

Summer Vllls, Sirens, and Socials

Josiah Shields, Secretary

And so the year draws to an end. Trinity Term was the perfect closing act to what has been a fantastic year for the boat club, in which we have gone from strength to strength:

In MT we gained a brilliant cohort

of freshers, some of whom went on to win the Nephthys Novice Regatta; in HT we raised enough money for a full refurbishment of the women's second boat, as well completing our most successful Torpids campaign ever; and in TT we made up for a fairly un-

remarkable Summer Vllls performance with some excellent social events and a lovely Sirens day.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the boat club both this year and historically, we count ourselves truly lucky to have you.



Above: SHCBC past and present - group photo from this year's Sirens. Below: Yannick Limmer rows with the OUBC Dev Squad at Marlow.



SHCBC goes global

A round-up of SHCBC members' performances at external regattas.

This term, two of SHCBC's finest, Jack Davies and Yannick Limmer, ventured beyond the Isis to take part in the Peterborough and Marlow Regattas, respectively.

Navigating the 1km course at Peterborough's Thorpe Meadows in a 1x, Mr Davies wowed onlookers as he swept his way through the heats both swiftly and stylishly, clinching 4th place in the top-band finals with a time of 4:20.

Mr Limmer entered Marlow Regatta as Bow of the Oxford University Boat Club's Development Squad's 8+. He describes his experience at Marlow and with the squad thus far: "As a member of St Hilda's

College Boat Club, I joined the squad earlier this term to enhance my rowing skills and gain valuable experience.

Our training sessions were heavily focused on refining rowing technique. We dedicated time to both tank and water sessions which took place on the long river stretch in Wallingford.

Participating in such a prestigious and international regatta as Marlow was a thrilling experience. Despite the fact that our training was not specifically tailored for this event, we embraced the challenge and appreciated being part of a large-scale competition.

While we may not have achieved exceptional results at the regatta, I am content with our performance given the limited race-specific training we had. The experience has motivated us to continue our journey, with the next stop being OUBC trials in September."

So long and farewell

Wishing goodbye to those leaving us this year.

The conclusion of Trinity Term represents not just the end of the academic year, but also the end of an era as we bid goodbye to some of SHCBC's greatest icons.

Cameron Moffatt

Perhaps the most legendary figure in recent SHCBC history, Men's Head Coach Cameron 'Moff' Moffatt is leaving us to follow the classic History-graduate pipeline of becoming a rowing coach at the prestigious Kingston Grammar School.

Under his expert tuition the men's side has done exceptionally well - with the zenith undoubtedly being M1's epic Torpids '22 blades-campaign, wherein they rose six places to enter Div III for the first time in their history.

We want to thank Cameron for his huge contribution to the club over the last few years - both in coaching and in wine-fuelled stories at formals - and to congratulate him on coxing the Brookes women's crew at Henley Royal Regatta to win the Island Cup this year.



Moff (right) and the Oxford Brookes Women's A boat having just won at Henley.

Kathryn Brooks

After three years of dedicated service to the club, our 2022-23 President, Kathryn Brooks, has now graduated and is preparing to enter the mystical and terrifying realm of 'professional employment'.

Her dedication to the club is evident from the fact that, having first joined in 2020 (amidst Covid mayhem), she stuck around despite the unideal circumstances and went on to become women's captain in 2021, before becoming President in 2022.

During her tenure, SHCBC has prospered competitively, financially, and socially thanks to her careful management of, and passion for, the club. We wish her all the best for the future and in equal parts look forwards to and dread seeing her at Siren's in the coming years - as the standard she set for this year's event will be incredibly hard to top!

All other leavers

There is sadly not space to mention everyone here but thank you so much for being a part of SHCBC and good luck!

Summer VIIIs Roundup

SHCBC ended Summer VIIIs having moved a net -1 places. While it may not have been the greatest of results for the club as a whole, M1 bucked the wider trend by bumping on the first and last day - consequently reaching their highest ever position on the river at #42 overall. This was thanks to fielding an incredibly strong boat whose 2k times are, quite frankly, terrifying.

The next best result after M1 was the composite Anne's-Hilda's W2 boat which finished the week having moved +0 - really not a bad result when you consider the fact that Day 1 of racing was also Day 1 of rowing together!

W1 and M2 both unfortunately finished the week down -1 and -2 places respectively, with W1 falling into Div IV and becoming sandwich boat. A disappointing result to be sure but not disastrous, and in the context of the year as a whole it is but a small trough in an otherwise monumental climb upwards!

*See detailed results at:
bumps.live/eights/2023*

President's Valedictory

Kathryn Brooks, President 22-23

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has supported and been involved in the boat club this year. The incredible success both on and off the water wouldn't have been possible without all the hard work and support of the committee, as well as current members and alumni.

I am so proud of everyone's commitment and dedication to the club, which was highlighted by our 24hr fundraising ergathon. I would like to thank everyone who took part and donated to this, as this allowed us to exceed our

fundraising target to pay for a much-needed refurbishment of the Women's Second Eight.

This year, we had incredible success at the novice regattas in Michaelmas Term, as well as at Torpids where we moved up +14 places on the river, and W2 achieved blades! Most recently, we entered four crews into Summer VIIIs which was lots of fun for everyone involved, and we rounded off a week of racing with a swim in the river.

Being president in my final year has been a truly rewarding experience, and I would like to wish the new committee all the best of luck next year, I am sure you will do brilliantly!



Kathryn (sixth from left) with the 2022-23 committee at the Sirens drinks reception.



Triumphant Trinity

The Hearsay Hildabeast's last instalment, for now...

Another term, another year, and another Hearsay Hildabeast special to keep all you gossip-hungry rowers satisfied - did you miss me?

This Trinity SHCBC have been training hard for Summer VIIIs, not that it showed in our final leaderboard positions... Led by their fearless coach, who's been keeping SHCBC busy both on and off the water, M2 performed a complete 180° from Torpids, narrowly avoiding spoons, whereas M1 were the only crew to achieve success, securing a neat couple of bumps. This term our women's teams felt as stable as EP's capsized single, seeing W1 drop down to Division IV whilst the W2 composite boat held their position

steady. The termly coxing shortage was resolved when W1 adopted eleventh-hour novice cox HH who successfully managed to not crash, avoiding Hilda's favourite bankside tree! Alas, what we lacked in bumps we most certainly made up for in iconic outfits, with credit going to SH for his glamorous pink crop top, skirt, and wig whilst M2's topless glory won them the title of 'Magic Mike Rejects' from a hysterical passer-by.

All work and no play makes Hilda's a dull club and dull is the last thing we have been this term! Our first crewdate with St Peter's kindled many budding romances amidst the ABCs and scones galore, followed by a cheeky cross-keys at their JCR, the rooftop of which was claimed by a certain rower. Jamal's despaired when boathouse brothers Mansfield and Hilda's came in force for crewdate number two, sending us packing back to Hilda's JCR early - at least the Men's Social Sec finally made it into Atik that night! Speaking of which, the cheese floor has seen it all this term, from ceiling tile shenanigans to stolen blues rowers, I'm surprised Park End doesn't hire us for entertainment.

Now we look to the future as we welcome our new committee and hope they can keep it together longer than CS lasts at a boathouse party. Returning from his year of exile, veteran Secretary JS is taking up another term in office to make sure the club doesn't fall apart. Our new Captains have their work cut out for them if they want to secure blades next year, especially given that both Vice Captains are star contenders in the Blues development squads - no pressure chaps.

Last but not least, I must give out a fond farewell to our newly graduated President and thank her for all the work she's done this year, our new co-Presidents have a lot to live up to. I wish you all good luck - you'll need it!

That's a wrap folks! I hope you all managed to survive your exams and the celebrations that followed... Make sure to get some rest from rowing over the summer and remember that, despite what LG says, erging doesn't count as relaxing - I've heard sunbathing is much better for the 2k time anyway! Til next year my fellow rowers...

SHCBC Times exclusive: Who's who in the new committee?

St Hilda's College Boat Club spills the beans on its 2023-24 committee.

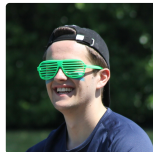
Co-Presidents



Matti and Harry are either a dynamic duo or two oddly co-dependent men. Most likely it's a bit of both.

Matti de Beer & Harry Hutchinson

Treasurer



The Usain Bolt of frugality, Chris is well-known for eating dodgy meat and drinking dodgy home-brew in his eternal quest to cut spending.

Chris Sanders

MCR Member



Thanking our lucky stars that Luke hasn't gone to Osler.

Luke Gribbin

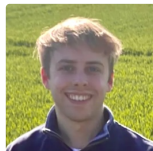
Captains



Veteran rowers and some of the only SHCBC members brave enough to scull, they're the perfect captains.

Jack Davies & Georgia Sweeney

Secretary



SHCBC's very own Rupert Murdoch, some say he used methods from the media tycoon's playbook to secure his re-election.

Josiah Shields

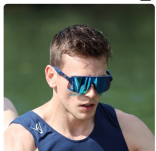
Boatman



Isobel's rowed for longer than the rest of the club combined.

Isobel Hodgson

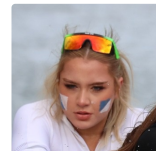
Vice-Captains



Blues trainees, vice-captains, lovers. Liv and Yannick are the whole package - and a formidable one at that.

Yannick Limmer & Olivia Ramsay

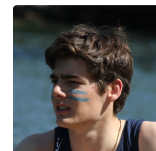
Social Secretaries



Becks and Shea certainly know how to party, just maybe a little *too* well...

Shea Heaney & Becks Morgan

Kit Officer



Of blazer fame, Horatio has proved his mettle.

Horatio Everett