CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB

2026



DONOR IMPACT REPORT

WHO WE ARE



Mission

The University of Cambridge's mission

To contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning and research at the highest international standards of excellence.

Cambridge University Boat Club's mission

To equip student-athletes to win boat races, prioritising excellence, wellbeing and inclusivity.

Values

Excellence

Equality

Respect

Values in Action

Excelling on the water by winning and off the water by the highest academic achievement, both underpinned by collaboration, resilience, teamwork, perseverance and discipline.

Delivering competitive and learning experiences of **life-long benefit**.

Giving the **broadest range of people** the opportunity to benefit from the **formative experience** of rowing for Cambridge.

Developing a culture that provides equal access to facilities, equipment and coaching for the benefit of current and future student-athletes.

Respecting each other, the traditions of the legacy clubs, the Boat Races and those we race.

Protecting and supporting the **mental health** and **physical wellbeing** of student-athletes.

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HIGHLIGHTS



Thank you for your shared belief in our ambition!
You were part of our most successful fundraising year so far:

5/6 Boat Races Won

46/56 victories in Boat Races contested across all crews since Ely Boathouse opened

Temple Challenge Cup Winners at Henley Royal Regatta

Back-to-back victories at Head of the Charles Regatta

5 Medals at Met Regatta | **9** Medals at BUCS Regatta | University Pennant Winners at Women's Eights Head of the River Race | Double victory at Fours' Head | **10** Squad Members Succeeded with their National Teams
151 Triallists | **108** Members of the Development Squad

£528,862
Raised for the Pulling Together Fund

£194,000
in income from the Endowment

£722,862
in total philanthropic income

2,234
Gifts across the year

542
Donors including members, parents and supporters

63%
of the Club's 2025-26 budget was funded by philanthropy

Gifts from **19** countries across **72** crew years

Thank you to everyone who joined in our fifth annual month of giving! Here's who topped our donor participation leaderboards.

Squad Leaders
- Women
- Lightweight Men
- Men

Crew Year Leaders
- 1986
- 1991
- 1988

College Leaders
- St John's
- Fitzwilliam
- Pembroke

Decade Leaders
- 1980 to 1989
- 1990 to 1999
- 2000 to 2009

Message from the Club Chair

One year ago, we began the season in emphatic style. Four eights and two fours travelled to Boston for the Head of the Charles Regatta, taking on the very best US varsity and international crews. The performances were strong across the board, with the Men's A crew securing a second consecutive victory in the Men's Championship Eights. And that was only the beginning.

Under the leadership of our four Presidents, and through the dedication of our athletes and coaches, the Club enjoyed another exceptional winter season. Highlights included a double victory at Fours' Head, a University Pennant win at the Women's Eights Head of the River Race, and a series of valuable fixtures against the top domestic and international crews that laid the foundation for our Boat Race campaign.

Those months of preparation culminated in a remarkable Boat Race weekend. Cambridge secured five victories from six races, with wins for the Men's Blue Boat, Blondie, Goldie, and both the Men's and Women's Lightweight crews. These results take our record against Oxford since the opening of Ely Boathouse to an extraordinary 46 wins from 56 races. While the Women's Blue Boat faced a strong Oxford crew, marking their first defeat since 2016, their determination remains undiminished, and we look forward to seeing them return stronger in 2027.

The season concluded with further success through the summer racing programme, culminating with three Light Blue crews racing on Saturday at Henley Royal Regatta, and a Cambridge win in the Temple Challenge Cup, the Club's first Henley victory since 2004. The win marked the final race in Light Blue for stalwart Matthew Edge and outgoing Men's President Noam Mouelle, a four-time Boat Race winner. We likewise said farewell to long-serving Light Blue and outgoing Women's President Gemma King.

In the recent World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam, 14 CUBC alumni and students represented their countries, winning between them 10 medals. Finally, CUBC Men's coach, Rob Baker, played a key role in coaching the Dutch Men's sweep squad who secured a gold medal in the Men's Eight and a silver in the Men's Coxless Four.

On a sadder note, the Club lost its dear friend and longest serving coach, Donald Legget. We celebrated his extraordinary life and time at the CUBC on October 30th. We also mourned the loss of Roger Silk, the father of Cambridge Women's rowing, whose vision and dedication helped shape generations of women at the Club.





As we close the 2025-26 chapter, I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to outgoing Club Chair Annamarie Phelps for her dedicated service and leadership through a period of great change for the Club.

Today, the CUBC ranks as one of the premier university rowing clubs in the world. This is only possible because of the support of our donors. Your generosity enables us to attract and develop outstanding student-athletes from Cambridge's colleges and from around the world, bringing together individuals of exceptional academic and sporting ability.

The strength of CUBC is built not only on talent, but on the systems, culture and alumni network that underpin our sustained success. We all contribute to this, providing visible support at races, hosting crews throughout the season, and through donations that make the CUBC programme possible.



We never take your support for granted. On behalf of everyone at CUBC, thank you for helping make this extraordinary success possible.

P2M,

Stephen Peel OLY, Club Chair



2026 Crews

MEN

BLUE BOAT

Putney WON

Bow	S.A. Hatcher	Peterhouse
2	N.D. Mouelle	Hughes Hall
3	K.D. Fram	Lucy Cavendish
4	P.R. Wild	Peterhouse
5	G.A. Obholzer	Peterhouse
6	A.R.G. McClean	Hughes Hall
7	W.R. Klipstine	Hughes Hall
Str	F. Breuer	Lucy Cavendish
Cox	S.A. Houdaigui	Fitzwilliam

GOLDIE

Putney WON

Bow	J.E.B. Travis	Jesus
2	G.H.Z. Dickinson	Hughes Hall
3	C.B. Tarczy	Wolfson
4	A.K.M. Finger	Wolfson
5	L.C. Brahms	Wolfson
6	S.A.M.O. Nunayon	Emmanuel
7	L.D.S. Beever	Emmanuel
Str	M.J.L. Edge	St. Catharine's
Cox	F.W. Jenkinson	Selwyn

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Putney WON

Bow	V.J. Viennot-Bourgin	Darwin
2	J.J.H. Wilkinson	Churchill
3	P.A. Crossley	Sidney Sussex
4	R.N. Mohr	Peterhouse
5	J.M. Moore	Queens'
6	F.C. Challacombe	St. Catharine's
7	J.G. Richards	Girton
Str	A.G. Smith	King's
Cox	A.J. Taylor	Clare

WOMEN

BLUE BOAT

Putney LOST

Bow	G.L. King	LMBC
2	I.H. Campbell	Hughes Hall
3	C.A. Ebel	Newnham
4	C.L. Earl	Caius
5	A.M.E. Galland	Peterhouse
6	C.E. VanderMeer	Peterhouse
7	M.T. Freischem	Darwin
Str	A.W. Wrenn-Walz	Fitzwilliam
Cox	M.W. Moran	Emmanuel

BLONDIE

Putney WON

Bow	A.F. McNally	Sidney Sussex
2	L.J. Havard	Caius
3	N.M. Wojtania	Jesus
4	E.J. Sillar	Emmanuel
5	A.M. Wiley	Jesus
6	M. Kitzmann	Christ's
7	I.A. Breeze	Lucy Cavendish
Str	E.S. Etherington	Caius
Cox	L.E. Schneiderman	St. Edmund's

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Putney WON

Bow	L.M.B. Allegretti	Lucy Cavendish
2	H.L. Warren	Jesus
3	O.M. Wright	Emmanuel
4	Z.L. Bek	1st & 3rd Trinity
5	J. Manson-Whitton	Peterhouse
6	H.C. Olandi	Hughes Hall
7	H.R. Major	Pembroke
Str	A.S.St H. Munro	Peterhouse
Cox	L.E. Acar	Wolfson

Performance Highlights

September 2025

- Alumna Annamaire Phelps CBE OLY named Vice President of World Rowing.

October 2025

- Alumni George Bourne and Imogen Grant secured Wingfield Sculls Titles.
- Head of the Charles 2025
  - CUBC won the Men's Championship Eights, securing back-to-back titles.
  - Cambridge finished 9th in the Women's Championship Eights.
  - CUBC Men's 'B' crew finished 12th in the Men's Championship Eights.
  - Cambridge Women's 'B' crew took 18th in the Women's Championship Eights.
  - Cambridge Men's Lightweights secured 5th in the Men's Lightweight Four.
  - Cambridge Women's Lightweights finished 7th in the Women's Lightweight Four.
  - Crabtree won the Men's Senior Masters Fours and Men's Grand Masters Fours and took second in the Women's Alumnae Eights.



November 2025

- Cambridge secured a double victory at The Fours Head in the Women's and Men's Senior Academic Fours with impressive results across all squads.
- Triallist Emelie Eldracher named the 2025 US Rowing Female Para Athlete of the Year.
- Cambridge fielded a squad of six rowers and two coxswains at British Selection Trials.

December 2025

- Trial VIIIs
  - Men: Beans held off Slop to win by 1 1/2 lengths.
  - Women: Baby defeated Ginger by 5 lengths.
  - Lightweight Women & Mixed Crew: Scary took the victory over Sporty by 1/3 length.
  - Lightweight Men: Asterix edged out Obelix by 1/3 length.
- Six alumni and students raced at British selection trials



January 2026

- Alumnus Matt Brittin OLY was awarded a CBE in The King's New Year Honours List.
- Alumna Clare Briegal was awarded an MBE in The King's New Year Honours List.
- Fixtures
  - Cambridge Women defeated Thames 'A' in 1 of 2 pieces.
  - Blondie defeated by Thames 'B' in 2 of 2 pieces.
  - CUBC Women's Third VIII defeated by Thames 'C' in 2 of 2 pieces.
  - CUBC Lightweight Women defeated Thames 'D' in 1 of 2 pieces.



February 2026

- Fixtures
  - Cambridge Women defeated Leander 'A'.
  - CUBC Men defeated Oxford Brookes 'A'.
  - Blondie defeated by Leander 'B'.
  - Goldie defeated Oxford Brookes 'B'.
  - Men's Third VIII defeated Oxford Brookes 'C'.
  - Cambridge Lightweight Men defeated by Oxford Brookes 'D'.
  - CUBC Lightweight Women defeated Latymer Upper School.
  - CUBC Women's Third VIII defeated London Rowing Club 'C' in 1 of 2 pieces.
  - Cambridge Lightweight Men defeated Vesta Rowing Club in 2 of 2 pieces.



March 2026

- Women's Eights Head of the River Race
  - Cambridge won the University pennant for the third consecutive year, finishing sixth overall.
  - Blondie followed with one of their strongest WeHORR performances in recent memory, finishing second among university crews.
  - The Lightweights and the Women's Third Eight added further strength to the showing.
- Fixtures
  - CUBC Men defeated Leander A.
  - Goldie defeated Leander B in 2 of 2 pieces.
  - Blondie defeated Molesey in 2 of 2 pieces.
  - Women's Lightweights defeated Molesey in 2 of 2 pieces.
  - CUBC Men defeated the Dutch National Team in 2 of 2 pieces.
  - Cambridge Women defeated by the Dutch National Team in 2 of 2 pieces.
  - Goldie defeated London Rowing Club A in 1 of 2 pieces.
  - CUBC Men's Lightweights defeated London Rowing Club C in 2 of 2 pieces.
  - Cambridge Men's Third VIII defeated by London Rowing Club B in 2 of 2 pieces.



April 2026

- The Boat Race
  - CUBC Men's Blue Boat secured victory by 3 1/2 lengths, the seventh win in eight years. Men's President Noam Mouelle became the first Cambridge oarsman in the 21st century to win four consecutive Boat Races, and the first to do so since Christopher Baillieu MBE in 1970-73.
  - Cambridge Women's Blue Boat fell to OUBC despite great racing and excellent steering, with Oxford securing their first victory since 2016 by a margin of 3 lengths.
  - Goldie defeated Isis by an astonishing 58 seconds, securing five victories in a row.
  - Blondie overtook Osiris, winning by a margin of 9 lengths.
  - CUBC Lightweight Men stretched away from Oxford to secure a 7-length victory, making it five wins in a row.
  - Cambridge Lightweight Women beat OUBC by 35 seconds, winning their seventh consecutive title.
  - Both the Cambridge Men and Women won the Veteran's Races.
- Cambridge enjoyed an excellent showing at German Small Boat Championships in Munich, with standout performances from four CUBC athletes across the Men's, Women's, and Lightweight Men's squads.

May 2026

- BUCS Regatta saw Cambridge secure nine medals across the Women's, Lightweight Women's, and Lightweight Men's squads.
- Met Regatta
  - The Cambridge Men made it three wins in a row in the Open Championship Eights.
  - The Men enjoyed further success, winning the Open Coxless Four, claiming third place in the Open Academic Eight, with a blend of openweight and lightweight rowers, and taking fourth in the Open Coxed Four. Nikita Mohr, a lightweight, added a silver medal in the Open Single.
  - The Cambridge Women won the Women's Academic Eights in a tightly contested event and took eighth in the Women's Championship Eights, with a crew drawn from across the Blue Boat, Blondie and Third Eight.
- Cambridge alumni and students secured two golds (Samantha Morton, James Robson, Douwe de Graaf and George Bourne) and one silver (Gabriel Obholzer) at World Rowing Cup I, while two further athletes proudly represented Cambridge on the international stage.





June 2026

- Two Cambridge rowers competed at Henley Women's Regatta.
- CUBC athletes reunited with their colleges for May Bumps.





July 2026

- Henley Royal Regatta
  - Cambridge celebrated a decisive victory in the Temple Challenge Cup.
  - A Cambridge-Harvard composite reached the final of the Ladies' Challenge Plate.
  - Five further Cambridge crews progressed to the quarter-finals of the Island Challenge Cup, Prince Albert Challenge Cup, Diamond Challenge Sculls and Hambleden Pairs Challenge Cup.
  - Ellie Sillar progressed to the semi-finals of the Bridge Challenge Plate as part of a composite crew.
  - Congratulations to the many Cambridge alumni who competed and secured victories in their respective events.
- Cambridge students and alumni secured two golds (Imogen Grant, James Robson, Douwe de Graaf and George Bourne) and two silvers (Samantha Morton and Gabriel Obholzer) at World Rowing Cup III. Three other athletes also competed.





August 2026

- Freddy Breuer stroked the German Men's Eight to a silver medal in the European Rowing Championships, with Leonard Brahms also claiming silver in the German Mixed Eight. Three other athletes also competed.
- Patrick Wild took gold and Ellie Sillar claimed silver for Great Britain in their respective Eights at the U23 World Championships.
- FISU World University Rowing Championships
  - Mathilda Kitzman and Charlotte Ebel won gold for Germany in the Women's Four.
  - Women's Assistant Coach Matilda Horn coached the Great Britain Women's Pair to a silver medal and co-coached, alongside OUBC assistant coach, the Great Britain Women's Eight, also to a silver.
- 2026 World Rowing Championships: Across 10 A-finals, Cambridge connections helped secure an impressive haul of 10 medals.
  - Gabriel Obholzer won silver with GB's Men's Eight.
  - Imogen Grant took silver for Great Britain in the Women's Quadruple Sculls.
  - James Robson, Douwe de Graaf and George Bourne formed three of the GB Men's Four, winning bronze.
  - Camille VanderMeer, Claire Collins and Megan Lee won bronze for the USA in the Women's Eight.
  - Rob Baker played a key role in the Netherlands men's sweep programme, where the Dutch Men's Eight claimed gold and set a new World Best Time of 5:17.75, while the Men's Four secured silver.
  - Paige Badenhorst (South Africa Women's Single Sculls), Leonard Brahms (Germany Men's Pair and Mixed Eight), Freddy Breuer (Germany Men's Eight), Antonia Galland (Germany Women's Eight), Jan Helmich (Germany Para Mixed Four), Samantha Morton (Australia Women's Eight), and Charlotte Ebel (Germany Women's Spare) also represented their national teams.





The Impact of Your Support

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Excellence On and Off the Water

One of CUBC's greatest strengths is its ability to turn university athletes into international-calibre rowers – and vice-versa. Through my own time at CUBC, as often as I saw student rowers develop into international medallists at U23 and senior level, I also witnessed something altogether more profound: some of the most accomplished and decorated athletes in the sport find a renewed passion and purpose while rowing at Cambridge, stepping back into the university level. In my time rowing at Cambridge, these were literally some of the biggest names in the sport; elite, record-breaking rowers like Grace Prendergast, Tom George and Ollie Wynne-Griffith. For them, CUBC offers something that elite programmes elsewhere often can't: a team built as much on culture and camaraderie as on performance, where sporting heroes and undergraduates occupy the same boats, the same spaces, and train alongside each other.

The balance also extends beyond the boathouse. Cambridge athletes are, of course, also students, and the programme is designed around that fact. Morning outings finish in time for 9am lectures. Exams are prioritised. The result is a squad whose members leave with a Blue, a degree, and a future that might take them anywhere from an Olympic team to CERN.



Patrick Wild, 2026 Men's Blue Boat

Patrick joined in September 2025 as an undergraduate in a squad largely made up of older postgraduates, half expecting to feel out of place, despite a successful junior career at St Paul's School. Instead, Patrick found a welcome at Goldie and a place training alongside athletes long admired from afar. The season saw Patrick earn a coveted seat in the winning Men's Blue Boat – a rarity for a fresher – as well as the stroke seat of CUBC's winning Temple Challenge Cup crew at Henley Royal Regatta. For Patrick, it is CUBC's culture that defines it.

"When I walked through the doors of Goldie for the first time, I was overwhelmed by the kindness and hospitality of everyone, staff and athletes alike. I immediately felt at home training amongst immensely talented people who I'd looked up to my whole rowing career. This culture of humility and being down-to-earth is a huge part of what sets the CUBC apart from other high performing clubs and why I have come to hold it so dear. Extraordinarily, the Club balances this with a relentless drive for excellence in rowing, a constant push for refinement in all areas. There's never a sense that we've done enough and can relax; we're always searching for and trying out new ways to find further performance. Despite the remarkable success of the programme in recent years, the mentality has been, and continues to be, that the job is never done. There are always gains to be made, and I find that relentless pursuit of improvement incredibly motivating."



Camille VanderMeer, 2026 Women's Blue Boat

One of the season's star postgraduates, Camille joined CUBC right off the back of a win at the World Championships in the USA Women's Coxless Four. She is one of America's best rowing talents, with four World Championship appearances to her name, and is targeting an Olympic debut at LA 2028. A core member of the Women's Blue Boat, Camille still found plenty of experience and wisdom to absorb as part of CUBC.

"Being a part of the team and culture at CUBC was incredibly important to my development as an athlete. In addition to learning new methods for training, technique, and boat-moving, it was impressive to witness firsthand the construction of a cohesive crew and team culture over the course of the Boat Race campaign and beyond. The dedicated effort towards and execution of goals in relation to camaraderie and ethos in addition to performance was materially more impactful than any on-the-water result. CUBC has given me so many experiences and tools that I will carry forward as an athlete, and I am grateful to have been a part of this Club."



Freddie Challacombe, 2026 Men's Lightweight

After strong first-year medicine exams, Freddie wanted to try high-performance rowing, though his supervisors worried about his grades. The training week is designed exactly around that concern. Morning outings finish in time for the 9am lectures, the second session fits into the athletes' timetables, and the Monday rest day allows for a chance to get on top of outstanding work. This allowed Freddie to balance his time effectively, earning a seat in the victorious Lightweight Men's Blue Boat while excelling in medicine.

"The coaches understand that a large part of your Cambridge experience is academic and getting a degree. During exam season in Easter term before The Boat Race, the coaches were supportive and understood that your exams came first."

Jeremy Wilkinson, 2026 Men's Lightweight

For Jeremy, trialling gave shape to life as a researcher. Hard training sessions provided structured time away from the lab, letting him focus on his academic work – a PhD in Particle Physics – when he needed to, and switch off when he didn't. The result was a win in the Lightweight Men's Boat Race, and, subsequently, a position at CERN – testament to CUBC's ability to foster both athletic and academic excellence.

"Turns out 80 minutes on the RP3 is a great way to burn off the frustrations of a day's research. Arriving at work after a hard erg or a brutal round of seat racing, I knew I'd already survived the hardest part of my day, which made presenting at CERN, or whatever else came up, feel routine in comparison."



A world champion learning new tricks, a fresher in the Blue Boat, a medic and a physicist with Blues to their names: excellence at CUBC comes in many forms. What connects them is a supportive club that asks the most of its athletes on the water, and makes room for anything and everything they want to achieve off the water. It is a combination that few programmes can match, and one that the Club is determined to protect.

Tradition and Change: The Long View

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Six years ago, four squads came together under one club. For all of today's athletes, that is simply how CUBC has always been. It is the only way that I experienced the Club, having joined in 2020 in the first year of the merging. For Gemma King and Matthew Edge, however, whose tenures straddle pre-and-post unification, reflecting on what's changed – and what's remained – proves a useful exercise. Cambridge rowing necessarily rests on foundations of tradition; of a commitment to a shared history and the pursuit of goals that transcend any single crew or season. But traditions only survive if they can adapt and evolve, and evolution was long overdue. The merger asked the club to change its structure while retaining what made it special, as both Gemma and Matt note.



Gemma is pictured third from left.

Gemma King, 2026 Women's Blue Boat

Gemma began rowing at Lady Eleanor Holles School BC before starting at Cambridge alongside her twin sister, Catherine, in 2018. There began a remarkable tenure: Lightweight Blue Boats in 2019 and 2022, Reserve Crews in 2021 and 2023, and a three-year stint in the Women's Blue Boat from 2024 to 2026 – her Presidential year. Of Gemma's seven Boat Races, she won five. She witnessed first-hand the changes wrought by the restructuring of the clubs but reflects more on the continuity of her experience: the essentials that have kept Cambridge successful.

"Whilst everyone was always looking for ways to make the Club better and the crews faster, it struck me how the culture, the standard of rowing and the quality of coaching remained exceptional year on year, even as the athletes and crews changed."



Matt is pictured fourth from left.

Matt Edge, 2026 Goldie

Matt started rowing at Durham Amateur Rowing Club and started at Cambridge in 2018. After a successful first season rowing at college level with St Catharine's, he moved to the Lightweight programme in 2020. He competed in the Lightweight Men's Boat Race from 2020 to 2022, rowed in the Men's Boat Race in 2023 and 2024, then in the Men's Reserve Race in 2025 and 2026. Of his seven Boat Races, like Gemma, he won five, and was part of CUBC's first successful Henley campaign in over two decades, winning the Temple Challenge Cup. Matt notes the Club's seismic impact on his life while reflecting on the club's navigation through its period of change.

"Trying to describe the CUBC's impact on me would be to espouse the significance of mustard to a hot dog: it's simply not the same without it. As I've grown into the Club (in waistband more than in height), it has matured around me. Six years on from merging, it appears so seamless that it blends into that hallowed Cambridge institution of 'how it's always been'. The apprehension now seems childish and, looking back, the bumps seemed destined for the iron, but of course they were not. No doubt great efforts were strained but, like the rowing, Cambridge made it look easy."

While necessary changes have brought significant structural alterations to CUBC, it has remained consistent where it counts: in its commitment to high-level coaching, excellence on and off the water, passion for the sport of rowing, and, of course, the relentless pursuit of success in The Boat Race and beyond. The Club has changed shape; it has not changed character.



Matt is pictured second from bottom right.

From College to Blue

There are only a handful of places in the world where one could walk down to the river on a brisk winter's morning, with the sun yet to rise and ice crusting at the edges of the calm water, to find a hive of activity: boats upon boats navigating their way through the darkness, calls from coxes cutting through the cold air, the clunk of synchronous feathering, the splashes of the puddles, the rhythmic exhale of eight bodies working as one. Taking to historic waters bearing the echoes of hundreds of years of endeavour and competition, the Cambridge college crews aren't deterred by bitter cold or darkness. Rowing is, of course, one of Cambridge's great traditions, and it is eagerly adopted each year by a legion of newcomers, eager to partake in the storied sport. Indeed, it may only be Oxford that rivals us in terms of the sheer number of college athletes that take up rowing.

Where Oxford cannot compete with us, though, is in the development of the talent that starts its journey within the colleges. Throughout my time at Cambridge, I was always struck by just how effectively the colleges instil the fundamentals – and, more importantly, the passion for the sport – that then allows athletes to rise through the ranks in the Development Squad and up into the University crews. It is a testament to the strength of that pipeline that, every year, there are a host of striking stories that begin at college boat clubs.

This past season was no exception.



Archie Smith, 2026 Men's Lightweight

Archie learned to row at King's in his first year and trialled for the Lightweight Men's Squad in his second. The least experienced triallist in the group, he set himself small goals each week. With the support of coach Nick Acock and the example of then-President Josh Moore, he progressed quickly enough to stroke the Lightweight Blue Boat in 2026. Wanting to give back, he has since been elected for the Lightweight Men's presidency for the 2026-27 season.





Archie celebrating, far right.

"My time at CUBC has been one of the best experiences of my life and I am forever grateful for all the people who have helped me along the way."



Anna Linda Elvre, Women's Spare

Anna Linda learned to row at Homerton College Boat Club in October of her first year. Within six months she was in the CUBC system, medalling in the Beginner 4+ at BUCS with the Development Squad. Summer training taught her the rhythms of the CUBC programme before the season began, from the 5:50am train to where the spare washers are kept. Anna Linda was a spare for the 2026 Boat Race season before earning a spot in the 'B' 8+ for summer racing, winning Academic Eights at the Metropolitan Regatta and making the Friday at Henley. For Anna Linda, the impact of the Development Squad can't be understated.

"It accomplished a lot in ensuring that everyone on the squad had something they were able to learn from one another, fostering a community from day one that carried on throughout the entire season. I went from picking up a blade for the first time to winning races for CUBC at Henley Royal in less than 20 months due to the bridge that Development Squad built."

Hannah Warren, 2026 Women's Lightweight

Hannah took up rowing in the first year of her PhD through Jesus College's novice programme. That summer, Development Squad gave her a first taste of CUBC coaching and equipment, as well as the confidence to trial. She raced – and won – in the 2026 Lightweight Women's Blue Boat, before finishing the season alongside Anna Linda in the 'B' 8+, winning at the Metropolitan Regatta and making the Henley Friday. She notes just how crucial the Development Squad was to the success of the Lightweight crews.



"The lightweight crew was very special because all of us, bar one, learnt to row at college. College rowing provides a path into a sport that can sometimes feel inaccessible, and the Development Squad helps bridge the gap between the unique experience of college rowing and the level of rowing at CUBC. The CUBC coaches were incredibly supportive throughout that transition, always willing to take the time to explain things and help me develop as a relatively new rower."





Bella is pictured on the centre left, behind her cox Lydia Acar.

Bella Munr, 2026 Women's Lightweight

Bella arrived at freshers' week expecting to spend three years playing lacrosse. She tried rowing at Peterhouse, and plans quickly changed. The two-week summer Development Squad showed her what was possible for a college rower. She finished her third year with a Blue from the winning Lightweight Women's Blue Boat and rowed with Anna Linda and Hannah in the 'B' 8+ through the summer. The openness of the university programme to incomers from the college level is, for Bella, of the utmost importance.

In an era where rowing is more scientific than ever, and success can so often feel like it hinges on an arms race of talent recruitment from elsewhere, it is more important than ever to recognise the importance of developing home-grown athletes. The next Blue is already out on the Cam on a dark winter morning, developing a passion and commitment that, with the right support, will carry them to Boat Race victory on the Tideway.

"Of the twenty-six athletes on the summer development squad, ten continued through to the end of the Boat Race season. The programme keeps university rowing open to those who learn the Cambridge way, as freshers at the mercy of their Lower Boats Captain. That depth matters: every athlete pushes those ahead of them, and the squad is faster for it."

Year-in-Review, Chief Men's Coach Rob Baker

What a year! We started with another Head of the Charles win, backing up the win from 2024, we were victorious in all three men's Boat Races and the spares races prior, and finished with a Henley win in the Temple; our first Henley win in 18 years (we don't plan on waiting so long for the next one).

We knew we had a good squad from the start of the year, but getting the Charles win again was very pleasing. The trip to the US in October provides us with great exposure to US students and showcases what we are capable of. We use this trip to visit US universities and promote coming to study and row at Cambridge. As always, we are hosted so well by the Alizadeh family and the Senthilnathan's, and we had another great dinner hosted by Jon and Martina Bernstein. We want to keep this trip as a part of the CUBC program.

After the Charles, the heavyweights drop into a pairs block of training. This is 4-6 weeks of pairs work, which is important in their small boat skills and personal development, so having a good fleet of pairs for this is key. We finished this block with pairs racing at Dorney. Our fastest pair were Germans Freddy Breuer and Leo Brahms who went on to finish a very close second in German trials. Both Freddy and Leo were then selected for the German team at the World Championships in Amsterdam this summer.

At the same time, the lightweights worked toward the Fours Head post-Charles, where they competed very well with a win in Senior Academic Fours and competitive racing from all crews. We then managed close races in Trial 8s. This is always pleasing and gives the athletes the best possible practice for The Boat Race.

Camp in Avis is now a staple of the men's program. The set-up there is as good as you can find anywhere. The chance for us to be away and just focus on rowing in the best environment is a privilege CUBC rowers have had for generations. Many of you will remember hard and good days in Banyoles! Avis is perfect for where our program is at this stage.

The fixture season was again very successful. Getting one international crew over for the Blue Boat is key. It is also an expensive item, but we must get good racing competition if we are to be ready to race Oxford. I have a special desire to get the full Dutch eight over this year! The last fixture was a gut buster with Leander, featuring, among others, the full World Champion GB Coxless Four. We won, but it went to the wire and we had to fight back through them using the Surrey Bend.

For The Boat Race itself, it was a great weekend for the Blue Boat, Goldie and the Lightweights. The Blue Boat race was a one in ten years howler! It's a daunting race when I know the wind will play as big a part as Oxford, but we had good plans and preparation, and the guys executed the race that was needed. It was not clean or fun, but decisive at the right points and sensible through the rough stuff as well. What is it with the years ending in a 6? I am not sure… 2006, 2016 and 2026 were all truly awful conditions, good luck to our crews of 2036!

The work of coaches Nick Acock with the lightweights, Bill Lucas with Goldie and Marko Banović helping me with the Blue Boat is what makes the difference. Good people are what make a good programme, whether it's good athletes making fast boats, coaches developing them or the support staff we have in Fiona Gabrielczyk and Sarah-Kate Roberts in the offices and Light Blue Clinic in the gym.

Thank you to everyone who played their part in our success. We simply couldn't do it without you!

The chart below shows the makeup of the 2025-26 final three crews. Building relationships with existing programmes and developing new talent are key parts of our performance strategy.

	Total (27)	%
Postgraduates who rowed before Cambridge	16	60
Undergraduates who rowed before Cambridge	6	22
Postgraduates who learnt to row at Cambridge	2	7
Undergraduates who learnt to row at Cambridge	3	11



Year-in-Review, Chief Women's Coach Patrick Ryan

The 2026 Season was one of pride and a few mixed feelings. Yes, we lost the Blue Boat race for the first time since 2016. However, both Blondie and the Lightweights won. A clean Boat Race was had, but Oxford were just too quick for us out of the start. They quickly pulled away and finished the race in a record time, by a margin of nine seconds (3 lengths). Congratulations to them.

The wind direction and speed indicated that it could have been a repeat of the Women's Boat Race in 2016 at Hammersmith Bridge, where the submerging occurred. Hats off to Matt Moran, this year's Blue Boat cox. Matt worked hard and used his knowledge of the river to take every chance. It was inspiring to watch how the crew supported one another throughout the race. All we can do is put our best effort forward. Because this race is binary, a loss can sometimes feel like a failure, but as far as I am concerned we raced our best race, and it formed part of an awesome campaign.

This year we also celebrated two new best times for the 'top 10' board at Goldie. Both Camille VanderMeer and Antonia 'Toni' Galland set records on the Tuesday morning post-Boat Race. Why!? I feel like they had something to prove to themselves as they submitted 2000m scores for their respective national teams…6:36 for both of them! This was not only two personal bests, but to me a small win showing we were still getting things right. All but four athletes celebrated personal bests this year, among them Charlotte Ebel, Aidan Wrenn-Walz, Mia Freischem, and Mathilda Kitzmann. Charlotte's record was impressive enough to earn an invitation to German Trials and she ended her year as the spare for the German Senior Team at the World Championships.

Watching the Senior World Championships has also changed for me over the years with so many alumni representing their countries. On the women's side, recent alumni Imogen Grant (GB), Paige Badenhorst (RSA), Megan Lee (USA), Claire Collins (USA), Camille VanderMeer (USA), Samy Morton (AUS), and Toni Galland (GER) all competed. I hope you joined me in cheering them on! On the men's side, in addition to excellent alumni and students, our own Rob Baker coached the Dutch and produced a world's fastest time with the Dutch M8+, with Rob's predecessor Steve Trapmore and the GB 8+ also breaking the previous best time. Seeing that race end in a photo finish shows it's going to be exciting to watch these two crews and the rest of our alumni as they prepare for LA 2028. Cambridge's representation really does elevate our Club as a whole: we are the best University programme in the world.

Other successes throughout this year including retaining the University Pennant at WEHORR, Ellie Sillar being selected for the GB U23 W8+ and securing a silver medal at the World Championships, Mathilda Kitzman and Charlotte Ebel helping Germany's Women's Four secure a gold medal at the FISU World Games, and our awesome Assistant Coach Matilda Horn coaching the GB Women's Pair at FISU to a silver medal and co-coaching, alongside OUBC assistant coach, the GB Women's Eight, which also claimed silver.

For me, this year has been marked with successes throughout the season and the hard work we put in day-to-day to make the programme great, developing students along the way who are inquisitive and striving to master the sport we all love.

Thank you for playing your part in our journey.

Developing new talent is an integral part of our performance strategy, and this process is led by our assistant coach. In addition to further developing the skills of those with rowing backgrounds, we are also committed to developing the talent of our trialists.

	Total (27)	%
Postgraduates who rowed before Cambridge	14	52
Undergraduates who rowed before Cambridge	3	11
Postgraduates who learnt to row at Cambridge	3	11
Undergraduates who learnt to row at Cambridge	7	26



Year-in-Review, Men's Assistant Coach, Bill Lucas

The 2025-26 Boat Race campaign began with a markedly different atmosphere from recent years. After several seasons in the underdog position, the arrival of an exceptionally strong squad made it clear from the outset that CUBC would enter the year as favourites, bringing with it a new set of expectations and pressures. Nevertheless, the group's daily approach remained unchanged: consistent hard work, incremental improvement, and a commitment to developing a cohesive rhythm across the squad.

The racing season opened with the annual trip to Boston for the Head of the Charles Regatta. The 1st Eight retained headship and rightly earned significant recognition for their performance. Equally encouraging was the 2nd Eight result, finishing 12th and placing themselves firmly among the varsity eights of major US programmes.

Strong performances at Trial Eights and a highly productive January training camp set the tone heading into the fixture season. Selection was fiercely competitive across the squad, reflecting the depth and quality of the group. In addition to the proposed Blue Boat and Goldie crews, the 3rd Eight gained valuable racing opportunities throughout the fixture period. Their commitment was evident, and their efforts culminated in an excellent result at the Head of the River Race, finishing 14th overall and 4th among university-eligible eights.

Race week began with the spares race, held this year in coxed fours from Harrods Wall to the Boat Race finish. After a spirited opening minute from the Oxford reserves, the Light Blue crew demonstrated their calibre and extended to a decisive winning margin.

As race day approached, it became clear that the Tideway would present significant additional challenges. Forecasts predicted strong winds and unsettled water from St Paul's onwards. The lightweight race the previous day, held in marginally better conditions, reinforced what was in store. Pumps and splashboards were fitted, and the crew was fully aware that conditions around Hammersmith would be particularly demanding. Sharpening the mind further was the fact that if we ended up on Middlesex we would need to get control of the race by Hammersmith so we could cross to the Surrey station and get to the calmer inshore water.

Goldie, featuring numerous age-group international medallists and previous Boat Race winners, rose to the occasion. Showcasing their speed and composure, they established an increasingly dominant margin. Their secured victory by 19 lengths was a testament to the squad's drive and determination throughout the season.

Following The Boat Race, the Club continued its efforts to translate Boat Race form into summer racing success. Victories in the Championship Eight and Championship Coxless Four at Metropolitan Regatta, combined with a strong presence at Henley Royal Regatta, qualifying crews in the Ladies' Plate, two Temple entries, the Prince Albert, and the Diamonds, set the stage for an excellent week. Particular congratulations go to the Ladies' Plate crew for reaching Sunday, and to the Temple crew, who delivered an outstanding campaign to win the event. We are determined to ensure future Henley victories do not require such a long wait as this one!

The conclusion of the 2026 season marks the departure of several long-standing CUBC stalwarts. Special recognition is due to Noam Mouelle, Matthew Edge, and Luke Beever, who leave with a collective 13 wins across Blue Boat, Goldie and Lightweight races.

This summer also brought the sad news of the passing of Donald Legget, whose contribution to CUBC is unparalleled. For decades he shaped winning CUBC, and particularly Goldie, crews. During my time at CUBC he was a constant source of support and fount of knowledge in all things Boat Race and rowing more generally. He will be sorely missed and it will be strange going into the 2027 campaign without him.





Report from Women's Assistant Coach, Matilda Horn

If there was one defining theme for this past season, it was our excellent depth. The squad brought together a formidable mix of talent, featuring returners such as six-time Boat Race/Lightweight Boat Race winner Gemma King and World Champion Camille VanderMeer, alongside multiple U23 competitors and medallists, undergraduates, and breakthrough talent from college rowers. Our autumn campaign at the Head of the Charles Regatta provided an early marker of our trajectory, and although the positional outcome wasn't quite what we had hoped for, the collective performance across the group clearly highlighted the rising standard of our full squad.

Our competitive racing sharpened through a demanding winter fixture season, producing very close, even racing against Thames, Leander, and the Dutch, and wins over Molesey. This work paid massive dividends at the Women's Eights Head of the River Race (WEHORR), where the squad delivered an unprecedented display of squad depth retaining the University Pennant by finishing 1st and 2nd in the University category, with all four eights placing inside the top 34 overall.

When Boat Race week arrived, our coxswains proved instrumental, navigating tough Tideway conditions on race days with skill and composure. The Lightweight Women set the tone with a commanding 35-second victory on Saturday, Blondie followed suit with a win of 9 lengths (40 seconds). The Blue Boat had an incredible fight against a strong Oxford crew and they showed skill in the conditions on the day. Crucially, the team's success was built on the foundation laid by the entire squad. The fierce competition within the 4th Eight pushed everyone higher, and it was fantastic to see the Spare Four showcase their quality by winning the Spares' Race by such a large distance.

That exceptional squad depth directly enabled us to field two highly competitive eights at Henley Royal Regatta. Both Eights produced thrilling races on Thursday in The Island Challenge Cup to advance to Friday, while our Pair put up a gritty performance against a world-class Czech crew on Friday. Beyond HRR, six ex-CUBC and three 2026 Blue Boat female athletes went on to represent their nations at the World Championships. Meanwhile, our Development Squad put in great performances at BUCS and Brit Champs, ensuring the talent pipeline remains strong.

Working alongside Paddy to facilitate the growth of these remarkable women remains an absolute privilege.

To our generous donors and supporters, thank you. Your unwavering backing makes this entire journey possible.

Messages of thanks from the outgoing Presidents

Noam Mouelle | Men | Hughes Hall

We were fortunate this season to receive an incredible pool of talent, attracted by the success of the team and coaching staff over the last few years, both in The Boat Race and on the international stage. I hope this will continue in the years to come.

This was somewhat different from recent years, when we were perhaps seen as the underdogs, but we made a point of maintaining a culture where working hard is the norm, internal competition is driven by everyone, and winning is never taken for granted. This, on top of the support of our alumni, world-class coaching and facilities, is, I think, an explosive combination. I believe it is what has allowed us to produce fast Boat Race crews, and preserving this across future generations of athletes will allow that success to continue.

No one embodied that continuity better than Donald Legget, whose passing this summer deeply affected our team. My words will unfortunately fall short of appropriately describing his influence on the Club. Donald will always represent to us the very best example of what dedication to CUBC looks like. His presence was a constant reminder that what we are trying to achieve is bigger than us, and that previous generations are watching, caring, and willing to do all they can to help. This was a lesson for new athletes and returners alike, and it will not leave with him.

I am incredibly grateful for my time at CUBC, and for having had the opportunity to let The Boat Club take such a large place in my life. I want to thank my fellow presidents, and all of you, for your support. I wish next year's crews all the luck in the world for the coming campaign.





Gemma King | Women | LMBC

It's been a huge honour leading the openweight women's squad this year.

This year we had one of the largest-ever groups of initial triallists, bringing together experienced international rowers alongside others who had only recently learnt to row through their colleges. This meant we had a squad with depth and huge competition for seats in boats. What was particularly impressive was the way everyone supported and continued to push each other on throughout the selection process.

It was clear from early in the year that The Boat Races this year were going to be close, with a strong OUBC squad providing a formidable challenge. Everyone took on this challenge, with almost every athlete in the squad achieving new personal bests in their 2k and 5k erg tests, including our most experienced athletes. We also saw CUBC records broken in these tests, demonstrating just how much the athletes were capable of.

The Boat Races themselves provided some close, exciting racing. Our Openweight Women's Spare Four, Lightweight Women's Blue Boat and Blondie all took commanding wins in their respective races. Our Lightweight Women's Spare Pair narrowly missed out after racing side-by-side with Oxford down the whole course, and our Women's Blue Boat put up a fierce fight against a strong Oxford crew. Our men's squad rounded out the week to finish victorious in every race. With the strength and depth of the incoming squad, I am incredibly excited to see what Cambridge can achieve next year.

We owe a huge amount to our coaches: Patrick Ryan, Matilda Horn, Oliver James, Patrick Neininger and Mike Taylor for all their dedication, expertise and hard work throughout the season. I'd also like to thank Nicole Elkins and Tom Wiles at Viktus for their strength and conditioning support, and Tom Quantrell and his team at PhysioTeq for their physiotherapy support. We had a very low level of injury this year which allowed us to focus on training and getting the most out of time on the water.

There are also many others working behind the scenes who are essential for making The Boat Races possible. I'd particularly like to thank Fiona Gabrielczyk, our Head of Operations, Sarah-Kate Roberts, our Head of Philanthropy and Communications, Tom Dignum, our Fleet and Facilities Coordinator, Karine Chastang, our Ely Boathouse Manager, and everyone who sits on the Rowing and Management Board and the CUBC Foundation Board. The amount of work that they do to support our squads and the coaches throughout the year is enormous and The Boat Races could not happen without them.

I would especially like to thank everyone who has donated to CUBC for your contribution to the Club. Being a part of the squad and training at the level required to compete in The Boat Races takes an enormous amount of dedication, determination and hard work from the athletes and your support is necessary to make this possible. From world-class coaching and equipment to minibuses, facilities and everything in between, your generosity provides the foundation for the Club.

We are lucky to be supported by such a large community and it has been a pleasure to meet so many of our alumni and other supporters throughout the year, whether that was in Ely, down on the Tideway in Putney, at events hosted by the CUBC or elsewhere. Your advice, stories and encouragement mean a huge amount and we are very fortunate to be a part of such a strong community. I am looking forward to joining you all on the supporters' side next year and cheering on the next Cambridge crews. Until then, thank you for all your support this season. It has been a privilege to lead this squad and I'm immensely proud of what we have been able to achieve.





Josh Moore | Lightweight Men | Queens'

Leading the lightweight men's squad this season was an immense privilege and the highlight of my time at Cambridge. Winning The Boat Race is an unrivalled adrenaline buzz and doing this alongside a group of teammates and coaches with whom you have had the pleasure of training all year makes it even more special.

We hit the ground running this year, with the 2026 season marking the first trip for the CUBC lightweight squads to the Head of the Charles Regatta. Finishing 5th on our first appearance provides a great benchmark for the 2027 squad to improve on. We were hosted by a family connected to the squad and the trip was funded entirely by the generosity of alumni. It was on this trip that I first began to appreciate the scale of the CUBC community and how much is made possible by its support.

When I joined CUBC, I was told at the welcome BBQ that this was the greatest club in the world. Only now do I really understand what was meant by that. The Club's results are often impressive, but its greatness comes from its huge network of family, coaches, friends and alumni that support those that are fortunate enough to represent CUBC on the water.

As President of the lightweight men this year, I was stunned by the welcome I received from our alumni, who are rightly and fiercely proud to have raced as lightweight men for Cambridge. I was introduced to alumni and friends of the Club from all generations, all of whom were as keen to see us have a successful season as we were. It was a highlight of the season to introduce the squad to alumni when we named the newly donated launch 'Less is More'. Later in the season in the lead up to Trial Eights and in Race Week, alumni joined us on the launches for sessions and followed the racing.

The Club would not be where it is today without the generous financial contributions of alumni. We also benefited enormously as a squad from those who were able to give their time, guidance and mentorship. A continual message we heard from alumni was to make the most of the experience because, in the words of one supporter, 'I'd give my left leg to be back in the boat rowing for CUBC'. Even with the bitterly cold Ely mornings still fresh in my memory, that sense of nostalgia has already well and truly set in, and I find myself echoing the same message to the 2027 squad.

Knowing we train and race not just for ourselves but for the whole community of people who care deeply about the Club's success is incredibly motivating and makes any success we are able to have all the more rewarding. To have carried the baton forward on behalf of those who came before us and, hopefully, have made them proud to remain a part of the CUBC community was a huge honour. Thank you very much to all those who made our success possible in 2026.

Here's to making it six in a row for the lightweight men! Wishing Archie Smith and the new squad all the best in 2027.





Helena Olandi | Lightweight Women | Hughes Hall

The clouds gathered, the sky darkening as the wind howled through Putney Bridge. "Oxford! Cambridge!" Sarah Langslow called out, flag raised. This was it. Every early morning, every stroke, every crew huddle had led to this moment. The red flash of the flag, and the 2026 Lightweight Women's Boat Race was on. Our training in Ely had prepared us for anything, our rhythm tried and tested in all conditions. We enjoyed every last second, our last time rowing together as a crew. And with one final sprint, our bowball passed the iconic navy-and-light-blue post, marking the end of the race, the season, and a seventh consecutive win for the Cambridge Lightweight Women!

Every stroke that brought us to victory was because of, and for, our exceptional coach Oliver James, who turned coal into diamonds, with the unwavering support of coaches Paddy Ryan, Matilda Horn, and Patrick Neininger. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible spare pair, who opened Boat Race week with a valiant fight against Oxford, setting the tone and the standard for all of us to live up to. I would also like to thank Fiona Gabrielczyk and Sarah-Kate Roberts for making everything possible from behind the scenes, Tom Dignum for taking care of our equipment, the team at Physioteq and Dr. Claire Gillvray for keeping us in top form, and the team at Viktus for making us stronger every week.

A very exciting addition to the coverage of the Lightweight races was the audio livestream, for which we are immensely grateful to BRCL, Channel 4, and Times Radio for making it such a well- received reality. Thank you to our sponsor CHANEL for championing this one-of-a-kind race and sport, and thank you to our fantastic umpire Sarah Langslow, and the Oxford Lightweight Women of 2026, for giving us all the race of a lifetime. A final heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who supported us, whether from the bank, or from around the world, alumni, donors, family, and friends, whose generosity ensures the very existence of CUBC.

As President, leading such an incredibly dedicated, hard-working, but also kind, supportive, and united group of athletes has been both an honour and a privilege. I am immensely proud not only of what fierce, powerful, and talented rowers everyone in the squad is, but of who they are as people and as a crew. They truly hold the flame high for the values of CUBC, where lifelong friendships are forged stroke by stroke through the battering waves and winds of Ely.

What was really special about this year's squad is just how many of us had learned to row at our colleges, carrying forward the spirit of The Boat Race at its core, and I hope it will inspire many more to come experience this once-in-a-lifetime journey for themselves. I cannot wait to join the incredible community of alumni and supporters that will be offering a helping hand, and cheering on the new generations of rowers as they pick up a light-blue oar, and add their own strokes to the Cambridge legacy.

With all my heart, thank you, and boat's speed to you all.





Meet the new Presidents



Simon Hatcher| Men | Peterhouse

Simon started rowing at age 13 at Oregon Rowing Unlimited in Portland, Oregon, USA. He studied mechanical engineering at Brown University. While at Brown, he rowed on the USA U23 team in 2021, won bronze at the 2022 IRA championships, and trained with the Green Racing Project in Craftsbury, Vermont.

In 2024, he started trialling at Cambridge while completing an MPhil in Nuclear Energy, then began his PhD in engineering in 2025. He sat in the bow seat of the winning 2025 and 2026 Men's Blue Boats. He wants to make sure that Cambridge wins every boat race for the rest of time, beginning with this year.



Eloise Etherington | Women | Caius

Eloise began rowing as a junior at Globe Rowing Club, before moving to Wycliffe College Boat Club, where she won multiple national titles and represented GB at the U19 World Championships. She started at the University of Cambridge in 2024 and is now entering her third year of an undergraduate degree in Natural Sciences, specialising in Chemistry.

This will be her third campaign with CUBC, having been victorious in Blondie in 2025 and 2026. She is excited to step into the role of president and lead the squad in the 100th year of the Women's Boat Race.



Archie Smith | Lightweight Men | King's

Archie learned to row at King's College Boat Club in 2024 in his first year of studying Mathematics. He spooned with King's in May Bumps in 2025 and served as Vice-President of KCBC in his second year. During the summer of 2025, he rowed with Southampton University Boat Club, where he got his first experience of off-the-Cam racing at City of Oxford Regatta.

Archie began trialling for CUBC in September of 2025 and went on to stroke the Lightweight Men's Boat to victory. He served as Vice-President during his first year of trialling and is now looking forward to continuing to support and lead the crew as President.



Lauren Allegretti | Lightweight Women | Lucy Cavendish

Lauren learned to row at Lucy Cavendish College Boat Club in October 2023 after moving to Cambridge to begin a PhD in Clinical Neurosciences. Before discovering rowing, she was a competitive gymnast, footballer, and basketball player. During her time at Lucy, she served as Women's Captain in 2024-25 and most recently won blades in May Bumps 2026 with the O1 crew.

In September 2025, Lauren began trialling with CUBC and was a member of the victorious 2026 Lightweight Women's Boat. Following The Boat Race, she raced for Cambridge at BUCS, winning a bronze medal in the Championship Lightweight 4-. Lauren is honoured to serve as Lightweight Women's President and is excited to build on the squad's recent success while helping future athletes experience everything that makes lightweight rowing at Cambridge so special.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, the Pulling Together Fund and the Endowment provided critical funding across six priority areas in 2025-26:



The Pulling Together Fund: £528,862

Every gift, whether £10 or £10,000, played a vital role in ensuring our crews had the resources, preparation and support needed to take on Oxford, whilst also delivering exceptional performances at events like Head of the Charles and Henley Royal Regatta. Gifts to the Pulling Together Fund directly address the Club's most pressing needs each year.

Amongst this year's donations was an extraordinary one-off gift of £74,000 towards essential maintenance at Goldie Boathouse. This transformative support means we can safeguard a treasured part of CUBC's heritage without compromising our investment in the athletes striving for success today.

Your gifts also funded the following elite-standard boats and equipment:

1 Men's Empacher 8+

1 Lightweight Men's Empacher 8+

10 New Ergs

1 second-hand squad minibus

1 Women's Filippi 8+

Telemetry for the men

4 New Exercise Bikes

The CUBC Rowing Charitable Fund (Endowment): £194,000 return

The development of the CUBC Rowing Charitable Fund remains central to our vision for the Club's future. Our long-term goal is to build a £20 million endowment, creating a lasting source of support for generations of Cambridge rowers. The funds are currently invested in the Cambridge University Endowment Fund (CUEF). Like the £20 million goal for The Topolski Fund at OUBC, this ambition reflects our commitment to securing CUBC's long-term competitiveness and sustainability. The Endowment's capital is protected in perpetuity, with only investment returns available for expenditure, ensuring that each gift continues to benefit the Club long into the future.

Snapshot of The CUBC Rowing Charitable Fund (Endowment) at its year end, 31 July 2026

Current total value of Endowment: £5,814,000

Donations received to date: £4,987,380 in aggregate

Donations received in 2025-26: £225,000 in aggregate

Return on investment in 2025-26: £194,000

Current cash balance: £48,000

Report from The CUBC Foundation Chair, Nick Bliss



It has been a privilege to have been involved at CUBC for another successful year on the water with the fantastic achievements at the Head of the Charles, The Boat Race and then the outstanding performances across all crews at Henley Royal Regatta - topped off with the Temple Challenge Cup victory. The world of The CUBC Foundation has also been action-packed this year:

- We thanked Mark Horton and Paul Withers who stepped down from the Council at the end of 2025 having both served on the Council since the Club's reorganisation in 2015 and who had both made terrific contributions to the Foundation and the Club.
- In addition, we also thanked Chris Daws for his service as a member of the Council until 2020 and his continued membership of the Investment Committee through 2025.
- We welcomed Paul Brine, Steve Berger, Judith Slater and Matthew Edge onto the Council.
- We have a new Investment Committee comprising Messrs Berger, Brine and Edge who are taking a close look at the performance of the Foundation's investments and assisting the trustees of The CUBC Rowing Charitable Fund – colloquially known as the Endowment – in a review of its overall investment strategy.
- We held our annual Alumni Reception at The Globe Theatre in early December 2025 which was attended by 75 members and our HRR cocktails on the Saturday of Henley attended by 100 supporters.

In the fundraising world we continued to work towards a financially self-sufficient CUBC which operates a world-class rowing programme, provides our student-athletes with an experience that stays with them for a lifetime and maintains the relevance and attraction of The Boat Races to worldwide rowing. The principal points to report for the year were:

- The continued success of our Pulling Together Fund (regular giving) which raised over £500,000 through the year. It is worth noting the growth from our first year of 2021-22 when we raised £181,000. Individuals contributing to the campaign have increased from 314 in our first year to 523 this year.
- The growth of the Endowment which currently holds investments in CUEF of approx. £5.8 million and which provided an investment yield of £194,000 to the Club. There were capital donations of £225,000 to the Endowment during the course of the year.

As noted above, the aim of the Foundation is to get the Club to a point of financial self-sufficiency by FY2031. By that, I mean that the Club will no longer need the annual £100,000 contribution from the University – for which contribution we are very grateful. Looking further into the future, the aim is to ensure that the Club is not dependent on commercial sponsorship income from The Boat Race Company (BRCL), which in FY26 was £250,000. The CHANEL sponsorship of BRCL is magnificent, but we must strive to future-proof the Club. So we cannot let up in our fundraising efforts! We must continue to build the Endowment with the intent of achieving our £20 million target and promote our annual Pulling Together campaign. Please contribute whatever you can; we are a united Club and all and any contributions are gratefully received.

I should like to thank all of you who support the Club in whatever way you contribute; money and/or time and/or by hosting crews. I also thank Gordon Glick and the University Development Office for their continuing support of the Club and the University Estates Department for their maintenance of Goldie Boathouse and, imminently, Ely Boathouse. Finally, thanks to my fellow Council members and to Sarah Winckless and Mark Sorrell, my fellow Endowment trustees.

GDBO,



Nick Bliss

Chair, The CUBC Foundation

Trustee, The CUBC Rowing Charitable Fund

Snapshot of the Foundation at its year end:
As of 31 July 2026, The CUBC Foundation's cash and marketable investments stood at approximately £1.27m (£954,729 in The COIF Charities Investment Fund and cash at bank of £315,592).

Significant Financial Facts - Sources of Club Income



Projected Income 2025-26

- Sponsorship from BRCL: £250,000
- University Contribution: £100,000
- Donations (Endowment income and regular giving): £439,800
- Student Contributions: £86,000
- Hire of Facilities/Equipment: £25,000

Total £900,800



Income 2025-26

- Sponsorship from BRCL: £291,000
- University Contribution: £100,000
- Donations (Endowment income and regular giving): £722,862*
- Student Contributions: £86,000
- Hire of Facilities/Equipment: £35,550

Total £1,235,412

*£74,000 was donated as a one-time gift in support of restorations to Goldie Boathouse



Projected Income 2026-27

- Sponsorship from BRCL: £250,000
- University Contribution: £100,000
- Donations (Endowment income and regular giving): £645,000
- Student Contributions: £84,000
- Hire of Facilities/Equipment: £26,000

Total £1,105,000

The Club: Summary of Assets, Budgets & Expenditure

Club Governance Structure

Cambridge University Boat Club
Club Chair
(Stephen Peel)

The CUBC Foundation
Chair of the Foundation
(Nick Bliss)

CUBC Rowing and Management Board
(operational aspects of the Club)
Chair of the RMB (Brian Potterill)

The CUBC Rowing Charitable Fund
(Endowment)

Trustees

Report from Rowing and Management Board Chair, Brian Potterill

The Rowing and Management Board is responsible for the governance and operation of the Club, bringing together student leaders, staff and alumni to guide decision-making and ensure effective communication across CUBC. I would like to thank my fellow Board members, our staff, Oxford University Boat Club and both Universities for their continued support and partnership.

This year saw an increasingly collaborative relationship with OUBC, to the benefit of both Clubs and the future of The Boat Race. Our shared objective remains to provide student-athletes with the opportunity to compete at the highest level, while upholding excellence, wellbeing and inclusivity. Together, we must continue to work to safeguard the future of six highly competitive races and ensure that The Boat Race remains a defining experience for generations of students to come.

I congratulate all of our athletes, coaches and staff whose dedication and teamwork keep the Club moving forward. I would also like to recognise the many volunteers who generously contribute their time and expertise in support of CUBC. Their commitment is fundamental to everything we achieve.

While we take pride in this year's successes, we must also remain focused on the future. Our priority is to deliver a superb, world-class rowing programme while carefully managing costs and making prudent long-term decisions about how we invest our resources. Sustained success depends on balancing ambition with responsibility.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, alumni, parents, volunteers, staff, the University and the wider CUBC community. I am deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed their time, expertise or financial support over the past year.

If you are not yet actively involved with the Club and feel able to support our work, whether through your time, expertise or philanthropy, I encourage you to get in touch. Together, we can ensure that CUBC continues to thrive and provide extraordinary opportunities for Cambridge students.

Many thanks,



Brian Potterill

Chair, Rowing and Management Board

Significant Financial Facts - Club Expenditure

Total Club Costs*

2025-26 Budget £947,000

2025-26 Spend £1,093,400

2026-27 Budget £1,095,400



*Costs include both CUBC and CUBL (the Ely Boathouse).

Operational Costs

- 2025-26 Budget £947,000
- 2025-26 Spend £1,031,600
- 2026-27 Budget £987,000





Operational Budget Breakdown 2025-26

- Shared rowing, property and running costs £535,700
- Fixed rowing costs £254,400
- Women's squad £118,000
- Men's squad £123,500
- Interest on loan from University for Ely Boathouse £12,000

Total £1,031,600



Operational Budget 2026-27

- Shared rowing, property and running costs £518,960
- Fixed rowing costs £278,040
- Women's squad £95,000
- Men's squad £95,000
- Interest on loan from University for Ely Boathouse £12,000

Total £987,000

We group our operating expenditure into five core areas: central Club operations, shared rowing costs, men's squad costs, women's squad costs, and interest payments on the University loan for Ely Boathouse. Like many organisations, the Club has faced rising costs in recent years as a result of inflation and wider economic pressures, making careful financial management more important than ever.

Shared rowing, property and running costs. A range of costs are managed centrally to support the effective day-to-day running of the Club, including administration, transport, insurance and training infrastructure. While the University contributes towards the maintenance of Goldie Boathouse, part of our central budget is dedicated to the upkeep and operation of our facilities, particularly Ely Boathouse. These costs also include the hire of London boathouses for fixtures and Tideway Week, together with other expenses associated with The Boat Race.

Fixed rowing costs, including coaching. We maintain a consistent approach to coaching across both the men's and women's programmes, ensuring all student-athletes benefit from high-quality support and expertise. Coaching and other core rowing costs are regularly reviewed to maintain excellence, achieve value for money, and ensure parity between the two squads.

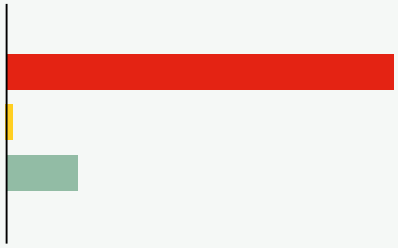
Squad costs. The men's and women's squad budgets are spent at the discretion of each chief coach and provide for the services and support required to compete at the highest level. This includes physiotherapy, strength and conditioning, specialist coaching, training camps, and a comprehensive wellbeing programme covering nutrition, sports psychology, medical support and athlete accommodation. Together, these investments help create an environment in which our student-athletes can thrive both on and off the water.



Net Capital Expenditure

- 2025-26 Budget £55,000
- 2025-26 Spend £61,800
- 2026-27 Budget £108,400

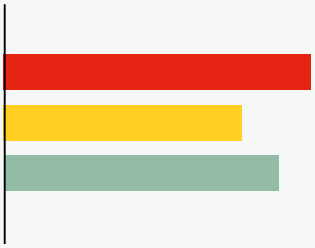
Net Capital Expenditure Breakdown



2025-26 Spend

- Women £51,300
- Men £1,000*
- Joint £ 9,500

*The sale of older equipment resulted in a lower net cost for the men's squad.



2026-27 Budget

- Women £40,600
- Men £31,500
- Joint £36,300

Our equipment strategy is to:

1. Ensure that crews racing in The Boat Races are equipped with eights which are no older than six years.
2. Keep all new fours in the Club for eight years.
3. Keep all new pairs, ergs, and stationary bicycles in the Club for ten years.



This means that:

- Each openweight eight does three Boat Races and then three Goldie/Blondie races before being used for the development squad or being sold.
- Each lightweight boat does six races before being sold.
- For each squad, we will therefore aim to buy: one openweight eight every three years, one lightweight eight every six years, two fours every two years and two pairs every two years.

Assets 2024-25

CUBC Fleet at 31 July 2026

Squad	Eight	Coxed Four	Coxless Four	Double / Pair	Singles
Men	3	4	2	9	3
Women	3	4	2	7	4
Lightweight Men	1	2	1	4	1
Lightweight Women	1	2	1	0	1
Total	**9**	**12**	**6**	**20**	**9**

Newly Launched Boat Naming Queue:

By popular demand, we are proud to launch our new boat naming queue for squad eights. Thank you to those that have already generously pledged.

If you are part of a reunion crew and would like to name an eight, or another boat in the fleet, please get in touch with Sarah-Kate Roberts.

Men

Current Eight: generously funded by members of the 1986 Blue Boat

2028-31 Eight: funding pledged by a member of Goldie 1963, Blue Boat 1964

2031-33 Eight: funding pledged by members of the 1996 Blue Boat and Goldie crews

2034-36 Eight: Available for naming

Women

Current Eight: generously funded by alumni in memory of Roger Silk

2029-31 Eight: Available for naming

Lightweight Men

Current Eight: generously funded by lightweight men's alumni

2033-38 Eight: Available for naming

Lightweight Women

2027-32 Eight: Generously funded by a member of the 1984 Women's Lightweight crew

2033-38 Eight: Available for naming





Acknowledgment of Donors

Cambridge University Boat Club is privileged to be supported by a dedicated and growing community of benefactors.

We are deeply grateful for this generosity, which plays a vital role in advancing the Club's mission and upholding the values that have defined Cambridge rowing for generations. Through our benefactor recognition programme, we are proud to acknowledge and celebrate those whose philanthropy helps to make our ambitions possible.

In 2023–24, we introduced new recognition levels, effective from 1 August 2020, marking the unification of the Club's three legacy organisations. We also extend our sincere thanks to those who supported earlier fundraising initiatives, particularly the Ely Boathouse campaign, whose generosity helped shape the foundations on which we continue to build. To learn more about our benefactor recognition levels, please visit **cubc.org.uk/benefactors.**

We are honoured to recognise the following individuals whose philanthropic leadership, commitment and belief in the future of Cambridge rowing continue to make a lasting difference.

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The Iris, Bates and Merivale Society was established to recognise those members and supporters who, during their lifetime, have pledged a bequest to the Club. Named in honour of the founders of the three legacy clubs, the Society offers CUBC a meaningful way to thank legators for their generosity and foresight. A legacy gift to the Club is a gift to the future, one that ensures generations of student-athletes will continue to benefit from the transformative experience of rowing for Cambridge.

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The donors recognised below made one or more gifts to CUBC between 1 August 2025 and 31 July 2026, spanning the academic and financial year. We sincerely thank them for their commitment to the Club and for the vital role they play in our continued success and long-term development.

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Acknowledgement of Volunteers

In 2025-26, more than 100 alumni, parents, team hosts and supporters generously gave their time and expertise to the Club, both formally and informally. Their willingness to lend their experience and champion CUBC is a gift we do not take for granted. We are profoundly grateful to every individual who contributes so generously to our community.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Annamarie Phelps for her outstanding service and commitment during her tenure as Club Chair. We are also incredibly grateful to Nordin Catic, the Club's longstanding videographer and photographer, whose work has gained CUBC international recognition. Our thanks as well to outgoing parent representative Alastair Edge, whose steadfast leadership of our parent programme has played an invaluable role in strengthening the CUBC community.

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Kirsten Clayton

Alastair Edge, Parent Representative

Pippa Hamid

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Charlie Fisher

Steve Jones

Dale Jennings

Caroline Ng

Stephen Peel

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Past Presidents and Reunion Organisers

The role of a President extends far beyond their time at Cambridge. Former Presidents remain an invaluable part of the CUBC community, helping to foster connections across generations of alumni and offering their support, insight and leadership long after they have left the Club. We are deeply grateful for their continued engagement and for the many ways they contribute to CUBC's enduring strength and success.

Reunion organisers also play a key role in bridging past and present - bringing alumni together and linking their experiences with those of current rowers. We extend our thanks to everyone from crews with years ending in '6 and '1 who took part this year and helped strengthen the bonds across generations.

Team Hosts

To the members of our community who so generously open their homes to our student-athletes, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Your hospitality and kindness provide far more than just a place to stay; they help create a welcoming environment in which our crews can focus on performing at their best. We simply could not do what we do without you, and we are profoundly grateful for the vital role you play in the success of CUBC.

The Alizadehs

Katie Baker

Tedie and James Bastian

The Bauers

Mary and Colin Blackman

Nick Bliss

The Casleys

Ben and Sarah Challacombe

Betsy Coles

Mark Davies

Hugo Durward

Bella Fiske-Harrison

Vicky and David Gillard

Rhian and Michael Hamill

Susan Hawkings

Meredith Hyde

Naveed Kayaam

Maria and John Kinsella

Jayne MacCleod

Gianluca Maffi

Rupert Morley

Rod and Lizzy Moore

Harriet and Simon Morgan

Beth Myers

Tony Narula

Anna Newington

The Oglethorpes

Kate Panter

Matt and Zoe Parish

Mathieu and Heather Pelier

The Perrys

Sonia and Justin Richards

Will and Lise Robinson

Andrew Seddon

Peter and Janet Simpson

Jess and Mark Somol

Andrew and Clare Wauchope

Pippa Whittaker

Daisy and Ed Wild



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Tom Amies, Treasurer

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David Lowish

Kate Panter

Judith Slater

Student Directors:

Noam Mouelle, Men's President

Gemma King, Women's President

Matthew Edge, Club Secretary

In Attendance:

Lucy Havard, Club Secretary

Fiona Gabrielczyk, Head of Operations

Helena Olandi, Lightweight Women's President

Josh Moore, Lightweight Men's President

Roger Mosey, Vice-Chancellor's Nominee

Sarah-Kate Roberts, Head of Philanthropy & Communications

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Stephen Peel, Co-Chair

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Rowing and Management Board

- Brian Potterill, Chair
- Stephen Peel, Club Chair
- Stephen Wyborn, Treasurer
- Judith Bunbury, Senior Member
- Morag Hunter, Senior Member

Student Directors:

- Noam Mouelle, Men's President
- Gemma King, Women's President
- Matthew Edge, Club Secretary

Co-opted members:

- Kirsty Gill, People & Culture and BRCL Representative
- Freddie Davidson, Welfare
- Fiona McAnena, Branding
- Fay Sandford, BRCL Representative
- Helena Olandi, Lightweight Women's President
- Josh Moore, Lightweight Men's President

In Attendance:

- Lucy Havard, Club Secretary
- Rob Baker, Chief Coach, Men
- Fiona Gabrielczyk, Head of Operations
- Roger Mosey, Vice-Chancellor's Nominee
- Tony Reynolds
- Sarah-Kate Roberts, Head of Philanthropy & Communications
- Patrick Ryan, Chief Coach, Women





Supporting our Student-Athletes

The endowment and the Pulling Together Fund are cornerstones of the Club's financial strength, providing vital support to every student-athlete. If you are in a position to give, we warmly invite you to join fellow members, parents, and supporters in contributing in whatever way feels right for you.

Below are five ways you can show your support. Gifts can be made online at **cubc.org.uk/make-a-gift**.

Make a recurring gift

Recurring gifts – either on a monthly or yearly basis – are the best way for you to provide sustainable support for our rowers and coaches.

Make a one-off gift

Any gift, no matter how large or small, will help us sustain our status as a top international programme. Participation is our primary aim.

Create a legacy

We invite you to consider joining those who have chosen to include CUBC in their estate plans. A gift in your will is a powerful way to support the Club's future, ensuring that generations of students continue to benefit from the formative experience of rowing for Cambridge. To share your intentions or learn more, please contact Sarah-Kate Roberts.

Make a non-cash gift

If you are interested in giving a non-cash asset, consider giving a gift of shares. Gifts of appreciated securities often offer you tax advantages. For more information on gifts of shares, property or other non-cash assets please visit our website or get in touch with Sarah-Kate Roberts.

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For more information please contact **Sarah-Kate Roberts**, Head of Philanthropy and Communications, at **sarah-kate@cubc.org.uk** or **+44 7938 482757**.

Appendix: Acronyms

BRCL - Boat Race Company Limited

BUCS - British Universities and Colleges Sport

CUBC - Cambridge University Boat Club

CUBL - Cambridge University Boathouse Limited

CUBC RCF - CUBC Rowing Charitable Fund (Endowment)

CUDAR - Cambridge University Development and Alumni Relations

CUEF - Cambridge University Endowment Fund

HORR - Head of the River Race

HRR - Henley Royal Regatta

HWR - Henley Women's Regatta

LM - Lightweight men

LW - Lightweight women

Lwt - Lightweight

OW - Openweight women

OM - Openweight men

RMB - Rowing and Management Board

TCF - The CUBC Foundation





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