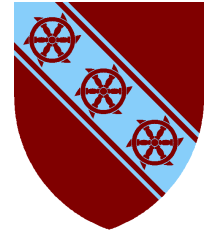




St Catherine's College Rowing Society
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Last Torpids the men's 1st and 2nd VIII's both missed out on blades on the last day, the women's 1st VIII got bumped every day, and the men's 3rd and women's 2nd VIII's didn't even exist. In Eights, everyone did better. We have the reports, results and photos (for which, thanks to Josephine Barnett-Neefs (JBN) and Sorcha Staunton (SQS)). Once everyone had dried off from Eights — odd, I don't remember any rain — it was back to College for the Boat Club dinner where the winner of this year's Ben Sylvester medal was announced.

In other news, Anna Corderoy (M.13) is currently trialling for the cox's seat in the GB para-rowing squad, and was selected for their only international regatta so far this year.

Results

Bedford Amateur Regatta, 6th May

<i>Men's College VIII's (7 entries)</i>			
Q/F	bt Pembroke (Cam)	Easily	3:37
S/F	bt University	2 L	3:37
Final	lost to Oriol	2 L	3:29



Summer Eights is, of course, a deadly serious business. I don't think Becky got the memo . . .

Gavirate Internat. Para-Rowing, 12–14th May

Sat PR3 Mxd 4+ (5 entries)

1st 7:11.90 GBR*

Sun PR3 Mxd 4+ (4 entries)

1st 7:16.07 GBR*

*cox: Anna Corderoy (M.13)

Rowing On, 19th May

Men's Crews (27 from 32 to qualify)

1st 2:47 Keble III

7th 3:00 **St Catherine's III**

27th 3:14 Merton III

Women's Crews (all 28 qualify)

1st 2:47 Keble II

23rd 4:02 **St Catherine's II**

28th 4:32 L.M.H. III

Eights, 24–27th May

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Finish
Men's I	+1	+1	+1	+1	10th Div I
Women's I	=	-1	=	+1	8th Div II
Men's II	+1	+1	+1	+1	3rd Div IV
Women's II	-1	-1	-1	-1	9th Div VI
Men's III	-1	=	+1	+1	2nd Div VII

Henley Royal Regatta Qualifiers, 23rd June

Temple Cup (9 from 50 to qualify)

≤9th ? Pembroke Coll (Oxf) Qualified

10th 6:32.6 Eton College A Did not qualify

21st 6:42.7 Balliol & **St Catz** Did not qualify

29th 6:50.8 Jesus Coll (Oxf) Did not qualify



Logo of the Balliol/Catz Henley composite

Bumps Charts

MEN	WED THU FRI SAT
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II ST CATHERINE'S L.M.H. MANSFIELD LINCOLN WORCESTER JESUS BRASENOSE PEMBROKE II QUEEN'S ST HUGH'S ST JOHN'S ORIEL II ST ANNE'S	
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Coach Rory Copus congratulating the Men's 1st Eight (Photo:JBN)

2017 St Catherine's Eights

Men's 1st Eight

- B Matt Smith
- 2 Oliver Berry
- 3 Dave Smith
- 4 Julian Malisano
- *5 Jack Shepherd-Cross
- 6 James Winder
- 7 Matthias Mergenthaler
- S Thomas Hendrickson
- C James Wills
- *Sat: Peter Forsyth

Men's 2nd Eight

- B Adam Megyeri
- 2 Gabriel Moussa
- 3 Christian Schroeder
- 4 Erkki Vihriälä
- *5 Peter Forsyth
- 6 Georgios Ntentas
- 7 William Beuckelaers
- S Richard Everett
- C Grace Gliva
- *Sat: Alex Barbaro

Men's 3rd Eight

- B James Wills
- 2 Maris Serzans
- 3 Robert Hamlet
- 4 Martin Cusack
- 5 Alex Barbaro
- 6 Hugh Taylor
- 7 Malcolm Spencer
- S David Zimmer
- C Rebecca Lenihan

Men's Head Coach
Rory Copus

Women's 1st Eight

- B Caitlin Gray
- 2 Holly Smith
- 3 Ryan Grimes
- 4 Naomi Whitbourn
- 5 Jenna Poole
- *6 Oriane Grant
- 7 Rachel Ibbetson
- S Rosalind Booth
- C Fien Barnett-Neefs
- *Fri: Roxanna Abhari

Women's 2nd Eight

- B Alice Godson
- 2 Anna Redgrave
- 3 Isobel Whyte
- 4 Lauren Rowley
- 5 Ella Bentin
- 6 Rachel Craig-Mcfeely
- 7 Anne Kat Alexander
- S Zoe Curtis
- C Keshya Amarasinghe

W3 Substitutes:

- Delphi Mayther
- Raphaëlle Petit
- Colette Rocheteau

M3 Substitutes:

- Ian Houlsby
- Sarah Robinson
- Jakob Kaeppler

Women's Head Coach
Ollie Morgan



The Men's 2nd Eight closing on Magdalen II for their 3rd bump

Men's Boat Club Report

James Winder, Men's Captain

A strong result in Torpids for the men's crews last term had gifted us with a hungry squad coming into Trinity. Capitalising on this by taking two boats on a training camp in the Lake District, ambition kept on growing. By the time term had started M1's ambition had got the stage of wanting to compete with full university crews and so BUCS regatta called, with a strong performance particularly in the C final itself. Next on the fixture list was Bedford regatta where, sadly a narrow defeat to Oriel, the Torpids headship crew, saw progress drawn to a halt in the final. After Bedford we knew that starts were where we wanted to work. Meanwhile M2 had already been working on their starts, knowing this was what would make the difference in their campaign.

When summer eights eventually began M1 and M2 were joined by the usual suspects, alumni and rowing 'retirees' ready for one last Eights week (until next year). Despite an unlucky draw M3 did themselves proud, with a net gain of one bump. For M1 and M2 a slightly more rigorous preparation, particularly on their starts, meant that spectators were lucky to see a full minute of rowing.

Dispatching a long list of crews and only once having to row beyond the Gut. With four bumps apiece it was two sets of blades for the trophy cabinet.



The Women's 1st Eight on the Saturday (Photo: SQS)

Usually that would be the end of my report, but this year collaboration with Balliol saw a Catz composite entry in the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley. Missing out on qualification didn't tell the full story here, racing in a time faster than several notably strong crews and setting a precedent of entering were the real aims and were certainly

achieved. Showing yet again how Catz men are ready to take it up another gear and challenge those at the very head of the Isis and beyond.

Women's Boat Club Report

The women's 2nd Eight was a bit of a last-minute assemblage mostly of those who'd been in a boat maybe once or twice and happened to be available on any given day. Fortunately Rowing On this year was more an exercise in *habeas corpus* than a time trial: any crew which could legitimately complete the course automatically qualified. After that, well, Eights went as well as might be expected.

The 1st Eight benefitted from a some experienced reinforcements since Torpids. Even so, judging by the number of times I was called upon to cox or coach radically different permutations, they seemed to struggle to settle into a consistent training regime. They ended the week level, being bumped by a fast Linacre crew on the Thursday and then, finally, bumping a slow Worcester crew on the Saturday — the first bump by a Catz women's crew this year, in their last race of the year. It was a considerable improvement on losing 10 places in Torpids, but, at the risk of seeming harsh, I'd hoped for more.



The Women's 2nd Eight 'collective'

Ben Sylvester Award

The Ben Sylvester Medal is presented annually to the member of the Boat Club 'who has most significantly contributed to enhancing the rowing life of St Catherine's'. The 2017 winner is Georgios Ntentas. George was last year's men's Captain and this year's President, as well as a member of the Rowing Society Committee. Those nominating him said:

... he's done so much to raise the profile of the Boat Club throughout College. The trip to Japan is the obvious example, setting a precedent for St Catherine's to compete on a level only he had the ambition and commitment to reach for and organise. [Also] a training camp in Nottingham, one later in the year in Holland and then this year coming back again to do most of the work for our trip to the Lake District.

... often single-handedly making things like camps, boat sales and outings come together, George has been vital in the smooth running of the Club.

Also nominated were: Ryan Grimes, Jenna Poole, Holly Smith, Matt Smith, James Wills and David Zimmer.



Georgios Ntentas receiving this year's Ben Sylvester medal from RS Chairman Kevin Skinner.

Coming Up ...

In the next newsletter we'll have a round up of the summer's rowing from Gaudy paddlers to internationals, and a look at the Boat Club of 20 years ago.

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