

TRINITY WIN THE BIG ONE

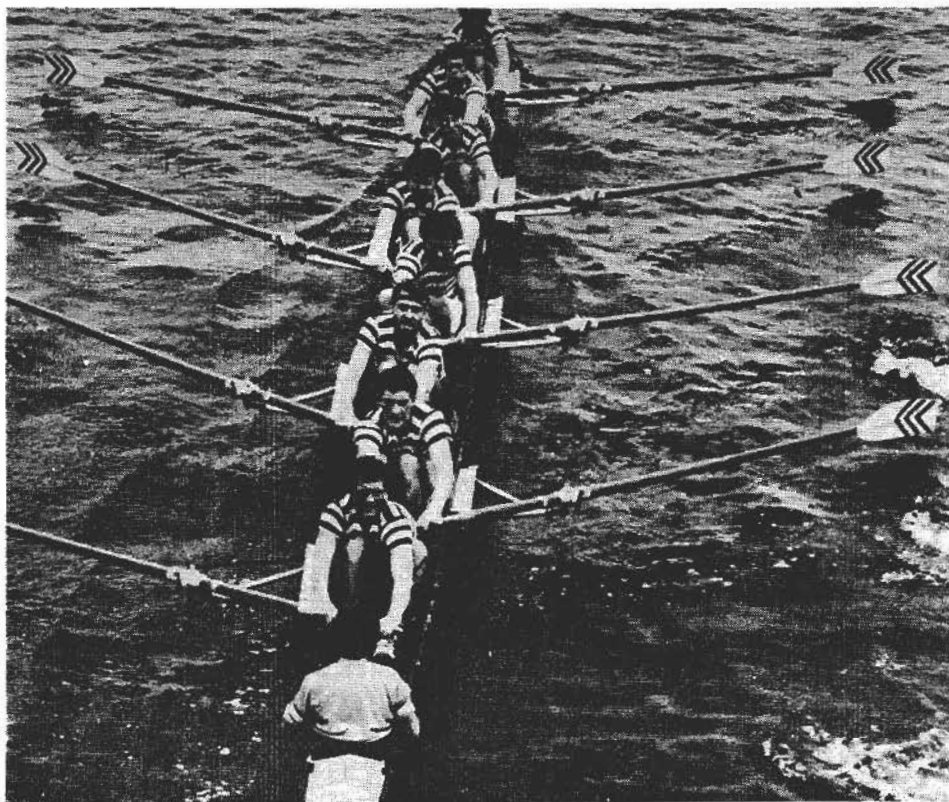
After their tremendous showing at Henley, the Trinity VIII returned to Ireland for the final run up to the Irish Elite Championships at Inniscarra, Co. Cork on 17/18 July, just ten days later.

The crew were conscious that for the first time for a number of years the winning of the IARU Championship was within their grasp. But there was no room for complacency as they contemplated the opposition, a strong Garda VIII, whom they had been unable to catch in their one and only meeting in the New Ross Head, back in January, and a Neptune composite carrying a number of International oarsmen. If they could reproduce the pace they had shown they were capable of at Henley, then all would be well.

On the day, the race got off to a tremendous

start and by the 1,000m mark, had developed into a two boat race with Garda leading Trinity by a length and Neptune dropping behind. At the 1,500m mark, Trinity had closed up to ¼ length on Garda and at 1,700m, rowing strongly, had reduced the gap further. At that point, Brendan Flynn, the stroke, lifted the rate to 43 and with the crew backing him as one man in a dramatic final burst, they rowed Garda down to win by ½ length.

It was a superb win by the crew and the Club's first Elite VIII Championship win since 1976.



The crew get off to a powerful start in the Championship race. From the Bows: Nick Dunlop, Raymond Blake, Gerry Macken, Barry Fallon, Kevin Lynch, Derek Gordon, Sean Tunney, Brendan Flynn; Cox: Brian Roberts.

PETITE PERFORMANCE

John Holland, the Neptune coach brought Ireland's most promising Lightweights together at the end of the season. After a short spell together the crew competed at Copenhagen on August 1st and 2nd. Here, coming within 7½ seconds of Australia (1980 Gold Medallists), the crew was asked to continue for the World Championships in Munich.

For Munich the crew line-up was: Stroke, Barry Currihan (Neptune); 3, Gerry Macken; 2, Brendan Flynn; Bow, Nick Dunlop (all Trinity). After several weeks of very heavy training, the crew left Ireland on August 20th. The Championships were held on the 1972 Olympic course on Thursday 24th Aug. the crew progressed to the semi-final coming in 2nd to Holland (Silver Medallists 1978 and 1979). The semi-final line-up included Australia (strong

favourites for 1981). A very poor row saw Ireland fall from 2nd to last. The IV now raced in the Petite final for places 7-12. Here in an extremely determined race, the crew came in first having led from start to finish, pushed all the way by U.S.A. This assured them of 7th place.

This year a wider lightweight group are in training and it is hoped that even better progress will be made. Much is owed to John Holland (coach) for his hard work and David Sanfey's coaching which enabled three of the IV to compete at this level.

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THE HENLEY FUND

Firstly, a very warm welcome to David Browne (Captain, 1978) who during the year has joined Curly Millar and Robin Tamplin as a trustee of the Fund. David is working with the Industrial Development Authority in Dublin, and apart from his rowing days of 1976-80 has been very actively involved with the Club in all sorts of ways since then.

The Fund was once again put to excellent use with £1,110 being given to the crew in total, £110 towards Putney Head of the River expenses in March and £1,000 towards Henley. The crew put up a great show at Henley, and disappointing though it was to be beaten yet again by Yale, there is no doubt they were a superbly fit and skilful VIII and did the Club proud.

Subscriptions to the Fund unfortunately fell a little last year to £1,176. The financially depressed year that was in it may partly explain it. But the total number of subscriptions still remains very low in relation to members passing through the Club, and indeed to those who down the years, particularly more recently, have themselves participated at Henley. There is a message there somewhere which the trustees are thinking about.

Meanwhile to those who continue to subscribe so generously the Club's most grateful thanks. Keep up the good work.



Keeping his hand in . . . Des Hill comes off the water at Metro Regatta having sculled for Lady Elizabeth Boat Club.

BOBBY STEEN

The number of Boat Club members, old and new, who came to the memorial service for Bobby Steen in Christ Church Cathedral on 17th December last was testimony to the respect and love we all felt for him, and our great loss at his death after a short illness.

Bobby was a great friend of the Boat Club and we have lost a most talented and generous supporter. He and his wife Elizabeth were part of so many Boat Club occasions. We shall sadly miss him, not just at the great occasions like Henley, but at the Regattas and other rowing functions all over the country. Wonderful memories.

Our love and sympathy go to Elizabeth and his family.

The following appreciation appeared in the *Irish Times* on 16 Dec. '81:

BOBBY STEEN, who died recently in his 79th year, allied the old fashioned qualities of courtesy and generosity to a personal charm which made him the most delightful and enriching of companions. The respect and affection which he engendered as a teacher and paediatrician was shared by a great body of

sportsmen and more particularly by all members of the Dublin University Boat Club.

His friends delighted in his election as Master of the Knights of the Campanile and when, in 1977, his old club honoured him with its presidency, the Trinity crew responded in triumphant fashion by winning the Ladies Plate at Henley after a gap of over a century. Memories of that grand occasion focus, not as they should, on the final race but rather on vain attempts to escape from Henley before succumbing to the hospitality lavished on supporters by Bobby and his wife, Elizabeth.

The passing years and a courageous battle against failing eye-sight seemed if anything, to increase his zest for life and to open new avenues of friendship. He was, in the best sense of that Irish phrase, a lovely man and will be mourned by generations of students, patients and sportsmen.

T.T.W.

SUPPORTERS AT HENLEY, 1981



Reviving memories of 1977. Left to Right: Jarlath McGee (front), Rory and Ann Reilly. David Hickey.



In the enclosure. Peter Laub, Robert O'Farrell, Robert Northridge.



Outside the Boat Tents John Pearson and Jimmy Brownlow check the programme.

IS TRINITY REGATTA AT A CROSSROADS?

(Some thoughts on last year's event . . .)

A number of ingredients have been combining to make the running of our Regatta an increasingly complicated affair.

There is first of all the rowing itself. The entries have been increasing year by year, in itself a most welcome state of affairs. But to accommodate the increased number of races, the Regatta Programme has in the last few years started on the Friday evening and continued all day Saturday and Sunday — that is until this year when the IARU ruled that the programme must be confined to the Saturday and Sunday due to difficulties experienced by some crews in attending on the Friday.

To reduce the programme to manageable proportions on the two days, the Regatta Committee after long deliberations, dropped the Ladies events. Not the most popular decision ever taken. To make amends, alternative arrangements were made for a special Ladies Day, but when one difficulty after another presented itself, this idea had to be scrapped. So, in the event, although there were two fine days of well run men's events, the women folk didn't compete in last year's Regatta.

None of this, of course, helps the atmosphere, and that leads me to the second ingredient — the social side of the event. There is a long, long tradition of the Regatta being one of the major social events of Trinity Week. Gone, admittedly, are the days of the Grandstand and regulation top hats. But there is still the Marquee and the Regatta Dance and the Official Tea, with an invitation list that includes Ministers and Ambassadors, and all the pomp and circumstance of a grand occasion à la Boat Club. It is still very much a Trinity Week event.

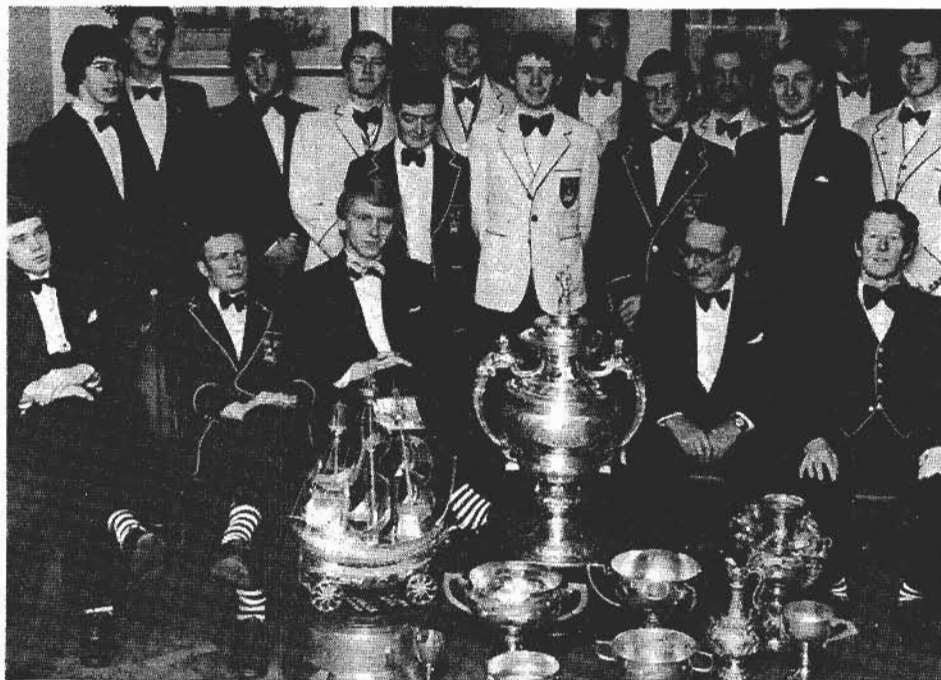
But the difficulties of maintaining the more general social side of the Regatta have become immense — not least because of the regular incursions of an undesirable element from the immediate surrounds of Islandbridge. Although the College authorities have expended considerable finance and effort in erecting a "Berlin Wall" type fence around a restricted enclosure area, this has had only a limited effect and the incursions have continued. Successive Regattas has seen the bar under siege, guests discomfited in all sorts of ways, and finally, the Regatta Marquee burned to the ground. All this has begun to affect attendance and profits and the very fabric of the Regatta itself.

This year's Committee has certainly plenty to think about. The racing programme has in the last few years been very well organised and the tight schedule of races — at five minute intervals on the Saturday — has been carried through in a most workmanlike way. But the problems of organisation and control of the other aspects of the Regatta have grown out of all proportion to the organisation of the racing itself and impose a tremendous strain on the Club's very limited manpower. A couple of things are clear. The racing programme will continue to be run — hopefully with women's events re-instated — with no effort spared to maintain and improve the present high standard. And the Regatta Tea will no doubt continue as tradition and courtesy dictate. But every other area will be up for microscopic examination to see what changes can be brought about to make the whole event more manageable.

THE 1982 SEASON — A GOOD START

The Annual New Ross Marathon was the first trial of our new 'experimental' Senior VIII. Their form was something of an unknown commodity and so this was to be an indication of their standing in the Elite class. Much to their surprise and everyone else, starting 3rd, they romped home — crossing the finishing line first — to win convincingly by over one minute from Neptune, who had three members of the 1981 Trinity Senior VIII on board.

Two weeks later, a rearranged First VIII forged ahead to win the Lagan Head by 35 seconds from nearest rivals B.R.C. A great start!



At a party on 10th February to celebrate the Club's achievements in 1981.

Back Row left to right: Paul Lorigan, Alan Thomas, Mark Pattison, Andy Hogan, Kevin Fox, Derek Gordon, Dave Finn, Kevin Lynch.

Middle Row: Brian Roberts, Paul Glenfield, Brendan Flynn, Gerry Macken, John Burgess.

Front Row: Raymond Blake, Nicholas Dunlop, John Aiken (Captain), James Shillington, Robin Tamplin

CELEBRATION

In order to celebrate the magnificent achievements of 1981 the President and Vice-Presidents of the Club threw a party for the Crews, special guests and friends who contribute so much to the welfare of D.U.B.C.

Amongst the guests were the ex-Provost and Mrs. Lyons, Dr. Trevor West, Chairman D.U.C.A.C., and many old members and wives who continually offer their support to the Club. Following a hectic 30 minutes of Crews photographs, the evening was officially opened with a wine reception and thereafter followed a meal.

Centre of attraction were the Cups collected on show — including the 'Senior Pot', the Leander Trophy, two Maiden Championship and two Junior Championship cups, the University Grand Challenge Cup and the Gannon Cup — and it became almost a competition to find as many names on the trophies that one knew.

After the Port was served the President, James Shillington, congratulated the Crews and all concerned on their efforts over the last few years in bringing continued success to D.U.B.C. In reply the Captain, John Aiken, thanked the President and his Vice-Presidents for their splendid reward and looked forward to the future with optimism, expressing the hope that it would not be too far in the future before we were able to do the same thing again.

THE 1980/1981 SEASON

As usual the Club got through a hard Winter training program with an Elite Squad of 12 men and a Novice Squad of two V.I.I.s emerging as the Head Season loomed ahead.

David Sanfey, as Senior Coach, decided to produce an Elite VIII with the four extra men rowing at the most suitable level. An Elite IV was taken from the stern of the VIII and rowed in both boats at each Regatta. Lower down, Robin Tamplin was knitting together a very fast Novice VIII which rowed at Intermediate level, while Michael Claffey coached his 2nd crew into the 3rd fastest at this level in the country.

The Elite VIII was beaten by 11 seconds by Garda over the 12 mile New Ross Marathon in January and thereafter took the Lagan and Erne Heads, the Gannon Cup, the University Grand Challenge Cup and the Elite VIII events at Metro and Athlone in highly convincing fashion before heading off to Henley as one of three seeded Crews, together with two American Universities. Unfortunately, lightning struck for the third time with the Crew going down to Yale once again in the semis of the Ladies' Plate.

The first Novices remained unbeaten all through the Head Season and had outstanding wins at Trinity and Metro before going on to win both the VIII and IV Championships in easy style. The second Novices improved throughout the year and eventually got their reward at Fermoy Regatta on the very last day of the season — a fitting ending for eight men who wanted to win so much but unfortunately had had to live in the shadows of two extremely quick Crews.

Two other members of the Elite Squad, Alan Thomas and John Burgess (both ex-King's Hospital) joined together to take the Irish Junior Pairs Championship and Alan won the Sculls title. This is the first time a University has won a so-called schoolboy title. Following time trials they were selected to travel to Bulgaria for the Junior World Championships where they did their Club and Country proud.

Returning to Ireland the Senior VIII won the Senior Championship, rowing down Garda in the last 400 metres whilst a week later they did it again with England and Wales in the last 20 strokes. A great win for a super Crew. The three lightweight of the boat went on to carry the Club's name further into International competition in gaining selection for Munich — a fitting end to the culmination of three seasons hard work.

JUNIOR PAIR RANKED 8th IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The Junior Pair of Alan Thomas (bow) and John Burgess (stroke), was nominated by the IARU to compete at the FISA World Junior Championships at Lake Pancherevo, Bulgaria, in the coxed pair event.



Trinity's Junior International Coxed Pair: Alan Thomas (Bow), John Burgess (Stroke); seen here training in the Coxless Pair.

In their first heat, the Crew came 4th, just 3 feet behind Bulgaria in 3rd place. The Russians were in a class of their own and won the heat easily.

The Crew then raced in the repechage, which was also the semi-final. In a very close race, they finished 3rd behind Yugoslavia and Rumania, beating Great Britain. Unfortunately only the 1st crews went through to the final. This was very disappointing for the Crew, as Bulgaria, with whom they had such a close tussle in the heat, easily qualified in the other semi-final and eventually finished 4th in the final.

In the petite final on Saturday, a very strong final 500m was just not enough to catch the British, who held out to win, with the West Germans in 3rd.

This gave the Crew a ranking of 8th overall, the highest ever achieved by a Junior Crew.

A TRUE OAR!

1981 was the year when Yale eventually managed to get back at Harvard and win their Boat Race for the first time in 19 years. The delighted alumni of the University, seeking to reward the Crew for their efforts, purchased the set of oars and presented one to each member of the VIII.

When DUBC came to buy a new set of Dreissigackers from Yale at Henley last summer they needed only seven for KARL ZINSMEISTER (1980) had already donated his to his old Club stating: 'What do I want with a 12' 7" trophy?' Many thanks to Karl for his generosity and we wish him well in the future.



Enjoying the Trinity Regatta were Mr. Jim Tunney, former I.A.R.U. President, Michael Johnston, and Trinity coach, Roger Tamplin.

NEW BOATS

John Aiken writes . . .

As I mentioned in my Equipment Fund Appeal of last November we have purchased a new Carcraft VIII and IV for the Club in an effort to update our equipment and keep its Crews rowing in the best available craft.

The new Carcraft VIII is costing £4,940 Stg., and is aimed particularly for a high standard of competitive rowing. The complete outer skin of the shell and 80% of the inner skin are made of specially woven thin carbon cloth, which brings significant improvement in torsional and bending rigidity, whilst further reducing the overall weight of the boat. When buying the IV we had training in mind as well as racing, and therefore took the normal version, costing a mere £2,795 Stg.

Together with the rate of exchange, 25% duty, carriage and spares, the total to be raised is £12,635. D.U.C.A.C. have given us £7,000 of their total of £8,600. We hope to raise £2,500 through the sale of Pembroke and the remainder to be paid off through the generosity of old friends and hard work in the bar. To date the Equipment Fund has raised £1,200+ which is absolutely tremendous.

We now look forward to continuing successes in 1982.

TRINITY WIN IT FOR IRELAND

After winning the I.A.R.U. National Championships, the Senior VIII was selected en bloc for the Home International in Llandegfedd, South Wales on Saturday 25th July. After prolonged training the crew travelled to Wales, Lea R.C., who had defeated the French National VIII during the year, were the English team; Wales were represented by a London composite of Welshmen, including an Olympic bronze medallist and several G.B. oarsmen.

Trinity got away very slowly in the race and were trailing last by 1 length with 500m to go. Stroke, Brendan Flynn, then produced a punishing burst — the crew responded magnificently: having drawn level with England the VIII went for Wales. Ireland hit the front with about ten strokes to go, holding on for a ½ length win. This victory, added to wins by Neptune in the Coxed IV and by Lady Victoria in the Pairs, won the Men's title for the first time since 1967.



The best Maiden VIII for years, seen at Trinity Regatta: L-R: Andrew Hogan, Tom Luz, Philip Browne, Mark Pattison, Kevin Fox, Simon Flannery, David Finn, Paul Glenfield with Michael Thompson replacing Paul Lorigan at Cox.

Out and about...

A figure missing from the Islandbridge towpath for the last few months is BRIAN PERSSON who has left King's Hospital School and gone with Jean and family to Mbabane, Swaziland to do a bit of 'bootlegging' — his description — with his brother in construction out there. Brian did a great job in getting rowing into K.H. and apart from his own successes with the K.H. crews has benefitted DUBC with the small but steady flow of oarsmen into the Club.

Good luck to GERRY MACKEN who is now teaching at K.H. and has taken up where Brian left off. Gerry, one of the International Lightweight oarsmen, is continuing to row actively himself with hopes of a fast Lightweight IV — this season.

While on the Mackens, brother JOHN has now left for foreign parts, Indonesia to be precise, with Mary and family and will no doubt among other things be refining the technique of the indigenous population in their dugouts!

More up-market is the activity on the Lagan where the DUBC trio of NOEL GRAHAM, ALVA BRANGAM and BILL JAQUES are coaching the Queen's Intermediate VIII.

Congratulations to KIERAN and ROWENA MULCAHY on the birth of a son on 15 September, 1981. Another bearded bowman on the way?

Congratulations also to NICK and JANET FITZGERALD-BROWNE on the birth of a daughter, Kit, on 23 December, 1981 in London.

It was good to see RICHARD MARRIOTT at Henley, coaching one of England's fastest

schoolboy VIII's, Emmanuel. After bringing his crew to the final of the Princess Elizabeth, he appeared in Wales for the Home International. Emmanuel were representing England's Junior Team. On the day they had a good win — a satisfactory day all round for DUBC men.

Back home again RAYMOND BLAKE has added another notch to his long career and has this year been elected Secretary of DUCAC. There to give him able support are Committee members NICK DUNLOP, DEREK GORDON and MICHAEL THOMPSON (Captain of Table Tennis no less!). So the Boat Club's affairs are this year getting the prominence they rightly deserve!

LONDON LIZZIE DINNER

Sat. April 24th

at

LONDON ROWING CLUB

Commencing 7 p.m.

Arrangements:
George deC Wheeler
Cedric Shepherd.

THRILL SEEKER . . .

Emulation of the now very popular annual Liffey Descent seems to have been in David O'Sullivan's mind when, with consummate ease he 'shot' the weir on a stormy day in June last. The difference was that he was not in a canoe, the customary craft for that event, but in the clubs now elderly and revered 'Bank' fine scull! Exhibiting a skill hitherto unguessed at he and the scull escaped unscathed and with all hands to the rescue were soon safely back on dry land.

THE MAIDEN DOUBLE

At the start of the season with a good base of Novices of one year's experience it was decided that there was potential for the 1981 Novice Championships. So, under the expert eye of Robin Tamplin, things got under way.

The 'Head' season was highly successful with the New Ross Marathon, Lagan and Erne all being won comfortably despite crew changes during this period. It was apparent also that the crew could row at Intermediate level — as at New Ross — underlined by the fact they finished 0.1 seconds behind the U.C.D. Senior VIII in Belfast.

Wins were to follow at Trinity and Metro Regattas, with the crew sometimes just failing at Senior 'A' as at Athlone.

A IV out of the VIII rowed in the IV's Championships in Cork and won both their heat and final in relatively easy fashion from Tribesmen and Cappoquin. Nerves, however, put paid to their Intermediate VIII aspirations and so all was set for the VIII's final.

Right from the beginning it was obvious a very neat crew from Queen's, whom Trinity had never met over 2,000m, would be the opposition. After 30 strokes, Queen's led by 2 lengths with an extremely fast start. This was not enough and by half-way the VIII had drawn level. The superior power of this machine finally rowed through to win by 2½ lengths. A great testament to the belief these men had in their own considerable ability.

A deserved culmination to the hard work put in by all. Special thanks to Robin Tamplin, Fred Clarke, Kieran Mulcahy, David Browne, Michael Claffey and John Aiken.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 April	University Championships (Castlewellan)
1 May	Queen's Regatta
8/9 May	Trinity Regatta
11/12 June	Athlone Regatta
19 June	Cork Regatta
1/4 July	Henley Royal Regatta
3 July	Limerick Regatta
16/17 July	I.A.R.U. Championships (Metro)
18 July	Metropolitan Regatta (Blessington)
24 July	Home International Regatta (England)
1 August	Copenhagen International Regatta
24 August	F.I.S.A. World Championships



"Bow ... You're rushing your slide!"

J. MARCINOWSKI