

DUBC NEWS



Winter 2022



A Note from the Captain

By Tom Stevens

The 2021/22 season was one which yielded a huge amount of success for DUBC. The Senior squad more than doubled in size from what it had been coming out of the pandemic which, along with a large novice intake, allowed the club to become a vibrant and exciting place to train each day. There was a real feeling of this being the beginning of something exciting for the club and we saw great results for the whole club throughout the season. Very competitive performances at all grades domestically throughout the season, along with making 3 A finals at London Met regatta and having 8 DUBC athletes represent Ireland at the Home Internationals abroad really exemplifies the

progress made by the club during the season: to be so competitive at high standard international events. This was topped off by several excellent performances at all levels at the Irish Championships and a win in the Intermediate 4+.

I am especially proud of, not only the success on the water, but the culture, which was created in the club this season, which is really a testament to the people involved in the club. I would personally like to thank the coaches of the Senior and Novice groups, the LTC for their work and guidance, all of the alumni for their continued support on and off the water, which helps us to compete at the highest level we can, and to my fellow oarsmen for their hard work and dedication to training and to the club this season. I am sure the successes of this season will act as a springboard for further success moving into the 2022/23 season and beyond, with a real sense of momentum and optimism around the club.



DUBC Senior IV- at London Met Regatta, 2022 ft. Tom

Trinity Regatta

After a 2-year long hiatus during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the longest such break in the regatta's history outside of wartime, Trinity Regatta's return to Islandbridge was a roaring success.

Racing began on Friday evening with some quarter finals of the busier categories which gave the student marshals and volunteers a chance to test their mettle before taking on the terrifying prospect of the packed racing schedule for Saturday. Despite the small crowds for Friday evening, racing was as fierce as ever and the tricky course that is Islandbridge left no room for error.

The regatta proper began early on Saturday morning with the Men's Novice 4x+ Semi Final A kicking off the show at 7:20am. From there, thanks to the great work of the marshals, umpires and regatta committee, the starter could be heard calling crews to attention every 4 minutes. This was the first regatta in recent memory to run on time if not ahead of schedule for the majority of the day and that is thanks in no small part to the William Doyle (Captain 2018/19) and the rest of the regatta Committee.

While it was almost impossible to tear your eyes away from the racing on the day, the festivities on the day couldn't but warrant your attention. The Regatta Luncheon was a resounding success with the Long-Room filled to capacity and the club was extremely grateful to have in attendance the Provost, Linda Doyle, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the British Ambassador to Ireland, the Dutch Ambassador to Ireland, representatives from Trinity Association and Trust as well as other invited guests and of course members and friends of DUBC and DULBC.

We were delighted that Provost Linda Doyle took part in the naming of a number of new boats, including two of the new Kanghua single sculls *Steamboat Lady* and *Averil Deveril* as well as the Filippi IVs *Powderkegs* and *'77 Ladies*.

Directly alongside the lunch and boat naming ceremony on the action-packed schedule was one of

the non-DUBC highlight races of the day – the Cambridge University 2022 Women's Blue Boat versus UCDLBC in the final of Women's Senior 8+s. Cambridge put on a dominant display, showing no fear of the course that is Islandbridge and rowed strongly through UCD on the day. This was a fantastic treat to have such a top-level crew come to visit and we hope to see Cambridge feature again soon. In the final of the Men's Senior 8+s DUBC were edged out by a strong Cork Boat Club with both crews fighting all the way to the line and putting on a stunning show for the swathes of spectators lining the banks on both sides of the river. We also had visiting crews from Hughes Hall of Cambridge, strong friends of the regatta KSRV Njord as well as a number of other visitors and we were extremely grateful to everyone who made particularly long journeys.

Racing continued throughout the afternoon and evening with finals becoming more commonplace and the competition only getting fiercer. The day came to a close on schedule with the final race of the day being the Men's Senior 4+ at 18:50 where Commercial Rowing Club took victory over DUBC. Competitors quickly made their way over to the War Memorial Gardens and into the Trinity Boathouse for the renowned Competitors' Supper before taking in their first pint in the boathouse bar. A huge congratulations to all who bravely competed in this year's Trinity Regatta.

A thank you is owed to all spectators, competitors, volunteers, and supporters of the regatta who only through their combined effort made the regatta both possible and a roaring success. We hope to see you all again next year when Trinity Regatta takes place on May 13th, 2023.



Clockwise from top: Winter training in Blessington, Camp in Enniskillen, Inter 4+ on their way to a championship, Festivities at Trinity Regatta, Novice VIII at the Championships



The Report from Cork

DUBC arrived at the National Championships in Cork with the largest contingent of athletes in recent years in high spirits and with great ambition. Racing opened on the 15th July in glorious conditions and was fierce from the get-go, with DUBC competing in three categories on the first day of racing: Senior 4-, Club 4+ and Intermediate 8+.

The Club 4+ took a strong first place finish in their heat to progress easily to the final that afternoon and in an extremely tight final they just lost out to finish second behind UCD. The Intermediate 8+ was a straight final with UCD and in another extremely tight race the men from Trinity just lost out to those from UCD to finish 2nd. The Senior 4- rowed extremely well in their heat in the morning to take first and progress to the final before coming up just short of Cork Boat Club to take 2nd overall in the shadow of Farran Woods. A frustrating day of three 2nd place

finishes spurred the athletes on to throw everything at days 2 and 3.

The athletes from Trinity woke the next morning to the smell of breakfast in the Oriel Hotel in Ballincollig and to another day of stunning conditions with warm weather testing athletes' endurance and the lack of wind leaving no room for excuses. Day 2 was another thrilling day with the



club competing in some smaller boats and with a smaller contingent while the majority of the athletes regrouped and recovered in preparation for a furious final day.

On the Saturday of the National Championships in 2022, DUBC competed in the Intermediate 1x, Intermediate 2- and Senior 2-. Ronan Brennan took up the mantle of Intermediate 1x sculler and Tom Stevens (Capt. '21/22) and Tadhg McKnight took on the monstrous task of competing in both the Intermediate 2- and Senior 2- on the same day. In the single scull, Brennan raced an impressive time trial to take one of the hotly contested spots in the final of the Intermediate 1x before putting together a strong final to come home in 4th. In their first of three 2000m races that day, Stevens and McKnight took fifth in a competitive as ever final of the Senior 2- before going on to progress through their heat of the Intermediate 2- and take a hard-fought fourth place in the final.

Day 3 for DUBC was an excellent display of power and strength with an enthralling, and for many of the athletes, a welcome return to the bigger boats. Sunday of the National Championships commenced early for DUBC with the Club 8+ final. The crew started well and, along with UCD, moved straight to the front of the pack. UCD proved too quick off the start, however, and though DUBC rallied for an impressive sprint to the line to close the margin, the men in white came up one length short. A similar story unfolded in the Novice 8+, with DUBC also coming second to UCD in what was an extremely high-quality final. The club refocused its attention on the final two races of the weekend - the Intermediate 4+ and the Senior 8+. After dominating the heats, the DUBC Intermediate 4+ crew, comprised of Tadhg McKnight, Tom Stevens, Tiarnán McKnight, Julian Schneider, and Rowan Hamilton delivered an impressive performance in the final. The crew had taken a clearwater lead by the end of the first kilometre and held their lead all the way to the line to claim the title decisively.



Winning DUBC Inter 4+

Due to a timetable clash with the Intermediate 4+, DUBC's Senior 8+ entry was a crew line-up that focused on the future of the club. In one of the bravest and most spirited performances of the weekend, the 9 crew members adopted a no-fear attitude to the race, and charged off the start line into third position, maintaining contact with the battle up front between Cork and UCD Boat Club for an unprecedented amount of time. They crossed the line in 3rd place, with clearwater over the 4th and 5th finishers. With a crew that was not the first-choice Senior 8+, DUBC finished in its highest position since 2015.



DUBC Team at Champs, 2022

Header: Winning Inter 4+ & Coach Paul Thornton



The Last Night of The Widow's

By Kevin Shillington (DUBC 1963-68)

The annual round of obituaries in DUBC News is a sad reminder of the passing of time, but also an opportunity to note the achievements of oarsmen past and their afterlife beyond the Boat Club, as well as a prompter of happy reminiscences from their contemporaries. In the past year it has been the turn of two great Trinity figures from the 1960s - Tony Gray (Captain 1966, in the year of the 'first' Centenary Regatta) and John Cary (cox Irish Champions and winners of the first Home Countries International on Loch Lomond [1967] and unbeaten Championship Junior VIII [1968]). Reminiscences brought out some photos of 'The Last Night of the Widows' – a classic event of its kind, never to be repeated, and for those of later generations for whom it might not mean anything, a few words of explanation.

The Widow Gilligan's was a small late Victorian pub at the Islandbridge end of the South Circular Road, just past the turning into

Memorial Park. Above the door and front window was the red sign with gold lettering: GILLIGAN. Off the public bar on the right was a small back room which had a table and some seating, where small numbers of Trinity men would gather so as not to intrude too much on the peace of the locals. I am not sure how long the tradition went back, not in my father's time in the 1930s, but certainly by the late fifties and early sixties, it was the essential choice of Islandbridge pub for Trinity oarsmen (sorry, rowers) where copious pints of Guinness were consumed during home-based training breaks, such as after the Dublin Head, Gannon Cup or Trinity Regatta. Then it was time for gatherings in the yard out the back where there were a few wooden tables and benches, and if the spirit was willing, pints races: two 'crews', lined up either side of the table.

Then in May 1966 came news that the pub was to close, to make way for a new-build block of flats (Islandbridge Court). The last night was around regatta time. A great wake was held to mourn the pub's passing, and photos taken to mark



The Widow Gilligan, May 1966

the occasion. The ever-tolerant Widow Gilligan and her two barmen seemed to appreciate our marking the occasion. Memories beyond that are a bit foggy. Later that summer Pat Braidwood and I went out to Islandbridge to see if the pub was still standing and whether there might be any souvenirs – it wasn't, just a pile of rubble, but sticking out triumphantly from the centre of the rubble was the sign board, with gold lettering still intact – GILLIGAN. We rescued it and took it down to the Boat Club. It remained for some years



Steamboat Lady Scull in Islandbridge

above the little room at the east end of the Long Room where a temporary bar sometimes operated. It still resides today above the bar in the boathouse in Islandbridge.

Header: Widow Gilligan's Pub Islandbridge, 1966

Steamboat Lady

This year, thanks to generous assistance from the Trinity Association & Trust, the club took receipt of 5 new Kanghua single sculls. These sculls have already proved to be hugely instrumental in improving individual oarsmen's sculling prowess and have been used extensively throughout the 2021/22 season and all were in use at DUBC's strong showing at the 2022 Islandbridge Sculling Ladder.

Two of the sculls were named at a fantastic ceremony at the 2022 Trinity Regatta by representatives from the Trinity Association & Trust and Provost. The names chosen were *Averil Deverell* and *Steamboat Lady*. Averil Deverell was the first Irish woman to be called to the bar in Ireland. Her family had been shipping magnates in St. Petersburg in previous generations and she was also the subject of this year's Trinity Monday Discourse lecture by Ivana Bacik. Steamboat Lady refers to the up to 700 women who travelled to Trinity by Steamboat in 1904-1907 to receive their degrees and whose fees helped to pay for Trinity Hall.



Photo from Trinity News via Girton College Cambridge

Sculling Ladder

In the first event of the 2022/23 season, DUBC took on the Islandbridge Sculling Ladder in great numbers with one of the largest ever entries from DUBC and we congratulate Tom Stevens (Capt. 2021/22) on winning this event outright for DUBC. Congratulations also to Tiarnán McKnight and Ronan Brennan who placed 4th and 7th overall as well.



Tom in action at the 2022 Sculling Ladder

New Filippi IVs

This year, thanks to generous donations both from alumni and external contributions facilitated by the Trinity Foundation, DUBC took receipt of two new Filippi IVs, one coxless that can be rigged as a sculling or sweep boat named *Ring of Kerry* and a coxed IV named *Powderkegs*. Both of these boats were built to an Olympic standard specification in Italy and crossed the alps on a trailer to Ireland, arriving at the boathouse in Islandbridge on a day that none could tell apart from Christmas Day. There was a tremendous atmosphere of excitement, awe and most overwhelmingly, a great desire to live up to the standard of these new top-of-the-line racing shells.

Once the wrapping was off and the carbon fibre riggers carefully bolted in place, it was time



"Christmas Day" at the Trinity Boathouse in Islandbridge

to get down to business and live up to the faith the donors had placed in the DUBC oarsmen. Neither the shells nor the athletes disappointed...

In their first year of use, these fours brought some fantastic results for the club, both domestically and internationally. The first great highlight was in England at the London Metropolitan Regatta in Eton Dorney where *Ring of Kerry* pulled double duties as a coxless four and quad. In this boat, the club placed 6th in Open IV- and winning Academic IV- doing brilliantly to make the A Final in such a competitive field. This did not quench their thirst however, and in the same boat rigged for sculling, the crew went on to place 4th in Championship 4x-, again doing tremendously to make the A Final let alone be so close to the medal positions. Then, at the National Championships in Cork, at the first time of asking for *Powderkegs*, it propelled the Intermediate IV+ to a Championship victory and securing the first of what is surely many pots to come.

Finally, not to be outdone by its sister at the National Championships, *Ring of Kerry* provided the platform for Team Ireland's Men's Senior IV- to secure victory at the Home Internationals Regatta in London Docklands, powered by two DUBC oarsmen Tom Stevens and Tadhg McKnight.

At the close of their very first season, these boats have secured victories on the domestic stage in both Ireland and England as well as the international stage. The club could not be more grateful for all those who have made the acquisition of these shells possible, and we hope all will get an opportunity to see them in action in the year to come.

Full List of Results for 2021/22

Below is a list of all regattas where DUBC crews were entered in the season 21/22. Crew Lists and further details for these events can be found on the Dublin University Boat Club Website.

Erne 4s HOR

1st in Senior 4-
1st & 2nd in Inter 4+
2nd in Senior 4X+

Lagan HOR

1st Senior 8+
1st in Inter 8+
1st & 2nd in Senior 2-
1st in Inter 4+
1st in Club 4+
1st in Club 2X
2nd in Senior 2X

Erne HOR

1st in Senior 8+
1st in Inter 8+
1st & 2nd in Novice 8+

Colours Boat Races

Winner of the Dan Quinn Shield (Novice 8+)
Lost the Gannon Cup (Senior 8+)
Winner of Senior 8+ Reserve race
Winner of Novice 8+ Reserve race

HORR

Senior 8+ 26th (started 39th), 2nd International.
Inter 8+ 38th (started 99th), 4th International.
Novice 8+ 136th (started 151st)

University Championships

2nd in Senior 8+
1st in Inter 8+
2nd in Club 8+
2nd & 3rd in Novice 8+
3rd in Novice 4X+

Trinity Regatta

1st in Inter 8+
1st in Club 8+
1st in Novice 8+
2nd in Senior 4+
1st in Inter 4+

Dublin Metropolitan Regatta

1st in Inter 8+ (Division 1 overall winners)
1st in Senior 4- (Division 1 overall winners)
1st & 3rd in Inter 4+ (Division 1 overall winners)
1st & 2nd in Club 4+ (Division 2 overall winners)
1st in Senior 4X-
2nd in Novice 8+

London Metropolitan Regatta

6th (A Final) of Open 4-. Winner of Academic 4-.
4th (A Final) in Championship 4x-.
7th (A Final) in Open 8+. Winner of Academic 8+

Cork Regatta

Event cancelled due to inclement weather

National Championships of Ireland

3rd in Senior 8+
2nd in Senior 4-
3rd in Senior 2-
2nd in Inter 8+
1st in Inter 4+
2nd in Club 8+
2nd in Club 4+
2nd in Novice 8+

Novice Season Review

By Ben Reid

In what has been a season crammed full of highs and lows, I write this season report at what would ordinarily be a lowest ebb, losing out on the Novice 8+ National Championship title just days ago. However, most likely down to the unique sense of resilience this sport instils in you, the overriding feelings on our exploits, and the novice experience as a whole this season, are strangely positive. This, in a way, perfectly sums up the brilliant exposure and introduction to the sport of rowing that this year's novice athletes have experienced. What started off with over 200 sign-ups on the stand at the freshers fair, was somewhat gradually whittled down to a tightly knit squad of around 10, of which, the vast majority intend to continue into next year with the hope of competing for seats in Inter and Senior boats - a discernible sign of progress for the club going into next year.

Over the first semester, what was in hindsight a rather mild introduction to such a physically demanding sport, the training proved too much for many of the 200 initial sign-ups and this number whittled itself down to about 30 heading into the Christmas break and the ensuing Enniskillen winter camp. On the first occasion in several years that novices have been invited along to this mainstay in the DUBC calendar, the technical gains made by all 16 present novice rowers were evident as the whole squad got their first taste of eights rowing. With boats almost sitting and some sense of timing and rhythm developing, we headed into our first event of the racing calendar, Erne Head. Given the familiarity of the 6km stretch of river, it felt like an ideal place to get first racing experiences under the belt. It also went to show the effectiveness of the Winter Camp, with dominant and impressive rows from both eights landing us 1st and 2nd place finishes in the Novice category.

Our next foray into the racing world was considerably more unnerving and contained much more of a weight of expectation: Colours. With a win by the Second VIII in the Goonan Cup on St. Patrick's Day, the pressure was on to replicate and secure the much-desired Dan Quinn shield. In hindsight, there was nothing to be nervous about as we comfortably beat UCD by around 5 lengths. This set our 8 lads up nicely for a fantastic experience in London, rowing on the tideway in the Head of The River Race - an event which brought more success for us as we finished 20 seconds clear of the fastest beginners 8, while racing in the open category. It wasn't all plain sailing, however. In typical rowing fashion, we were brought back down to earth with a disappointing performance at the University championships at the beginning of April. Dramatic equipment failure and some rather disastrous crabs taught us the hard way the cruelty of the sport.

As we headed into exams, the training tailed off, and with it, numbers unfortunately dwindled - as is to be expected. This caused a noticeable dip in performance and, despite a great day at Trinity Regatta, left us with a hill to climb at the end of May in Dublin Metropolitan Regatta, with a couple of sobering losses against the old enemy UCD. Perhaps it was complacency, but undoubtedly and, to their credit, UCD had overturned the 5-length deficit since Colours and were now faster than us. The diagnosis was swift, and the goal was clear, we would need to gain a lot of speed in the next 7 weeks in order to win the National Championship. London Met followed and showed us there were plenty of improvements to be made in what was another extraordinary experience for a group of novice rowers; but one eye remained on the Championships. Over this 6-week period, we were taken to the Michael Doyle School of Hard Knocks, with an intensity to our training that was scarcely present at any point prior. The lads could not have given anymore in this period, and

although it proved not to be enough to secure the championship, we had a cox and crew who could now call themselves rowers, for all intents and purposes.

A big note of thanks must go to our extensive team of volunteer coaches for their unwavering efforts throughout the season. A particular word for Head Coaches and previous Captains of DUBC in 2019 and 2020 respectively, William Doyle and Sean Canning who continue to go above and beyond in their commitment to the club - without both, the success enjoyed this season would not have been possible. In what I'd go so far as to say has been a life-altering season for myself and so many of the crew, DUBC now finds itself with a group of 10 athletes now desperate to continue on with their rowing careers, and hopefully help the club progress to a position where all involved hope to see it go to also.

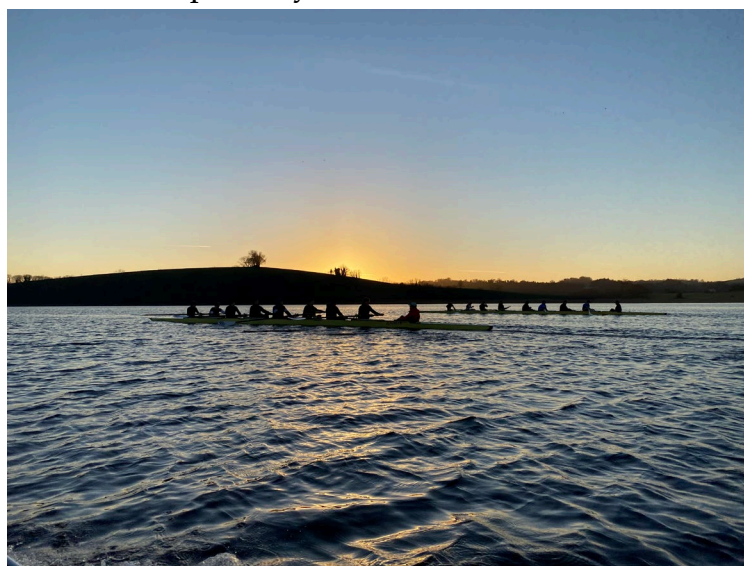
Winter Camp Report

As the club has done for a number of years now – Covid-19 Pandemic years notwithstanding – the Senior squad and for the first time in recent memory, the Novice squad travelled to Enniskillen in County Fermanagh and to Enniskillen Royal Boat Club (formerly Portora Boat Club) for some winter miles on the river Erne. This Winter Camp is something the athletes always look forward to for a chance to get away from the dark mornings in Islandbridge and while Enniskillen is not any warmer, the change of scenery out of the corner of a rower's eye while covering many miles each session does almost make it seem so.

Thanks to a strong programme of pre-Christmas training by the novices and facilitated by the novice coaches, the decision was taken that a contingent of the top 16 novices at the time would travel with the Senior squad to Enniskillen

for the duration of the winter camp. While they would cover fewer miles and take one or two more rest sessions, with the excellent volume that had been put in before the end of the Michaelmas term, the novices were more than up for the challenge. This decision turned out to be inspired, with the novices on camp taking the biggest leap forward in their technical rowing that was seen all year and that many had remembered ever seeing. This set them up well for the first racing of the season only a few weeks later, taking a 1-2 finish in the Erne Head of the River by some margin and sweeping both the first and second boat races at Colours in March.

The senior squad had an extremely successful camp also, facilitated by the unwavering dedication of the athletes to get two sessions in each day no matter the temperature or miles that had been put in in the session previous. They were not even discouraged when all four 8+s became stuck on Lough Erne when the river lock closed unexpectedly!



Winter Camp, Enniskillen, January 2022

A great deal of thanks is owed to Enniskillen Royal Boat Club and Enniskillen Royal Grammar School who were extremely gracious hosts as usual as well as providing some excellent competition for some side-by-side pieces on the river.



Clockwise from top: Naming of Powderkegs at Trinity Regatta, Senior VIII launching for Colours, Cox Rowan Hamilton being tossed in celebration of the Intermediate IV+ pot, DUBC 2nd VIII at HORR, Senior VIII at Erne Head of the River, Senior VIII at University Championships, DUBC at Dublin Metropolitan Regatta

Women of DUBC

By Isabel Doyle (Captain 2022/23)

When I was a child, brought to Trinity Regatta each year, never did I believe that I would later be the first female captain of the club. The role of captain was reserved for tall, strong men who wore stripey shirts or black blazers, and constantly recounted stories from their university days.

Rowing seemed to be a part of my father's personality and very existence, and DUBC even more so. By default, all the Doyle household were loyal supporters of DUBC. This was only further enforced when my brother, William, joined the club in 2015 and became Captain in 2018/19. Hard training was held to be sacred in our family, and with my father's encouragement and support, I was thrown into a competitive swimming pool from the age of 4, competing from the age of 7, and training 16+ hours a week throughout my teenage years (it only became apparent later in life that perhaps swimming was chosen by Michael as a natural skill to gain before becoming an oarswoman). Swimming was not for me, however, and after achieving all I wanted to in my late teens, I stepped away from the sport, grateful for all that it had taught me about competition, hard work and discipline, but relieved to have more time to dedicate to my studies.

Attending Trinity was never an option for me, it was always the goal. I had heard too many enticing stories about the college from my father, brother, and sister for it to be anything else. My first year at Trinity was incredibly enjoyable, but I found myself yearning once again for the fulfilment that competitive sport brought. One evening in my second year I mentioned this to my brother. That Saturday, I was sitting in the coxing seat of the Dudeney, pulling and pushing steering wires as I (very slowly) manoeuvred my way up and down the Liffey. I loved it. I knew the second that I sat in that boat that sport was going to be a part of my life once again, and that perhaps, if I

worked very hard, I could become somewhat decent at this coxing thing. Covid cut that first season short, but the early mornings, rate-30 pieces, and obvious improvement and dedication of the Novice 8+ had me hooked. We lost a few of those crewmates after Covid, but five of us returned to win the Novice 4x+ in the only novice race of the 2021 National Championships. I wholly owe that pot to my father and brother, two of the crew's coaches, and the men who introduced me to the magic of this club.



Isabel Doyle, University Championships '22

It was during this championships weekend that the idea of captaincy was first mentioned to me. Over dinner, Tom Stevens, the incoming Captain, asked me if I would ever run for the role. I was taken aback and overjoyed by his apparent indifference to my gender. That conversation planted the seed. Reflecting on the conversation, it made complete sense that Tom's approach would be as such. No one had ever treated me differently from any other man in the club. I received the exact same support as they did, and perhaps even more respect for choosing to be a part of the men's team. It was made very clear to me that I was as integral a member of the squad as any other person. Since being elected as Captain, the alumni have echoed the rowers' attitude. I have only ever received a positive and welcoming response. This is truly reflective of the impressive point that though

DUBC may be steeped in history and tradition, it remains as a brilliant, forward-thinking, and progressive institution.

DUBC has had many brilliant women pass through its doors. These women have not just taken on the daunting challenge of joining an all-male squad but have been involved in running the club as committee members and contributed to its success on and off the water. Without those who laid the foundations, I would not have progressed in my rowing career and become involved in the club.

A thank you is owed, firstly to my father and brother, but secondly, to the many DUBC women who had gone before me.



DUBC 1967 crew winners of Senior Championship

RIP John Randolph Cary

1942 – 2022 (by John Payne)

A Tribute to a Life Well Lived of a Larger-than-Life DUBC Personality

"I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it.

I want to have lived the width of it as well."

Diane Ackerman.

My first introduction to Trinity and things Irish came when, as a callow youth, I entered college in the Fall of 1967. I was invited up to John Cary's rooms, which he shared with the incomparable Howard Schotter, on the top floor at the end of the Rubrics by the old Library, and was presented with Irish soda bread and jam, something I still enjoy today. They appeared so sophisticated and mature compared with my recent schoolboy life, and it was a very nice gesture.

John continued being thoughtful and considerate throughout his life and his ability to easily gain respect and impress the people he met contributed greatly to his success, well supported by his delightful sense of humour, quick wit, salty language, mischievous grin and distinctive wicked chuckle. He enjoyed people and was a good listener as well as talker; curious about everything and full

of energy. His positive approach, spirit, intelligence, decency, integrity and sense of perspective about what is important meant that just being with him always brightened our world.

John was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and his early education was as a boarder at the Western Province Preparatory School (aka Wet Pups) followed by boarding school in Natal at Michaelhouse from the age of 10. After John finished studies at Michaelhouse the family emigrated, first to London, England and then to Praia do Carvoeiro, Algarve, Portugal. Michaelhouse's focus on academics and sport suited John to a tee; however, his ability to participate in sports declined due to his severe kyphoscoliosis. At the age of 15, John was flown to New York City's Hospital for Special Surgery, where he had spinal surgery. He was aware that he had been dealt a difficult hand but was able to convert his limitations into a source of strength, discipline and determination and he seamlessly contrived to render his size and stature completely irrelevant.

It was said that he was a live wire from the moment he hit Trinity, where he rapidly established himself as a unique and unforgettable presence. With a zest for life, he was always so vibrant, funny, and entertaining, charismatic, and full of wit, as well as charming. His exuberance was extraordinary - so intensely alive and energetic - game for anything, the first to arrive, and the last to leave. It made him a dynamic, exhilarating social presence. He brought lots of fun and joy as well as irreverence to all he knew. It was impossible not to simply feel good being in his presence. The high regard shown for John by his friends from those years is impressive and consistent. Their words include exceptional, great, remarkable, tremendous, irrepressible, delightful and wonderful ... as well as intelligent, gentle, curious, decent, and a gentleman.

Though John studied English, History and Geography, he enjoyed claiming he had graduated with a double major - in Guinness and being a coxswain. He was a respected and excellent cox with a strong and positive presence in any boat, plus an ability to provide leadership and cohesion to his crews, inspiring the oarsmen under his direction in more ways than one. Crews worked for him, trusting his ability and judgement. In short, he was exactly the sort of person to get the best out of a crew.

This was amply demonstrated in his years at DUBC where he left a lasting impact on his many friends and confidently steered and encouraged his crews to victory and was much admired by rival clubs. This is reflected in his record of success, notably winning the eights at both the Irish Senior Championship in 1967, and Irish Junior Championship in 1968, as well as the 1967 Home International Regatta at Loch Lomond in Scotland (an impossible course to navigate), representing Ireland against England, Scotland, and Wales. John must be perhaps one of the few Boat Club people to have won both the Senior and Junior pots, and perhaps the only one to add the Home International. John was an integral part of

all these successes: his coxing was a key factor.

In his first year of coxing in 1966, his determination and resolve showed at the Head of the Liffey where he held his unflinching course against an overtaking crew who ended up in the Northside wall. In 1967 at Belfast Regatta, John again held his station resolutely when arch-rivals the Garda Siochana (the Irish Police) crew tried to cut the last bend. There was a clash of blades, and the Guards were disqualified. Earlier that year in the annual Gannon Cup - the Irish Boat Race between Trinity and University College Dublin - near the finish when they were in the lead, one of the Trinity crew collapsed. With the oar trailing down the side of the boat, John, undaunted, steered the boat through the tight arches of O'Connell Bridge, and during that critical time he shouted encouragement, inspired the rest of the crew, now seven-men, to hang on and win by the smallest of margins. John was definitely the hero of that event.

Possibly his most lasting achievement was the year after, coxing the undefeated Irish Junior Championship Crew of 1968. He was a major influence on both the eight and the four, in defeating arch-rivals, the Guards, again and again and again. One event that year, Trinity Regatta, particularly stands out as special for John. His parents were visiting from South Africa and saw him cox both the eight and four in winning both finals against the Guards by the tightest of margins. The crews rowed themselves to exhaustion determined to win for John and his parents. He was very proud. His good humour, tact, diplomacy, and dedication to victory, willing his crews to win, drove them on. His voice could be clearly heard by opposing crews in a kind of psychological gamesmanship at which he was a master. John's crews could not have done it without him. The results of multiple trophies and tankards more than bears this out.

This is not to neglect the social side of matters. In parallel with the rowing were the escapades and all the associated shenanigans - the



John Randolph Cary (1942-2022)

epic parties at the Boathouse, Trial Eights dinners long nights in Christie's bar down under the Boathouse, the legendary Widow's pub, organizing a major dinner at the boathouse involving 40 salmon, 'Cary's Hairies', O'Neill's and Mr. Salmon, the many memorable (and no doubt some forgotten) celebrations after regatta successes, and the going's on in college and elsewhere involving fire escapes, Belgian Royalty, the Internationalists, Wagner at full volume, car races on the quays ... and more. Many of the protagonists are still out there and, to protect their identities, I will spare the details, and, with these reminders, they can savour their memories.

As a result of all his accomplishments, John was elected to the Knights of the Campanile, the prestigious and exclusive fellowship of Trinity's best and most sociable sportsmen. It says a great deal about how people from all sports thought of him.

John's love of rowing continued throughout his life, and he continued coxing and rowing for many decades, becoming President of the Don Rowing Club near Toronto, chairing their board and where he was active for more than 25 years

getting up at awful hours to cox and coach crews. He also coxed at Hanlan Rowing Club. He competed and won medals at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. However, his most notable achievement was winning the Master fours at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston in 2005 where his coxing inspired four ex-Olympians to a memorable win. He slept that night wearing his medal. As John once wrote, "Rowing is a terrific pursuit and I'm glad to have rowed and met so many wonderful people and had such memorable times". John's support and enthusiasm for Trinity, its Boat Club, and rowing was a vibrant thread throughout his richly varied life.

After leaving Trinity, John moved to Canada to study Forestry at Lakehead University, on the northern shore of Lake Superior in Ontario. This was the beginning of his two lifetime loves – meeting his future wife Catherine (Cath) and his career in silviculture and forest management. He graduated with honours in Forestry and a place on the Dean's List and headed for his first job as a field forester in Dryden. In 1977, he transferred to the Ministry of Natural Resources in Thunder Bay, became a proud Canadian citizen, and married Cath.

In the fall of 1978, John and Cath moved to Guyana, South America to work for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) as part of a group of six to assist the Guyanese timber and sawmill industries to improve efficiency and to lay the groundwork for the preservation of the forest. From many candidates, John made the cut because of his determination to perform well, but not least, because the selection team liked his character. John was a good fit, being appreciated by the Guyanese as being fun to be with and for his professionalism, his sharp wit, and willingness to embrace their eccentricities. During the project, John apparently had an affectionate relationship with a peccary (wild pig) and taught some salty language to a pet parrot.

After his work in northwestern Ontario and Guyana, John had a long career with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources where he was well-known and respected for his good judgement, brilliant mind, ethics and sage advice. He served in a planning and policy capacity at the Whitney Block in Queen's Park. From 1988-1994 he was an important influencer in the landmark class timber Environmental Assessment on Crown Lands in Ontario. John served under many Ontario governments and was involved in contentious issues such as the softwood lumber disputes and creating parks and conservation areas. He was known for speaking truth to power, his exemplary policy and writing skills, his extensive and incisive analysis, and an uncanny ability to solve problems.

After leaving the Ministry of Natural Resources, John worked as a consultant on sustainable forestry such as the first Independent Forest Audits in Ontario and afforestation in southern Ontario. John was a volunteer with the Trees Ontario Foundation and the Ontario Forestry Association (which merged into Forests Ontario) and worked with Maple Leaves Forever. He was a long-time member and past president of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association and received numerous awards.

Over his long career as a forester for government and then as a consultant, he found himself resolving policies to correct short-sighted politics. He nudged the forest sector towards sustainable forest management during the environmental assessment, and a decade later he was among the first forester consultants to conduct Independent Forest Audits. John wanted to know if the sustainable forest management processes he helped institute were working in the forest.

In the 1990s, John witnessed the closure of the provincial nurseries but years later committed himself to the most ambitious afforestation program in Ontario through his work with colleagues at what is now Forests Ontario. He

worked with the Ontario Professional Foresters Association and successfully advocated for rights-to-practice legislation, and years later he co-chaired an Urban Forestry Committee for the Association because he firmly believed the profession always needed to respond to changes in society.

John loved politics. He was effective in advocating within the bureaucracy and with politicians, although he preferred lambasting the latter, but then John effectively took to task everything he found objectionable. A particular favourite was to satirize the government's frequent 'cut the red tape' campaigns, a theme John dearly loved to send up for its hypocrisy.

Throughout their years together John and Cath travelled extensively with trips to South Africa, Eswatini, Mozambique, Southeast Asia, Antarctica, Iceland, England, and Ireland. They also enjoyed wonderful family summer vacations in Provence with his brother David, wife Ali and son Tom. John preferred to travel unencumbered without itineraries and somehow it worked. At home, they enjoyed music, books, bridge, skiing and a great love of dogs.

He was involved with much volunteer work, including the local tennis club, where he was the project manager for the construction of a new clubhouse for which he was gifted the John R. Cary Volunteer award. In 2003, John was instrumental in helping to re-establish the Trinity Dublin alumni group in Toronto and organized the annual dinners for many years. John's volunteer work also included five years with the Mimico Residents Association.

He is survived by his wife Cath, brother David (Ali). He was predeceased by his half-brother Christopher (Kit) and half-sister Jennifer. He was a much-loved uncle to many nieces and nephews in England and Canada.

John recently told Cath, his wife and life partner of 44 years, that he had lived a wonderful life, largely due to the people he'd met along the way. He was, as Cath has said, a "force" – a force

professional dedication and achievement, a force for extracting joy from life and a force for long and strong friendship. He made a lasting impact on many people's lives. It was not only a great pleasure to have known John, but also an unusual and remarkable privilege to have shared time with such a unique and exceptional person.

I have to thank, (a) many old members of the Boat Club for sending me their recollections which I acknowledge here en masse and note that some of you may recognise your words, (b) many friends of John in Canada who provided information and insights into his life, and (c) his wife, Cath, for acts of help and kindness and for reviewing and approving this article.

John's obituary can be seen at

<https://www.legacy.com/ca/obituaries/theglobeandmail/name/john-cary-obituary?pid=201263754> and it was published by The Globe and Mail from Jan. 29 to Feb. 2, 2022.



Ray Wiley, DUBC Sculler

RIP Alan Murray (Ray) Wiley

1925 – 2020 (by John Payne)

DUBC, orthopaedic surgeon, altruist, naturalist, family man

Before arriving in Canada and spending much of his life there to become an eminent orthopaedic surgeon, Murray had some fine achievements in DUBC. He rowed 5 in the 1946 Senior Eight with other well-known DUBC names of that time. The crew was described as being supreme that year in winning the senior section of the Wylie Cup, the Dublin Head, the University Grand Challenge Cup at Trinity Regatta and being finalists in the Ladies' Plate at Henley, only the second time since 1903 that a DUBC crew made it so far.

The 1946 Henley was the first full one after the war and the crew received great support. Missing lectures and commons, they dined in the University Club for three shillings each and took large quantities of food with them to combat rationing. They camped at Remenham with London Rowing Club and were very impressed by Henley. They lost the final by a length in a tough race with old adversaries Jesus College, Cambridge. A major party followed, there was "a

froth of champagne bubbles" and "the night was disposed of with gay abandon". In 1947, Murray's medical studies took precedence to full-time rowing, though he and another member from 1946 crew were substituted into the inexperienced college crew to win the first Gannon Cup. They subsequently teamed up with two other experienced medical students from the 1946 crew in a Lady Elizabeth four which could only do minimal training but relied on their racing experience to win many races.

After graduating Murray went on to many other achievements. He served in the army and was awarded the MBE for his humanitarian work in the Malayan conflict. Here he met his wife, Pamela, a nurse, and they settled in Oxford where Murray trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary. He was invited to join a new team of orthopaedic specialists at Toronto Western Hospital and began a life in Canada. He was a caring and compassionate physician and a pioneer in the new field of arthroscopic surgery, and was one of the first surgeons in North America to introduce the technique of shoulder arthroscopy. He was recognized as a Founder for his work by the Arthroscopy Association of North America, and he

received international recognition from The International Congress for Diseases of the Shoulder, in Helsinki. Murray was also a well-respected Associate Professor of Orthopaedics at the University of Toronto and authored numerous papers, including a seminal book on arthroscopy of the shoulder, as well as mentoring many young interns and physicians. He continued to see patients into his 90s as his expertise remained highly valued by the medical community and patients.

Murray was born in Cork and his childhood gave him a lifelong love for nature and the outdoors. A voracious reader, lifelong piano player, classical music enthusiast, lively raconteur and the life of the party, Murray loved high-jinks and practical jokes, and astounded family, friends and colleagues with the audaciousness of his imagination, the creativity of his make-work projects, and the wealth of his knowledge, particularly in matters of world events, military and natural history. His other passions and interests included tennis, skiing, horses, birding, duck hunting and gardening, and he was an early adopter of solar panels. Murray had a large family to which he was devoted and inspired them by his example of generosity and selflessness, compassion, countless acts of quiet kindness, his spirit, resilience, and intellectual curiosity and rigour. Murray frequently attended the TCD Alumni dinners in Toronto where I met him and had pleasant conversations which included, of course, some rowing talk.

John G. Payne

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- "The Big Pot. The Story of the Irish Senior Rowing Championship 1912-1991" by Micheal Johnston, pages 68 (crew and details) and 69 (photograph of DUBC racing).
- "In Black and White. A History of Rowing at Trinity College, Dublin" by Raymond Blake, pages 163 to 165; also, there is a photograph of Murray in the front row at Trial Eights in 1946 in the selection of photographs between pages 68 and 69.



Ray Wiley (1925-2020)



DUBC 1966 Senior VIII ft. Tony Gray

RIP Tony Gray

1944 - 2021 (by Tony Bowen)

Captain 1965/66

An easy charm and the power to persuade are great assets in life, and Tony Gray had them both.

Joseph Anthony Gray was born into a busy shipping and coal company in N. Ireland and the family home was at Rostrevor in Co Down. His primary and secondary education were entrusted to Portora Royal School in Enniskillen where, in addition to playing bridge and a little golf, he happily absorbed the school ethos of rowing. Better as a cox than an oarsman he steered a number of Portora crews which, at that time, rowed extensively around Ireland and in England, and Tony sought to continue rowing when he took the next educational step. Trinity was an obvious choice, and he went up to read Economics at the end of 1962, stepping into various coxing roles at DUBC including the Senior eight in 1965.

Trinity rowing at that time was far from its best with a lack of continuity in coaching and resultant inconsistency in rowing style and approach. Poor performances damaged morale and incentive, so a hard core of oarsman led a quest for change, with Tony Gray and Pat Braidwood prominent among them. A very big move at the time was to persuade – yes, that important word – Robin Tamplin to accept a coaching role. Robin, a Ladies Plate finalist with Trinity and an Olympian, became the heart of Trinity rowing and gave of himself so generously over many years. He and Tony set out a relatively orthodox approach for the 1966 crew with high levels of physical fitness, this to apply to some current Senior eight members and to a healthy influx of experienced new oarsmen from Northern Irish and English schools. The crew was able to compete with the old rivals such as UCD, and the new ones, notably Garda Siochana. At the same time a new novice training programme developed, a programme which serves Trinity well

now that fewer ready-made oarsmen come to College. The growing momentum led to good wins in 1966 including the Gannon Cup and wins against the Gardaí, then led on the following year to Trinity winning the 'Big Pot' in 1967 and representing Ireland in the International Quadrangular Regatta at Loch Lomond in the same year. Tony's crew selections, his successful recruitment of Robin and the changes in priorities are notable successes in the single year granted to a Trinity captain. Less obvious was the injection of conviviality, engagement, and open conversation that Tony brought with him, and the reassertion of importance of events such as Trinity Regatta in its centenary year. 1966 also marked the ending of the 'Widows' at Islandbridge, the social hub for post outing refreshment – see separate article- at which Tony was a strong presence.

Tony yielded to Brian Armstrong in 1967 and, far from fading away, found his way into the role of Secretary of DUCAC (Dublin University Central Athletic Committee) which, happily, offered rooms in College to the Secretariat. From this attractive post Tony had a different view of the politics of sport, support and funding as DUCAC bestrode all Trinity sports, this as well as acting as an unofficial social centre for miscellaneous sportsmen. And he played more and more golf.

It's always fascinating to see how graduates fare once out of College, and Tony is interesting to follow. Having been recruited by General Foods he became a brand manager before taking his career in a completely opposite direction. Married in 1972 to Amanda and already a keen golfer, he was approached by the Professional Golfers Association to start developing the idea of a golf European Tour, the competition which today dominates European golf. At the time each European country had senior clubs or institutions loathe to concede any independence, but Tony and a colleague were given the task of persuading – that word again - them to see an alternative vision. They succeeded and as the institution grew Tony remained involved at a high level until his

retirement, also performing the role of a senior umpire worldwide and settling many a dispute by his deep knowledge of the game applied with his characteristic charm. Tom Sullivan, a great friend of Tony and Irish rowing, remembers speaking to champion golfer Sergio Garcia who referred to Tony as a 'legend', a remarkable accolade.

So farewell to a convivial and insightful man who made a difference in two sporting arenas.

Tony Bowen

More can be read at <https://irishgolfer.ie/latest-golf-news/2021/12/09/european-tour-pays-tribute-to-tony-gray-1944-2021/> where The European Tour paid tribute to Tony.



Tony Gray (1944-2021) via The Legends Tour

A Note for Paul

The club wishes to express its sincere gratitude to coach Paul Thornton for the stellar work he has put in since joining in late 2019 as he now steps away from his post. With an unquestionable record of success in the past, Paul joined DUBC and quickly become a favourite of the athletes for his deep technical knowledge that was always delivered with the utmost respect for every athlete and his friendly demeanor that meant no athlete would think twice to seek further advice or support from Paul.

While the club has an excellent team of volunteer coaches who have already stepped up to the mantle, Paul will nevertheless certainly be missed among the athletes, coaches, and wider club. We wish Paul the best of luck as he moves onto new endeavours away from the world of rowing coaching.



Captains of DUBC present at the Centenary Trinity Regatta in 1966 ft. Tony Gray



Paul Thornton and Will Hou

Rob van Mesdag Summer Camp

by Alfie Hales

The Trinity Access Rowing Camp came about from a sum of money bequeathed by Rob van Mesdag to the club. Rob made a stipulation that this money was to be used to improve society and foster the sport of rowing. Out of this request, the then Captain and Committee developed a partnership with Trinity Access to develop a summer camp for boys and girls from the local schools.

Trinity Access is run by Trinity in order to help those disadvantaged, financially or otherwise, to get a college education in Trinity. The camp is a weeklong endeavour that begins on a Tuesday and runs until Friday. On the Tuesday, the children are given a talk explaining exactly what TAP is, as well as a tour of the campus given by the students, and finally, an introduction to the rowing machine.

The next three days are spent at the boathouse in Islandbridge, where they are put in wide training boats, affectionately known as tubs, where they apply their recently acquired rowing machine skills, to the water. Normally this involves one student coxing the boat, another student sitting in the bow, and another student coaching from a bike along the towpath that runs along the river. The aim is to get three sessions done in a day, this allows the crews to be mixed up as much as possible, so that the kids interact with each other as much as possible. Naturally, some of the children take to it quicker than others, so it also allows some of them to progress quicker than others, while making sure those less adept get more attention. After two sessions, each being roughly an hour, lunch is had. Sandwiches are brought in, and the kids go into the boathouse and have lunch together (under the watchful eye of a student). After lunch it is time for one last session before the day is over.

Friday is race day. In the morning there is one more coaching session, where the children are



shown how to do a rowing start. After this, the racing commences. The races tend to have two very similarly matched crews, this allows for some good racing. It is a very splashy affair with oars flying all over the place in a frantic bid to pick up speed. After these races are done, lunch is had before one or two more fun races after lunch. If they are feeling up for it, a boys against girls race is always a classic and a good way of generating a laugh and making it into more of a competition. The boys hate losing to the girls, but it did happen, and the girls were ecstatic while the boys were distraught and not particularly gracious in defeat either!

It is a fun week had by all, it is good fun for the students to hang out at the boathouse and give back to the sport to which they have committed so much time, and it is good fun for the kids who get to try something that they would otherwise have never tried.



Home Internationals Regatta

After trialling successfully during the summer, 8 DUBC athletes were selected to represent Ireland at the Home International Regatta in the Docklands, London. 7 rowers were selected as part of the sweep squad, Tom Stevens (Capt. '21/22), Isabel Doyle (Capt. '22/23), Tadhg McKnight, MacDara Allison, Liam Junkermann, Jack Butler and Chris Dehaene and Ronan Brennan was selected as part of the sculling squad. Coach Paul Thornton was also selected as the coach for the squad.

A huge congratulations to Tom Stevens and Tadhg McKnight who were part of the winning Senior 4-, rowing in DUBC's new black Filippi IV. A congratulations also to the DULBC athletes who were part of the winning Women's Senior 8+ crew in London.

This was an excellent achievement for the club to show such depth in the squad to be so strongly represented on the international stage and we are extremely proud to be represented by those athletes who were chosen to wear a green vest. The club was also extremely proud to provide a number of the boats for the Irish squad in London, including both the black Filippi IVs and the *Rory McDonagh* VIII, all of which could not have been acquired without the assistance of the Alumni, the McDonagh family and the Trinity Association & Trust. Well done to all involved!

DUBC in London

Aside from the trip to the Docklands for the Home Internationals for those selected rowers, DUBC also made two other trips internationally to compete this year, both to London. The club first travelled to the Head of the River Regatta on the Tideway in London where the club competed with three VIIIs on the water facing an extremely high



Men's Team Ireland at the Home Internationals Regatta '22, London Docklands

international standard, two of these being Senior squad VIIIs and one Novice VIII.

The novices put on an excellent show to be the fastest beginner crew in the regatta by some margin (despite not being eligible for the prize on account of being a visiting crew) and were competing strongly with many club and higher standard crews.

Most of the athletes will agree however, that the real highlight of international racing for DUBC over the course of the season was that of the racing at London Metropolitan Regatta. This fierce style of racing consisting of a time trial to seed crews and then lettered finals resulted in the tightest and most gruelling racing that was seen all year. DUBC competed on both days of the regatta with the Novice VIII trading blows with UCD throughout, each crew taking one victory over each other with some incredibly slim margins. The Senior put on an excellent show to make two A finals in the regatta, competing with crews with extensive international experience and medals. Again, the club could not be more grateful for all the support it receives from Alumni, Members, Donors, and Trinity as some of the best results of this regatta for DUBC were achieved using the black Filippi IVs recently acquired.

The Thomas Dudeney Story

by Alfie Hales

The *Thomas Dudeney* has been a mainstay of the DUBC fleet for over 15 years. It was the *Thomas Dudeney* that broke the club's 27-year Senior VIII drought, in 2008. In recent years, with the acquisition of newer VIII's, the *Rory McDonagh* and the *Rossa*, it has played second fiddle in racing season, but it is on the shoulders of the *Thomas Dudeney* that the fleet has been built. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and it is to be sold. However, the story of the *Thomas Dudeney* is one that ought to live on in the club's memory. The Dudeney's form an indelible part of our history and the story ought to be put into words.

In Henley, through the 50's, 60's and 70's, DUBC built a reputation for being strong racers, but also being perhaps overly partial to a drink afterwards, giving way to a raucous reputation. This reputation was not aided by the fact that it was considered a joke at Henley that if you got into trouble that night, you claimed you were from 'Dublin'. A consequence of this was it was made difficult to find accommodation, as people weren't overly keen on putting up what they thought were drunken Irish hellraisers for a week.

For those unfamiliar, accommodation at Henley is generally done by families who put crews up for the week of racing. This is orchestrated by the regatta office in the months leading up to the event. In 1977, the Dudeney family were to have an American crew stay with them, but they cancelled at the last minute. Having already prepared the not insignificant amount of food required to feed a crew, the Dudeney's contacted the regatta office to see if there were any crews who could stay in lieu of the Americans. It was upon contacting the regatta office that they got

the troubling news that the one crew left was 'the crew from Dublin'.

Paying no heed to the warnings, the Dudeney's took in the Irish crew. Now that the 1977 Ladies Plate crew had a place to stay, they could race. As we all know this crew went on to win the Ladies' Plate. Now that they had won, the crew were entitled to a night out worthy of their reputation. And so, they took the Dudeney's in tow. Following this series of events, the Dudeney's made a commitment: DUBC would always have a home at Henley.

What people maybe don't know, is that in 1977, the Dudeney's also had a small baby in the house, a young Thomas Dudeney. The 1977 crew spent a huge amount of time occupying Thomas, and so too did each crew who followed, forming that indelible connection between the club and the Dudeney's.

Now eventually the Dudeney parents grew older, and hosting gangs of young rowers for a week or more became more difficult, and so it was agreed that accommodation would be found elsewhere. In this time, Thomas had grown up, gone to university, and moved to the city. It was during this time that tragedy struck, and Thomas passed away in the Summer of 2004.

The bond formed between the Dudeney's and the club, however, was strong. A new Empacher VIII was funded entirely by those who had been guests of the Dudeney's throughout the years. At the 2006 Henley Royal Regatta, surrounded by friends, family and over 50 DUBC athletes of years gone by, Thomas' family christened the new boat the '*Thomas Dudeney*'.

Shortly following this, Thomas' sister returned to Henley, and DUBC have returned to the Dudeney household to stay with Laura and her young family ever since.

Here ends DUBC News for 2022, thank you for all your support over the last year and we hope to see as many as possible of you over the next year. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Yours in rowing, DUBC

The Volunteers of DUBC

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The Dudeney VIII in action at Erne Head of the River in 2019

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Here's the link to the 'update your details' form on the TCD alumni website:

<https://www.tcd.ie/alumni/news-events/update-alumni-details.php>

Alternatively, alumni can also email alumni@tcd.ie with their name, date of birth, course of study, grad year, current address, current email and note that they were a member of DUBC.



DUBC Novice & Senior Reserve VIIIs celebrating victory the night before the Colours Boat Races as DUBC won both reserve races for the first time ever. This was followed the next day with a victory in the Novice VIII Colours race and the retention of the Dan Quinn shield although the Senior VIII did not manage to secure the Gannon Cup.