



# ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE BOAT CLUB

Michaelmas 2016

## Senior Fairbairns 2016

This year we had three Senior Men's eights and a Senior Women's eight entered into Fairbairns. W1 rowed a strong race, coming very close to overtaking Fitz W1 at several points and finished 20<sup>th</sup> out of the College Crews. M1 had a great race finishing 7<sup>th</sup> of the college crews and beat the Oxford Lightweights 2<sup>nd</sup> boat that we played host to during the day.

After a term of training together as joint squad, M2 and M3 were separated into their boats for the final two weeks of training. M2 had a great race with a novice cox who managed the corners of the Cam very well. They placed 29<sup>th</sup> overall and 10<sup>th</sup> out of the M2/M3 division. M3, with two novice rowers came a respectable 19<sup>th</sup> in the M2/M3 division.

Full race reports can be found on the SCCBC website.



## SCCBC in Light Blue

Amy Chodorowski and Anna Faulkner trialled for the Cambridge University Women's Boat Club this term. Amy is still training with them as part of the Lightweight Squad and we wish her the best of luck with training over Christmas and into Lent term.

## 1983 Women's May Blade

Earlier this term we were very lucky to have a blade donated to the Club by Sue Wagner from the 1983 W1 crew. It is currently up in the Boat House and those of you that come to the Alumni Reunion Day will be able to have a look for yourselves! Here it is with our Men's and Women's Captains.



## Novice Fairbairns 2016



The women's squad has had a very exciting term with four Vllls of novices. This is the most boats we have seen in recent memory! These new additions to the club are very welcome with the women having struggled the last few years with numbers. Catz were the only Club to have four Women's novice boats entered. All four crews did really well. NW1 finished an incredible 4<sup>th</sup> place, NW2 finished higher than several other NW1 crews and both NW3 and NW4 managed to overtake crews during their races. The Men had two crews racing for Novices Fairbairns, NM1 finished 23<sup>rd</sup> out of the College novice men's boats and both crews had a good row and are very keen to carry on next term, adding to our very strong Men's Squad.



## Alumni Dinner

A reminder to sign up to the Alumni Reunion Dinner on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017. As well as the dinner in the evening, we will be having boats out in the afternoon – a great chance to have a look at the Boat House, see the new boats and have a casual row down the river with some current students. Please RSVP via this link

<http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/alumni/events/boat-club> which can also be found on the College Website in the Alumni Events section.



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## Novice Races

### Queen's Ergs

As always Queen's Ergs was a great night, with all the Novices, LBCs and some members of the current club really getting stuck into the evening, whether that be competing or cheering on. All men's and women's novices put in a great performance and really attacked their 500m sprints. NW1 were the stars of the night, making it through to the final and coming 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

### Clare Novice Regatta

Two Novice Men's Boat and Two Novice Women's Boats were entered into Clare Novice's this term. It was the first chance that they had to practice some racing, unfortunately a few of the crews suffered some unwanted crabs. None of the crews made it past the first round but they were not put off and pushed on to train hard for Fairbairns



## Rowing off Cam

M1 had a day trip to London in November. Men's Captain Rory had decided after an SCCBC Social that it would be a good idea to email the UCL captain and organise some sparring on the Tideway. This resulted in a very early start and a fun morning of rowing on a rather wide river without the joys of Novice term on the Cam. I highly recommend reading Rory's race report on the SCCBC website. It is rather comical and gives mention to Chris Quarton, a recent SCCBC Alumni who found himself roped into the boat after one of the members went down with flu.

## University Fours

This year we had three boats entered in University Fours, two Men's and a Women's crew. On the first day, despite strong races both W1 and M1b didn't make it through the first round. However, M1a had a great first race beating Kings and made it through to day two. They won their Semi-finals race against First and Third but last year's headship crew, LMBC, beat them to victory. A fun few days of racing were had by all.



## Thanks to Argus Fire

We were very lucky to have Herb and Carolyn Bate join us at the Fairbairn's Boat Club Dinner. The club is very grateful to the ongoing support that they show us, but we especially love having them come to the dinners as Herb and Carolyn are always great company for the evening. At the Dinner Herb gave a small speech in which he told us that he has kept all his menus from the Boat Club Dinners he has gone to and that he is still in touch with many of the members from when he rowed at College. This rang true with many of us and we are very privileged to have the opportunity to be part of such a great Boat Club. On behalf of all of the rowers, we would like to say a massive thank you to Argus Fire and Herb and Carolyn.

## SCCBC Head Coach

At the start of the term SCCBC trialled several coaches and we are excited to announce the appointment of our new Head Coach, Sam Bray. The Club has decided to have an overall head coach in charge of both the Men's and Women's squads, with Sam splitting his time between M1 and W1. Sam comes to us after a very successful May term coaching Jesus W2 to blades and up into the first division. In fact they bumped Catz W1 on day one of their Campaign so hopefully W1 will get them back this year!

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