

# SCBC Newsletter

Michaelmas 2018

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## Christ Church Regatta 2018

Once again, the beginning of the academic year heralded the arrival of a whole new generation of SCBC rowers! Despite it being a drizzly, cold October afternoon, dozens of Somerville students made their way to the river for our taster session, and we were pleased to see many of them returning to form our novice boats for Michaelmas Term!

From very early on, our novices showed themselves to be a very keen group by their commitment to training. Whether it was land training or outings, the novices were always keen to get involved!



*Novice and Senior men side-by-side tackling the infamous 2k Test!*

The fantastic energy shown by our novices showed promise for our crews at Christ Church Regatta, the annual competition which gives novice crews their first taste of racing, and the results speak for themselves!

*Our women's novices celebrating having made it to the final day of racing!*

**Day 1:** Our men's novices achieved an easy win over St. Peter's, while our women lost out against St. John's; however, as it was a friendly race, they were still able to row the next day!

**Day 2:** The women's novices came back from their previous defeat with roaring success, easily beating St. Antony's. The men were sadly eliminated after losing out to a very strong crew from New College.

**Day 3:** Another victory for the women's novices with an easy win over St. Hilda's, placing them in the final 16

**Day 4:** Facing a strong crew from Keble, the women bowed out of the competition having made it to the final day of racing!



## Rowvember



*60 seconds may seem like no time at all, but our rowers found out just how long a minute can feel when you're putting down some serious watts!*

This year saw the chance for SCBC to take part in an initiative from The Movember Foundation called 'Rowvember'. In order to raise awareness and money for men's health, several Oxford college boat clubs took part in the Rowvember challenge, which involved simply 60 seconds of intense rowing on the erg. Everyone who took part logged the distance they managed to cover in that time and donated to The Movember Foundation.

29 SCBC rowers took to the erg to participate in the initiative, collectively logging a total distance of 8561 metres!

## Isis Winter League 2018

Fortunately for our keen rowers, Christ Church Regatta was not the only competition being held on the river this term. Our senior women's eight achieved second place, with our mixed crew of novices and seniors coming in fifth place!



## The Michaelmas Boat Club Dinner

Of course, we at SCBC look for any occasion to don our boat club blazers and talk about nothing but rowing in a formal setting, and so we are always delighted when the Michaelmas Boat Club Dinner comes around! Our rowers made the short walk from Somerville to the Royal Oak for an evening of good food, good conversation, and some brilliant speeches from our novices and captains!

We returned to the Somerville bar afterwards but our M1 and W1 crews didn't stay up too late, as they had to be up bright and early for trailering their boats to go to Cambridge!



*One of the great benefits of a blazer in full Somerville red is that it always fits nicely with the festive spirit of the season in which the Michaelmas Dinner is held!*



*Our committee was immensely pleased with how well Michaelmas Term had gone, and how brilliant the new generation of SCBC rowers had shown themselves to be!*

# The Fairbairn Cup 2018

After immensely enjoying themselves last year, SCBC's W1 and M1 crews decide to return to the Fairbairn Cup in Cambridge this year as full eights. Grateful that there was considerably less wind than there was during Thursday's races, our crews hit the Cam on Friday and managed to navigate the twists and turns of the 4.3-kilometre course. Our M1 clocked a time of 16:17 with our women coming in at 18:28.



*Both our M1 and W1 crews had a fantastic time in Cambridge, and we hope to compete again next year!*



With most of the focus during Michaelmas being on training the novices for Christ Church, the Fairbairn Cup gave our top crews something to keep us motivated during the term, and the training they've put in for this competition will doubtless put them in a better position for Torpids and Summer Eights. Taking part in external regattas like this also allows our crews to see a bit of the country! We hope to take part in more external regattas in the coming years, taking the red and black beyond the Isis and showing the world of rowing what Somerville College Boat Club can do!

*Despite only having begun coxing at the start of Michaelmas, M1's new cox Nina managed to expertly navigate the course!*

## A message for our alumni

After a productive meeting between our committee, the Development Office of Somerville College, and our alumni group, the 1921 Association, we are excited to see what the coming years of closer engagement with our wonderful alumni bring!

If you would like to join the 1921 Association, or find out more, please email [alumni.scbc@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.scbc@gmail.com)

If you have any photographs or memories of your time with SCBC, please send them to the email address above, as we work to document the long and brilliant history of this boat club!

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