

SOMERVILLE BOAT CLUB

Hilary 2025 update



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TORPIDS 2025

SCBC BLADES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2019

In case you hadn't heard by now... SOMERVILLE WOMEN WON BLADES! SCBC is so back.

In a heavily anticipated Torpids after last year's races were cancelled, our W1 boat bumped **every day**, including an overbump on the Friday, and climbed an astounding 5 places in Div II.

Our M1 also had great success, getting an overbump on the Thursday and climbing 2 places which puts them in prime sandwich-boat position ready to break into Div II next year.

Neither crews got bumped!

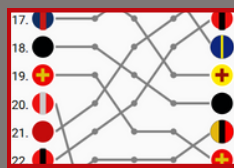
SCBC was steered to success by several Senior-status coxes across the campaign due to the river restrictions, all of whom we are so grateful for. A special mention goes to our fabulous alumna Caroline Lytton who expertly coxed both our W1 and M1 on Wednesday and Thursday.

Unfortunately the weather conditions only allowed for racing of the top 3 divisions, done in half divisions, which meant that our W2, M2 and W3 boats sadly weren't able to row- but they are well and truly raring to go in Summer 8s!

#UPTHEVILLE.



Somerville W1 Blades Winners 2025



W1 Torpids 2025 bumps chart



M1 Torpids 2025 bumps chart

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

FIVE WHOLE BOATS!

Despite a rainy Michaelmas' disappointing lack of Novice Regatta once again, our fresh(er) faces maintained their commitment all throughout Hilary term. Even when flooding meant that water-time was at a demotivating lull and endless erging ensued, this fantastic group of recruits stuck with it, and we were able to row a M2 and a W3 in 'Rowing On' the weekend before Torpids.

Both crews qualified comfortably and would have raced brilliant Torpids campaigns, we are sure, had the rain not got involved!

A W3 has not existed for many years, and an entire boat of full Somerville members in an M2 has also been a rare phenomenon in recent times- in fact, just two years ago there was no M2 at all. We are really pleased with the retention rate we have seen so far this year- Hilary term saw SCBC boast more than 50 sub-paying members! Credit for a large part of this success is due to our wonderful Social Secretary Betsy's bi-weekly endeavours which have kept morale and 'vibes' momentarily high.

We absolutely can't wait to get these 5 (maybe 6, M3 incoming?) boats out in May and see some serious bumping!

A TASTE OF WHAT'S TO COME...

Despite this newsletter being a Hilary recap, we felt that we absolutely must share our outstanding results from City Bumps on 27th April.

SCBC entered one women's and one men's boat. The women's was roughly the W2 boat that didn't get to race in Torpids (5/8 were novices), whilst the men's was ½ M1 and ½ M2 (4 novices).

A hot and sunny day of 5 races each saw the women go a sensational **+6** places and get **BLADES!** With 2 overbumps and 2 bumps this meant: they were 1 of only 2 college women's crews to get blades; they climbed the most places out of every single crew (men + women), and, they moved from 5th in Div II up to comfortably within Div I!

The men climbed a magnificent **+3** places, overbumping and bumping once each, and they too broke into Div I!

Brilliant rowing all round from SCBC, and a particularly impressive first bumping experience from the 5 novice women and 4 novice men. After racing the women attended the awards ceremony at CORC boathouse, where they received miniature blades from the CORC President.

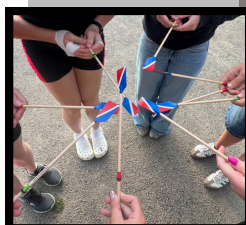
A truly fantastic day and a highly promising taste of what's to come for SCBC in Summer Vllls 2025!



Women's blades-winning City Bumps crew



Men's City Bumps crew



Miniature blades!

A HOUSE OF HORRORS?

The Easter vacation saw a contingent of SCBC travel down to Totnes for a training camp- the first since 2016!

Despite the coach's description of the group as 'a house of horrors', in reality it was a huge success. The camp was primarily organised by Men's Vice-Captain Dom, whose home club Dart Totnes RC hosted us.

A total of 15 SCBC members attended the camp, and across the 4 days they rowed approx. 75km! Also involved was: 4 wild-swimming sessions (which may have correlated to the 4 people who came down with E.Coli), at least 1 severe unisuit burn-line, and 1 group trip into a dark woods in the middle of the night...

Fun times aside, this camp was a fantastic opportunity for our rowers (old and new) to get valuable water-time on a river slightly longer than the Isis stretch. A few budding new coxes have emerged too! We plan to return to Totnes next year!

The only pictures taken seem to have been of the food...



OUBC INVOLVEMENT



Rozzie Weir (top right) with the OUBC spare 4+

We are also pleased to share that 14 of our women (the majority of whom began rowing this year) have signed up to try out the OUBC Development Squad which trains throughout Trinity. Rozzie's OUBC success started with joining the Development Squad last year, so we can't wait to see more of SCBC making the most of this opportunity.

SCBC X OUBC

Our very own Women's Captain Rozzie Weir was selected for the OUBC spare 4+ which raced on the Wednesday before The Boat Race. We can't express how proud we are of her for this fantastic achievement, especially since she only started sweep rowing in October 2023!

Having balanced captaining alongside the intensive OUBC training (and a degree somewhere in between), Rozzie says that *'it was a fantastic opportunity and a great chance to develop both my rowing and my resilience to bring back skills and experience which can contribute to SCBC.'*

SCBC WEBSITE

ONTO THE WEB

As promised, our brand new SCBC website is up and running!
<https://www.somervilleboatclub.org.uk/>

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENTS

1921 CLUB REVIVAL

Exciting times lie ahead for our alumni community! Liaising with the Presidents of the current SCBC committee, the alumni committee have been busy working on reviving the SCBC alumni group- the 1921 Club. We can't wait for the official relaunch coming very soon! The 1921 Club website is currently under construction but will be found [here](#).

Alumni Facebook group [here](#).

Alumni LinkedIn page [here](#).

BOAT CLUB DINNER

31st May 2025

We can't wait to see those of you who have signed up to Boat Club Dinner!

ALUMNI ROWING SESSION

1st June 2025

If you want to make a full weekend of it, sign up for the alumni rowing session [here](#).

Looking Ahead to Trinity Term

April



Oxford City Bumps
27th April
(see page 2)



May



Summer Vllls
28th-31st May

Boat Club Dinner
31st May



June



Alumni Rowing Session
1st June

Oriel Regatta
14th June



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