

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

Pre-Michaelmas 2025 update



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SUMMER VIIIs 2025

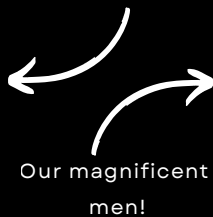
HISTORY= MADE: 3 SETS OF BLADES FOR SOMERVILLE WOMEN!

Summer VIIIs 2025 will remain in our minds forevermore. An unprecedented, never-been-done-before result of all three of our women's crews getting blades was the perfect culmination to a year of dedication. Not only did W1 repeat their Torpids success, W2 and W3 got their long-awaited and deserved rewards too. The atmosphere on Saturday at Univ Boathouse was like no other, as each women's crew came back with the outcome we had all dreamt about. W3, having started off in footship position (due to the fact we hadn't been able to enter a W3 in years), climbed their +4 places with ease, and rounded off their blades campaign with a bump on Emma Watson, getting themselves a feature in the Daily Mail! W2 had an equally powerful and smooth sail upwards, bumping every crew before the gut- in fact, 3 out of 4 bumps occurred before Donny Bridge! W1 brought in the clean sweep for the women, chasing some tough crews who were ultimately no match for SCBC, landing them firmly in Div II. Our Men also fought a valiant VIIIs campaign, acting as sandwich boat on day 2 and nobly fending off any prospect of spoons! Sadly our M2 boat did not manage to Row On, but were incredible supporters and the other crews rowed in their memory.

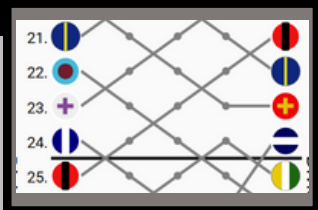
Somerville was the only crew on the river to achieve what we achieved this year, our full house of women's blades, and if our calculations are correct, we believe that we are in fact the only crew to have achieved this, ever! What a genuinely incredible year for Somerville. We hope that we have done you proud, dear alumnae readers, and that this success may continue in the years to come. Full house incoming for the men in 2026...



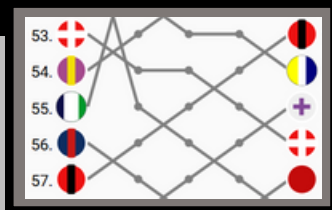
Our Blades-winning women!



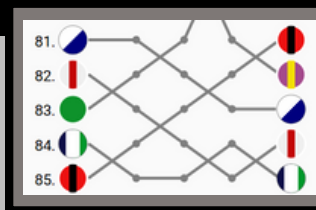
Our magnificent men!



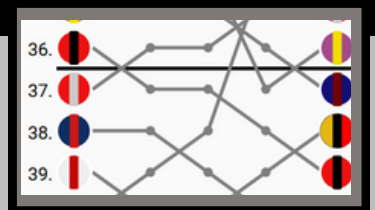
W1 VIIIs bumps chart



W2 VIIIs bumps chart



W3 VIIIs bumps chart



M1 VIIIs bumps chart

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENTS

1921 CLUB

In case you missed it: the 1921 Club has officially launched! As of 31st May, you can now join the revived alumni group thanks to the brilliant work of our alumni committee. You can purchase a membership [here](#) for £2.10 pa if you graduated in the last 3 years, or £21 pa if you are 3+ years post-graduation. If you wish to make a long-term commitment, you can purchase a lifetime membership for £1921. Alumni Facebook group [here](#). Alumni LinkedIn page [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

Our next Boat Club Dinner will be on **Saturday 30th May 2026**- we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to celebrate the end of what we hope will be another very successful Summer Vllls! Feel free to come down and watch the racing during the day, and we aim to put on another alumni rowing session on the Sunday 31st too.

FUNDRAISING

SCBC have put together projects for fundraising which will help support the current and future generations of the club. The most recent project was raising money for sets of blades (oars) which received a fantastic response and hit our target through 12 donations, all of which we are incredibly grateful for. Those who donated £300+ will be getting their names printed on the blades, as a small token of appreciation.

If you are inclined to support us financially with our next [project](#) (tbc), or more generally, please do get in touch!

ALUMNAE ROW

It was truly wonderful to have such a strong alumni presence at our post-Vllls Boat Club Dinner on 31st May. We were lucky enough to hear speeches from Fiona Freckleton and Caroline Lytton which were truly inspirational. To see the Boat Club Dinner photograph expand every year is so encouraging to see, thank you to everyone who came along- see you again next year!



On the Sunday 1st June, we held an alumni rowing session. This was a great success and wonderful opportunity for recent and less-recent alumnae to get back in a boat and enjoy the chaos of the Isis once again.



OUBC INVOLVEMENT

SCBC X OUBC

As mentioned in the last newsletter, 14 of our women had signed up to try out the OUBC Development Squad which trained throughout Trinity. As part of this, SCBC members Catherine Stephenson, Rozzie Weir, Erin Andrews, Celine Zeng and Stephanie Connell represented OUBC at Reading Amateur Regatta; Rozzie, Catherine and Erin also raced at BUCS, and finally, Rozzie and Catherine went on to race at Henley Women's Regatta in a 4+.

Looking forward to MT25, 4 SCBC women will be trialling with OUBC- we are excited to see where this endeavour takes them!

SCBC Summer

SCBC NATIONWIDE

Where have SCBC been rowing/coxing over the Long Vac?

- Oxford Royal Regatta- Tim Rafferty
- Grosvenor Rowing Club Chester- Alex Quinton
- Bewl Bridge Rowing Club- Fred Eatock

ORIEL REGATTA

How could we not include some Oriel Regatta crew pictures! Please see below: 9 minions, 9 versions of rower Tim, and 9 pirates.



Looking Ahead to Michaelmas Term

October

Freshers Week
Taster Sessions
5th-12th Oct



November

Autumn Fours
9th Nov

Tamesis Novice Regatta
26th-29th Nov



December

External racing
TBC



Interested in getting involved?

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