

Race Rules

1. The race shall be rowed under the rules for the University Boat Race, except as set out below.

2. Eligibility.

The crews shall be selected from full graduates of the University (and any full Rowing Blues without that qualification), who have passed their 35th birthday on the day of the race.

[A full graduate is one who has been admitted to the senior membership of the University following the successful completion of an undergraduate course of at least three years, or a Masters' or Doctors' course of at least two years.]

The average age of the oarsmen shall be not less than 42 yrs, measured on the day of the Race.

For safety reasons there is no age limit on cox'ns, who must be experienced in Tideway conditions.

3. Course.

This year's race will be from the Boat Race start, the Putney Stone, to Furnivall Steps, being that line where the two bends equal out. A flagman will be stationed to mark the finish line for the Race Umpire, and to judge the winning distance.

Any verdict within six feet shall be declared a dead heat.

Thank You

-to the Presidents of the OUBC and CUBC for permission to mount a representative event.

-to the University Boat Clubs and The Boat Race Company Ltd. for their support.

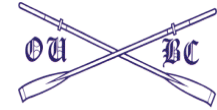
-to **Sarah Langslow** for acting as start judge.

-to **Rachel Quarrell** for acting as official timer and race reporter.

-to the CUBC Spares **Duncan Huntley**, **Beth Hunter** and **Shaun Wilson** for acting as finish judges and flagmen.

-to **Chris Price, Esq.** for coordinating the event.

-to our long-suffering families for all the usual reasons.



The twenty-seventh

Oxford & Cambridge Men's Veterans' Race

Saturday 25th March 2023
at 3.25 pm

Putney Stone to Furnivall Steps

Umpire: Tony Reynolds, Esq

Race Records

Oxford – Champions

Bow	Hugh Pelham	56	I86, B87, 88
2	Tom Anderson	48	I95
3	Andrew Brennan	39	I05, 06, N04
4	Moritz Hafner	37	I10, B11, N08,09
5	Richard Manners	50	B93, N93, 94
6	Toby Ayer	48	I97, 98, B99, 00
7	Storm Uru	38	BB 07, 09, N09,10,11, O08, 12
Stroke	Ante Kusurin	39	B07, 09, N02,03,04,05,06,07, O08

Cox Peter Hackworth I01, B02

Reserves

Average age: 44
Average weight: 14st 0lb.

Cambridge – Challengers

Bow	David Nelson	39	B11,12, N05
2	Rod Chisholm	48	L95, N01,02,03,04,07,11, O08,12
3	David Dix	55	Pembroke 92, Rugby B91,92
4	David Gillard	51	B91, 92, 93
5	David Bell	35	G18, B19
6	Jonathon Davies	40	G04
7	Tom Middleton	46	L96, N97,98,99, 01, O00
Stroke	Fred Gill	37	G09, B10, N08, 11, 12

Cox Henry Fieldman B13, N14,15,16,18,19,21 O20

Reserves Andrew Shannon 43 G03, 05, B04
Milan Bruncvik 38 B13, N07, 09,10,11, O08,12
Matthew Parish 51 B94,95, N93,94,95, O96

Coaches Richard Phelps, Matthew Holland and Donald Legget

Average age: 44
Average weight: 14st 4lb

This is the twenty-seventh Men's Veterans' Boat Race. For all but one year (2008) the qualifying average age has been **age 42 on the day of the Race**.

The Cambridge Challengers, largely unchanged from last year's line-up have come back for "unfinished business" after last year's disappointment. World and European Champion and Olympic bronze medallist **Henry Fieldman** takes the strings accompanying recent Boat Race winner **David Bell**, the latter in his first Veterans' Boat Race. They join returning Olympians **Tom Middleton** and **Rod Chisholm** together with multiple Concept-2 world and British age-group record holder **David Gillard**.

The defending Champions Oxford are taking nothing for granted with an Olympian stern pair of "VBR newcomer" **Storm Uru** along with **Ante Kusurin**, the latter joining **Toby Ayer** in making the trip especially from the US to race along with another VBR newcomer and international **Moritz Hafner**. **Hugh Pelham** is going up against the Light Blues for the 14th time and in his 11th Veterans' Boat Race.

Sean Gorvy organised the race. **Richard Manners** convened the Oxford crew.

Previous Years

Of the twenty-six races Oxford have won 10 and Cambridge 16.

2019 Oxford won the toss and chose Surrey. Cambridge knew they needed to make the most of the start up against a younger and heavier crew with the late bend advantage and this they did taking an early lead. However, Oxford's power came to the fore on the stride as they drew out ½ a length by Thames Rowing Club extending this to 2/3rds of a length by Beverley Brook. Cambridge's Olympian stern pair were not going to leave it there, pushing through the Fulham bend, a brief clash and to take their crew level by the Mile Post. An Olympic response was required and Oxford's stroke sprinted then stretched, with his cox pushing Cambridge as wide as the umpire's constant warnings would tolerate. Oxford had the momentum building to 7 seats by Harrods Depository. Cambridge now attacked but could not unsettle Oxford who held on and slightly extend their lead. Win to Oxford by 7/8 length in 7 mins 27 seconds.

2021 After the cancellation of last year's race due to COVID-19, the event moved to the Great Ouse at Ely, on the course of the 1944 and 2021 Boat Races. Cambridge won the toss selecting the road side station and took an early half length lead, extending this to a length by 500m with a higher rate of striking. An attack from Oxford at 1000m saw them check the Light Blue advance but it was unsustainable, Cambridge now two lengths ahead; despite a further attack by the Dark Blues with 500m to go, Cambridge expanded their lead with a more relaxed push to the line. Win to Cambridge by 4 lengths in 7 mins 51 seconds.

2022 Cambridge won the toss, somewhat unusually chose Middlesex and took full advantage of this station moving into a one third length lead along the Putney Embankment, extending this to just over a length by the Mile Post and looked set to move to a win. However, they could not quite "break the elastic" and Oxford began to claw back to three quarters of a length with the boats very close together. Umpire Sir Matthew Pinsent was repeatedly warning Oxford but as the crews approached Hammersmith began to warn Cambridge when disaster struck, Oxford bow clashing with Cambridge stroke, Oxford's bow ball then getting stuck under Cambridge riggers forcing a stoppage. Having disentangled, Cambridge crossed the line first but were disqualified as were being warned when the collision occurred. Win to Oxford 7 mins 39 seconds.