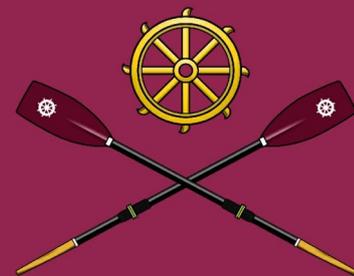


WINTER 2014/15



ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

Novice Men

This year SCCBC fielded three novice men's crews, training as Cheetahs, Pumas and Lynx. Whilst Lynx were victims of overwork and were unable to find time to compete, they laid down a solid framework for next term.

Both Cheetahs and Pumas went into Winter Head confident, off the back of recent successes in 'learning to feather' and 'rowing all eight'. It turned out this confidence was justified, as Pumas came 7th of the college novices, and Cheetahs came joint 2nd.

For Fairbairns, the Pumas found themselves behind a slow Eddie's crew, and were able to use that to their advantage in hunting them down over the course. They finished 22nd, 4th of all novice second boats, beating first boat heavyweights such as Clare, Pembroke and Hughes Hall.

Not to be outdone, the Cheetahs climbed to the dizzying heights of 3rd in the table, second only to

FaT and LMBC.



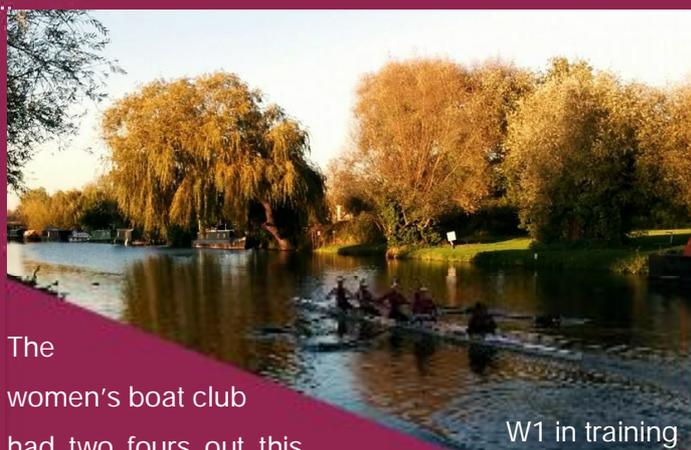
Pumas celebrating post-Fairbairns

Senior Men

Michaelmas saw two senior men's crews representing Catz. Matt Temple (2013) used his new SCCBC sponsored coaching qualification to great effect with M2, who made huge technical improvements throughout the term and finished Fairbairns 6th out of the 2nd Vllls, also beating some 1st Vllls.

Whilst M1 had a hard time training, they were able to deliver a solid performance in Fairbairns, finishing midtable amongst the 1st Vllls. Building on Michaelmas and the successes of the training camp, the senior men are optimistic for Lent term.

Senior Women



W1 in training

The women's boat club had two fours out this Michaelmas: a competing first boat and a second boat just doing water outings.

The 1st IV competed in a number of races this term. Unfortunately our Uni IVs campaign was cut short due to a narrow loss to FaT in the first round.

Our plan for Winter Head was to get a strong row which we felt we achieved, coming 5th out of the colleges and beating some off-Cam boat clubs too. Initially it looked like we would struggle to race Fairbairns due to other commitments, but some brilliant rearrangement meant that we could race in the Vllls division, although this meant we had to time ourselves! We came 10th out of the college IVs with a solid row from everyone.



M1 at the Fairbairns Dinner

SCCBC en Sevilla!

Members of SCCBC have just returned from a training camp in sunny Seville! The group, which included the Michaelmas M1 crew, a few members of the Women's squad and M1 coach Lianne Stanford were able to take advantage of international standard facilities for 4 intensive days of training.

Seville has hosted events such as the World and European championships, and is popular with many international rowing squads. It was easy to see why for the Catz rowers, who were amazed by the space on offer over the 4km stretch of wide, near straight water. The blue skies and warm temperatures also helped!

As well as laying some good groundwork for Lent term in the VIII+, rowers were able to use a bow loaded IV+ and a IV-. Many of us also ventured out in singles for the first time, albeit in the novice-friendly wide bottomed sculls!

In amongst all this rowing, just enough time was found to explore Seville, and practice some important spanish phrases: "¡una cerveza por favor!" Being a favourite.

We believe that this is SCCBC's first overseas training camp (but please do correct us if you know otherwise!), and it was a great success. Thanks goes to Overall Captain Jon McCree-Grey for having the imagination and commitment to organise the trip.

The training camp team at the river in Seville



Novice Women

The term began with exciting tubbing sessions and, by the time we sorted crews, we had a squad of exactly 16 keen rowers and two coxes - perfect.

Our first competition was Queen's Ergs, where some awesome splits were achieved- overall we finished a respectable 8th out of 15.

Winter Head was extremely exciting for both our novice rowers and cox as it was the first time that any of the crew had rowed that far downstream. We did brilliantly and came 3rd out of all the Cambridge colleges' NW crews!

Emma sprints was next, with a dominant victory over Sidney followed by a narrow defeat at the hands of Caius.



Novice women marshalling for Emma sprints in full '101 Dalmations' fancy dress!

The last race of term, Fairbairns, showed a strong and mature row from NW1. Some of our

NW2 rowers also subbed in and helped Murray Edwards' NW4 beat their NW3 crew!

Catz in light blue

SCCBC is very pleased to have 3 of its members currently trialling for seats in the annual Cambridge vs Oxford races. Having coxed the Cambridge University Lightweight Women last year, Priya Crosby (2010) is again trialling with CUWBC this year. Joining Priya at CUWBC is former women's captain Sarah Lucas (2011), who is aiming to row in the lightweight race at Henley. Finally, Alistair Nelson (2011) is trialling as a cox for the Lightweight Men.

We wish all 3 good luck in making their seats for the races!

Alumni reunion day 7/3/15

Whilst we won't be hosting a Boat Club Alumni dinner this year, we are very pleased to invite Alumni to a relaxed reunion day at the boathouse on the 7th of March. This day will provide the opportunity for Alumni to mix with each other and with current students, and to take a trip down memory lane and onto the river with relaxed outings in Vllls. If there is sufficient demand, a BBO will also be provided.

If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP to the Alumni Secretary.

As always we are hugely grateful to Argus Fire for their support



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We are also currently investigating the possibility of corporate sponsorship. If you know of any organisations who might be interested, please let us know! Or, if you have any other enquiries at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Boat Club Alumni Secretary:
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