairn Cup

The highlight of the term was obviously Fairbairns, where Catz entered 4 novice boats. All the crews performed very well, although a special mention must go to NM1 who finished as the third fastest Novice Men's crew on the river. NW1 came 11th out of the Women's crews, and NM2 was placed 9th in the NM2 division. NW2 competed for time only due to substitutions, but their time would have placed them as the third fastest NW2.



Full results and race reports from bumps are on the SCCBC website.

	Day 1 (Wed)	Day 2 (Thu)	Day 3 (Fri)	Day 4 (Sat)
M1	Bumped by Robinson	Bumped by Christs	Bumped by LMBC II	Bumped by Girton
W1	Rowed-over (twice)	Rowed-over (twice)	Bumped by Homerton	Rowed-over
M2	Bumped Emmanuel II	Bumped Peterhouse II	Bumped Christs II	Rowed-over
W2	Bumped Selwyn II	Rowed-over	Bumped Jesus III	Bumped Emmanuel III
M3	Rowed-over	Bumped Wolfson II	Bumped Clare Hall	Overbumped by Wolfson II
W3	Overbump on Emmanuel IV	Bumped Clare IV	Bumped Sidney II	Bumped Magdalene II
M4	Bumped by Corpus III	Bumped by Clare V	Rowed-over	Bumped by Peterhouse III

Michaelmas Term - Senior Crews

This term we have had two senior Men's and two senior Women's eights training and competing.

M1 welcomed two new rowers who joined the college this year. Together with a group continuing from last Mays, their first success came when they raced off the Cam at Huntingdon Head (image below), winning the Open Vllls category. They also competed at Cambridge Winter Head, finishing as the 5th fastest college crew. At the Fairbairn Cup they finished as the 4th fastest Cambridge College. W1 finished 3rd at Winter Head, and were the 6th fastest Cambridge College in Fairbairns. They also raced in the IV+, finishing 6th.

M2 had a fluid crew for the term, and finished 7th in Fairbairns. W2 won their category at Winter Head by over 20 seconds, beating many first boats in the process. During Fairbairns they were impeded by the crew ahead, who had inexplicably stopped on the apex of Ditton, forcing Catz to go wide. They finished in an agonising 2nd, only 3 seconds behind the winners.

All in all, many positive results which both sides of the club can look to build on next term!



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