

SOMERVILLE BOAT CLUB

2023-2024 update



"Over this year, I've been so proud to see how our community has come together with everyone supporting each other to be the best we can be."

Catherine Stephenson,
Co-President and
Former Captain



In the interests of building stronger bonds between the current boat club and SCBC alumni, we have compiled this newsletter to keep you all updated on what we have been up to this year.

Despite the weather-related challenges, we have had a busy year, competing in external regattas, erg relays and even tug-of-wars (a replacement for Torpids which was cancelled).



Project 150

As we move into a new year and towards Somerville's 150th anniversary in 2029, we are developing a multi-year strategy to re-establish SCBC as a competitive club and strengthen our bond with our wider network of alumni and college members.

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THE YEAR IN BRIEF

October 2023:

An exciting group of new freshers decide to try their hand at rowing



Winter 2023:

With the river being completely flooded, we begin to learn to scull on Hinksey Lake



April 2024:

Two of our rowers, Catherine and Rozzie, begin training with the Blues Development Squad. They go on to race with the squad at BUCS and Henley Women's Regatta



Later in May 2024:

Summer Vllls! Four days of grit and determination from our crews. And lots of fun of course...



June 2024:

SCBC Strategy Day!
Beginning our plan to revolutionise the boat club

November 2023:

The usual Novice Regatta is replaced by an Ergatta which our novices take by storm



March 2024:

Stormy weather continues...
Torpids is replaced with Tug-of-Warpids which we come third in!



May 2024:

SCBC on tour! We take two fours to Wallingford Regatta at Dorney Lake for some quality racing experience.



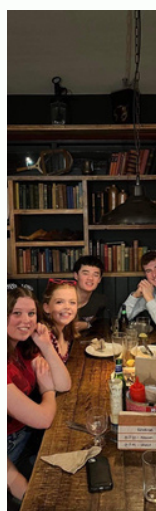
June 2024:

Oriel Regatta... A very serious racing experience (one boat dressed as minions and the other as sea creatures)





True to our reputation as the 'vibiest club on the Isis', we fought off the winter blues with plenty of social events, both within college and with other boat clubs.



"Being a part of the history of SCBC is an honour I will never take for granted."

Hector Ravenscroft
Co-President and Former Men's Captain



Looking to the Future: Project 150

Towards the end of this year, the SCBC committee was lucky enough to work with one of our very talented alumnae, former rower Debbie Rogerson. We began to craft a plan for the next five years looking forward to Somerville's 150th anniversary to push SCBC to reach its full potential.



Main Goals:

- Reinststate the boat club as a central part of college life.
- Strengthen our relationship with alumni to build a network of experience, expertise and support.
- Re-establish Somerville as a competitive boat club in bumps.

More information about plans and events will be coming shortly

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