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Active alumni club

After seeing how many of you turned up for the TT22 Summer Eights Dinner, we started to discuss the possibility of establishing a more engaged SHBC alumni club, which would remain in touch with SHBC activities throughout the year.

Fill in this short form to help us identify the aspects of the alumni club that you would appreciate the most:

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Newsletter is back!

Dear Alumni community,

It is my great pleasure to introduce myself as President of this year's SHBC committee. Having worked my way up from complete novice when I joined the club to President three years later, I have seen SHBC go through a whole host of difficult circumstances and can safely say that we have come out the other side ready for some really great racing in the coming years. This year's committee in particular show an incredible commitment to novice recruitment and to organising high-quality training at all levels in the club, having already fostered an exciting atmosphere amongst our seventy-odd novices who have been trying out rowing and coxing for the first time in the last few weeks.



Early morning outings are being filled on both, Godstow and Isis, every day, Monday to Friday.

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This year should also be an exciting one regarding the fleet, with plans to buy a new women's first boat later in the year thanks to generous alumni donations. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate how much we appreciate our alumni community.

Your enthusiasm, generosity, and support for our crews every racing season, and throughout the year, is deeply valued. Hopefully we will have the chance to celebrate some big successes together this year; I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our post-race dinners! In the meantime, we'll keep you updated on Facebook and Instagram with our progress, stash drops and ways to get involved with the SHBC community. Here's to another great year for a very special club.

Ella Khulusi - President of Boats (2022-23)



SHBC recruitment campaign had been particularly successful this year.

Captains' Reports

The new academic year has been a time of change for SHBC. Following a period of successful results such as M1 climbing eight places in summer Vlls and nine in Torpids over the last five years and W2 gaining eight and seven places respectively in the same period, ambitions were set to see such results throughout the club in the coming five years.

Building a strong foundation of rowers and coxes that learn at St Hugh's and then stay with the boat club throughout their degrees and gain racing experience early were identified as key ways to achieve this. For Michaelmas term 2022 we identified 2 main goals in order to build momentum in the right direction.

Firstly, we have put large efforts into recruiting a new generation of rowers and coxes, getting them excited about the sport and ensuring lots of water time early on. Our efforts were largely rewarded with over seventy novices signed up across both sides and a large handful of seniors who bring with them previous experience from elsewhere. Whilst seniors exclusively train on the Godstow stretch of river along port-meadow, we are filling up novice boats every day of the week from our boathouse on the Isis. Having nearly completed all the swim testing, we are looking to enter a record number of boats to the end-of-term Novice regatta.

Secondly, we have enacted a new coaching structure, emulating other recently successful college boat clubs, appointing Mr William Denegri, as the head coach for the whole boat club. Bringing with him extensive coxing experience at the club and international level as well as coaching experience on a club and school level, he is tasked with overseeing and directing a uniform coaching strategy for all crews across both sides. Mr Jack Cooper, Ms Orly Welch and Mr Matthew Peters have been appointed to assist him in this endeavour. We expect this new integrated coaching model to not only increase the technical and physical standard of our crews across the club but further strengthen the social cohesion across squads and crews. It must be stated that the qualitative calibre of the coaching team does bring with it some additional costs, but we are able to cover these in the near term due to generous alumni donations.

Whilst we miss the large number of club members who became alumni over the summer vacation, we are confident about what the future holds and look forward to welcoming everyone back for Torpids and Summer Vllls in 2023 (Save the date: 25th February and 27th May respectively).

*Holly Morris, Connor Philp, Sascha Frey, Indigo Buckler
- Captains*

