

Somerville Boat Club 2020-2021 Update

Training in the 2020-21 Season

Training was fragmented this year, with precious little water time before restrictions eased in late March. Despite the lack of time in boats, SCBC trained hard via online circuit sessions with our new coach, David Ambler. When restrictions lifted, SCBC got back on the water training novices and running mixed boats ahead of Trinity Term. In Trinity multiple boats were entered into the Isis Spring League time trials (in lieu of Isis Winter League) to prepare for Summer Torpids (aka Torpeights) and get some valuable racing experience.



SCBC women entered a four into ISL A. Despite the race being klaxoned twice, they had a great time!



Our men's crew laying down some watts, and setting a very competitive time, at ISL B!

Our excellent coaching team this year consisted of stalwart Laura Depner together with new faces David Ambler and Miles Devereux. We're thankful that Miles could step in at short notice just before bumps: David was called up to represent GB at the World Rowing Cup III, winning silver in the Men's four!

Additionally, Somerville were represented by our very own Rosie Thorogood (1st year, Chemistry) in the Oxford Lightweight Women's Blue Boat, where she sat in bow seat in the annual Boat Race against Cambridge. Whilst the results were not in Oxford's favour, we are proud of all the hard work that Rosie put in and are excited to have her rowing for us at Somerville in the coming years.



For the rest of the boat club, training for the year came down to Torpeights, the first set of bumps races run by OURCs since 2019. All three crews entered did a fantastic job putting their training and practice into action, showing their grit, and doing Somerville proud.

Torpeights!

W1 Results:

Day 1: Bumped St. John's W1
Day 2: Bumped Lady Margaret Hall W1
Day 3: Rowed Over
Day 4: Rowed Over

Though stumped by St. Anne's W1 on days three and four, W1 are looking forward to next year, with lots of upcoming talent due to the strong recruitment and training programmes run this year.



The men's side are looking forward to continuing training new recruits in the coming year to return with a vengeance in Torpids, 2022, and to put out more boats next year!

M1 Results:

Day 1: Bumped St Anne's M1
Day 2: Bumped Pembroke M2
Day 3: Rowed Over
Day 4: Rowed Over



W2 Results:

Day 1: Bumped Oriel W2

Day 2: Rowed Over

Day 3: Bumped by New College W2

Day 4: Bumped by Wolfson W3

Our W2 women were tenacious and put their all in every single day of Torpeights. We are excited to see them progress over the next year!



Oriel Regatta



SCBC entered Oriel Regatta for a fun Saturday of side-by-side racing post Torpeights, complete with fancy dress and both old and new faces.

Committee Elections

SCBC's new committee is enthusiastic and ready to start another chapter of SCBC with the centenary celebrations front and centre. Here are some faces you will get to know over the next year, as SCBC celebrates its history and prepares to, once again, Smash and Dominate!

Women's Captain:
Becky Hore



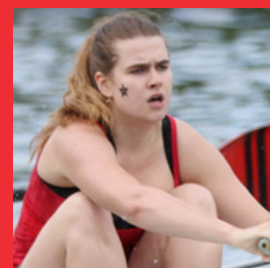
Men's Captain:
Jamie Atkinson



Men's Vice Captain:
Jake Timmins



Women's Vice Captain:
Ella Myers



Women's President & co-Alumni Officer:
Kieran Storer



Men's President & Water Safety Officer:
Sam McLoughlin



Captain of Coxes:
Natasha Oughton



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