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A note from the Captain

By Isabel Doyle

Adapted from the Captain's Report at the DUBC AGM 2023

Colours Boat Races was one of the high points of the year, where a good performance was a direct result of gruelling winter training. Though we did not win the Gannon Cup, we gave UCD a good race that few were expecting, losing by only half a length. We made tremendous progress towards closing the gap between us and a strong UCD crew who had won the senior championship the year before. And one cannot forget the great battle for the Dan Quinn Shield, where our novices once again triumphed. The novice squad then backed this performance up by winning the Novice VIII's at the University Championships.

However, the highest point of the year for me was DUBC's Club VIII title at the National Championships. This crew overcame immense adversity and had the race of their lives to ensure that DUBC won a men's VIII title. And as we all know, the eights championships are the special ones.

Six of the nine members of that crew started rowing in university as a novice and I expect several of these athletes to progress to win many more pots. This demonstrates the strength and importance of DUBC's novice programme. Attracting juniors to Trinity College has become a huge uphill battle, and one which is only steepening thanks to intensifying

academic and financial barriers. Because of this we are increasingly relying on, and must continue to develop, and improve, our novice programme.

There is evidence that it is working. Three of the last four captains joined the club as novices. If the club was to turn its back on novice development, then there would not be a club. The very ethos and history of DUBC is shaped by experienced rowers rowing in boats with less experienced rowers. The club does not exist for one or two faster oarsmen, but for everyone.

That is what I love about DUBC, no one is above anyone else, no one is too good to row with anyone else, and all levels of experience are equally respected. A nice example of this was when, this year, a world championship athlete turned up to row this season with DUBC and had no problem rowing in boats with second-year novices, all he wanted was to be part of our club.

The role of captaincy places an individual in an increasingly difficult position, with enjoyment often outweighed by stress. The reality of being in a club is that resources are limited, athletes have different abilities and people have different priorities. Sport can invoke the most powerful of emotions within all of us, and this can lead to difficult decisions having



Isabel and Michael Doyle at Trial Vills, 2023

to be made. It is not right or fair that one individual bear the responsibility of all decision-making power.

Our current structure is not fit-for-purpose and is not a structure which will achieve long-term and sustained success. I believe it is DUBC's greatest weakness. Decision-making power needs to be spread and the most feasible way I can see this happening is by the establishment of an executive committee formed of students and wiser alumni.

The Long-Term Committee have attempted to fill this gap to the best of their abilities, but with little constitutionally afforded power, there is limits to what they can do. When the turnover of the student committee is annual, and the student committee is comprised of inexperienced young adults and athletes, sustainable development and success year-on-year is virtually impossible. We should look to the highest achieving university clubs in the UK, for example, to understand how to achieve sustainable growth in the 21st century.

It takes wise heads to understand that we cannot achieve all our objectives in one year and must work together over several years to build towards increasing success.

This year, I cannot begin to list the help provided to me by the LTC. They work almost entirely behind the scenes, unknown to most student members. It is fair to say that while the student committee complete approximately 10% of the tangible work involved in running a modern-day rowing club, the LTC and Captain complete the remainder. The LTC organises all of our funding and financing, it organises the TAP camp, it organises almost all of Trinity Regatta, it edits and distributes DUBC News, it forms the backbone of our coaching team, it manages our entire relationship with the college, it ensures the continuous strong communication and alumni outreach, and most importantly, it acts as an invaluable source of guidance and advice to the Captain. I could not have done this year without them.



Isabel and her Championship winning Club VIII, 2023

It is important that we as students do not take the LTC work for granted. We, as students alone, would never be able to achieve their results.

I feel I would not be addressing an elephant in the room if I do not discuss my experience of being the first woman Captain of DUBC. We have come a long way from the attitudes of the past, but it has not always been easy.

I owe an unfathomable amount of thanks to certain people:

To Alfie Hales, my successor, who stepped up from the moment of his election to become, essentially, my co-partner, taking on an immense amount of work and pressure in times of need.

To those committee members who supported and assisted me unwaveringly for the duration of the year.

To Alicia O'Neill, Captain of DULBC - I know we are both so proud of how we worked together this year and of the stronger relationship between our two clubs as we leave office.

And to those special teammates, without whom, I would not have been able to do even one month of the year, let alone the whole twelve! The sport of rowing has given me so much and I feel privileged to have represented DUBC these past few years. When I was young, I never imagined I'd race in a DUBC zephyr, let alone be Captain of the club.

To all those that have given so much of their time, money, and knowledge to DUBC during my years as a member, I am indebted to you for providing me with some of the best days of my life. I will never forget my time here and I wish the club the very best as it moves forward in the care of the very best, safe, and capable hands.



A note from the President

By Philip Browne

“ Firstly, congratulations to Isabel Doyle and those involved in the successful winning crew of the Irish National Club VIII Championship last season. Isabel took on the historic role of the first female Captain in the history of the Club and we are incredibly proud to have had her represent the club with such dignity and focus. It was great that she and the Club VIII were rewarded with a national championship.

Secondly, my best wishes to Alfie Hales for this season as he takes on the onerous role of Captain. He has proven himself to be not only an able oarsman but an able administrator as well.

I am entering the third and last year of my term as President and there are some observations that I would make. There is no doubt that the governance model of the Club needs to be reviewed. The pressure on students these days is quite different to what I experienced forty years ago in terms of how they are taught, the two-semester system, social change, regulatory environment etc. It is a much more complicated space to operate in and the responsibility falling on the Captain, as dictated by the current Constitution of the Club, is too onerous. A properly functioning Executive Committee made up of student members and alumni, a successful model in other clubs, seems to make more sense, providing student control with

the benefit of alumni experience particularly in the areas of coaching, finance, fundraising, the regatta and regulatory matters. Continuity and longer term planning is then possible with clear lines of authority and decision making.

My experience of rowing in Trinity in the 1980s was that the Club came first and aside from the importance of a successful novice programme, the primary objective was always to prioritise the strongest Senior VIII possible. This inevitably brought together athletes of varying experience and quality but with the ulterior motive of the fastest VIII representing the Club at regattas and Championships. This approach allowed the Club to bring through less experienced oarsmen, ensuring some level of continuity from one season to the next given the inevitable turnover in personnel as students graduate and move on. It was always the case that the more experienced athletes also rowed in small boats, maybe at a higher level, but never at the expense of the Senior VIII. In other words it was all about the Club and the wider group as opposed to the individual. I see nothing that would make me change my view that this is the correct approach for a University club.

Good luck to all the student athletes this season and good luck to Alfie in his captaincy.



A note from the LTC

by Seán Canning

“ The 2022/2023 season was the second of this Long-Term Committee’s term and proved to be a productive one from a Long-Term perspective.

The sport of rowing experiences a very different operating environment within College than many of our alumni would recognise from their student days. Trinity has become an even more diverse, international and vibrant place than it was even when I was a student in the 2010s. There are more ways for students to spend their time in Trinity with more clubs and societies than ever before. There are thus more mouths to feed from a financial and facility perspective for College and DUBC cannot take for granted our standing within Trinity. In order for the club to maintain a level of support and focus in keeping with our needs, we must clearly and continually communicate the value we add to life in Trinity and the unique opportunity that is on offer to our athletes.

We have had some success this year in communicating this value on several fronts.

As ever, Trinity Regatta is the centrepiece of our engagement with College and highlights the very best of rowing at Trinity. A particular credit is due to the Regatta Committee who ran an impeccable Regatta this year. We were very proud to host

representatives from the College Board, Trinity Development & Alumni, Trinity Association & Trust (A&T) and Trinity Sport at the event this year.

Earlier this year, the Provost initiated a comprehensive review of sport in the College, led by Paul Coulson, Mick Dawson and Philip Browne. In March, we made a joint presentation with DULBC to this review. We put forward a detailed account of the current scope and ambition of rowing at Trinity, focusing particularly on those areas in which we have identified a need for development from a Trinity Sport perspective. Over the past number of years, we have found that securing adequate resources, understanding and support from the Sports Department has been a singular challenge. We look forward to publication of the findings from this review process and sincerely hope that progress will be derived from it.

Trinity A&T have been one of our most reliable supports in the past number of years. A&T is a volunteer body of Trinity Alumni who allocate funding to College projects on an annual basis. In May, our first female captain Isabel Doyle was invited to address the AGM of Trinity A&T, showcasing their funding support for our purchase of six new training single sculls in 2022. Two of which were named by A&T after female trailblazers



Participants enjoying time on the water at the Rob Van Mesdag Summer School, 2023

of Trinity's past. A note is due to Isabel, who led from the front this season with DUBC's best interests and competitive health always to the fore. DUBC has been very fortunate to have not just Isabel, but the wider Doyle family so deeply invested in the club in recent years.

In June, we were pleased to organise the annual Rob Van Mesdag Summer School in conjunction with the Trinity Access Programme (TAP). The Summer school has been a tremendous success for DUBC, DULBC and Trinity. This year we welcomed over 200 students across primary and secondary level Trinity Access feeder schools. Furthermore, we employed 16 current senior Trinity athletes during the month of June in advance of the National Championships, with opportunities split evenly across male and female athletes. The

Summer School has exploded far beyond the initial expectations for the programme and is now one of the college's preeminent social outreach programmes. It has been a joy to be a part of and has honoured Rob's legacy in the most impactful way. Not for the first time, we have Jim Jackson's vision and energy to thank for the inception and execution of this project since 2019.

A development of pride for us all in DUBC is the formal establishment of the Trinity Rowing Committee. The Committee is a formal forum with representatives from both the student and LTC constituencies from both DUBC and DULBC. This establishment coincided with DULBC's formation of an LTC of its own to enhance the strategic planning for women's rowing.

In the first instance, the Trinity Rowing committee adopted the Rob Van Mesdag Summer School as our first primary workstream, ensuring that the camp maintains its organisation, impact and funding model into 2026 and beyond.

Secondly, we have just completed our 'Pulling Together' prospectus. This document has been co-authored by DUBC and DULBC and is our basis for pursuing philanthropic funding into the future. The generous external €80,000 donation which enabled the purchase of two coxless fours for DUBC and DULBC in 2022 has opened our eyes to the potential of external philanthropy in both Irish and international contexts. It is worth noting that the TAP Camp is philanthropically funded to 2025 by an external source. With the continued support of Kate Bond and her team in Trinity Development & Alumni, we hope that the combination of this document with the successful ongoing stewardship of current benefactors will showcase the impact that donation can have to students' lives. Of course, our primary income stream is from our own alumni community and without this, rowing is simply not viable in Trinity.

While all of these above developments have been exceptionally positive for the club, it remains

to be said that not since 2015 has DUBC won an Intermediate or Senior 8+ championship at Inniscarra. This in no way downplays the impressive performance of our Club VIII, who brought back a much-deserved pot for DUBC in July. Our counterparts in UCD have shown us that a University club can comfortably and reliably excel at Senior-level in Ireland. Frustratingly, DUBC has yet to secure the stability and long-term horizon necessary to emulate this success. We have reaped the rewards of long-term thinking in almost all areas of our club, but we have yet to secure this where it matters most: on the water.

It has been detailed elsewhere in these pages, however, I would contend that an Executive Committee model in play in other clubs will go some way to ensuring that we can successfully unlock that next level of reliable performance which has for so long evaded DUBC. Most importantly, the proposal would safeguard future Captains from undue pressures that can arise during a rowing season. I am confident that this will be a conversation the club will be having over the next 12 months.

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Luncheon reunion of present and former TCD soldiers at Sandhurst on Saturday, 7 October 2023

Back row L-R:

Nick Browne (Grenadier Guards, DUBC), Dan Brennan (Yorks, DUFC), Rory Browne (QRH, DUBC), Patrick Moe (Guest, DUBC), Alex Grubb-V-S (QRH, DUBC).

Front row L-R:

Ali Floyd (Irish Guards, CAPT DUBC), Jago Spencer (Coldstream Guards, TCD), Robin Boyd (Irish Guards, DUBC), Edwards Wingfield (Green Jackets / Rifles, DUBC), Tim Coote (Irish Guards, CAPT DUBC), Tom Bruxner (Green Jackets / Rifles, CAPT DUBC), James Hamilton (QRH, Guest) Ed Roffe-Silvester (Irish Guards, CAPT DUBC), Count Nikolai Tolstoy (RMAS, TCD).



DUBC Senior VIII making their way to the start

An extremely brief moment of silence on the regatta course while competitors broke for lunch at Trinity Regatta, 2023

Trinity Regatta

Now gaining momentum year-on-year after the hiatus due to the pandemic, Trinity Regatta returned to Islandbridge in glorious fashion on 13th May 2023.

We were delighted to welcome crews from all across the country and internationally, in particular we had a strong contingent from Germany and the Netherlands. As part of this international contingent, we were glad to see the return of some of the best supporters of the regatta, K.S.R.V. "Njord".

As always though, long before any racing could get underway, the work began in a small meeting room on campus where Regatta Secretary Lily O'Keefe and Chairperson William Doyle met to begin the arduous journey of bringing the regatta to life. A huge deal of thanks and congratulations is owed to this committee for putting on such a fantastic social occasion while simultaneously treating us to thrilling side-by-side racing.

Due to the bumper entries we have had for Trinity Regatta over the past number of years, racing began

on Friday evening for those heats that consisted solely of local clubs. The regatta was opened with a Quarter-Final of the Club 8+ event between DUBC "B" and Neptune RC. In a fantastic start to the regatta, DUBC took victory by a margin of three lengths to progress to the Semi-Final. From there, the racing came on hard and fast, even with the slightly more relaxed schedule on Friday evening. There were three more victories for DUBC on the Friday, DUBC "A" (who had a bye for the Quarter-Final) won their Semi-Final of the Club 8+ event, DUBC "B" cinched a place in the Final of the Club 4+ event over DUBC "A" and in the last race of the evening, DUBC "B" secured their place in the Intermediate 4+ Final.

Once racing began bright and early on Saturday morning, the excitement on the water did not cease until the sun was beginning to set. The battles on the water were as fierce as they ever have been in Islandbridge, with margins recorded as close as $\frac{1}{4}$ of a length, excruciatingly, one such race was the Semi-Final of the Club 8+ between DUBC "B" and

Commercial RC where Commercial just pipped the men in white on the home straight.

This did however, open up the opportunity for a fantastic storyline where the DUBC Novice 8+, who had no competition for them in the Novice category, entered the Club 8+ event and managed to secure themselves a place in the Final, lined up against Commercial RC. Despite the extremely positive mental attitude of the Novice athletes and coaches alike, it was not to be for them in the final. However, the Novice crew absolutely gave the green boat a run for their money, reportedly being seen with a lead at Army before the experience of the Commercial crew allowed them to edge ahead and control the race along the final straight.

However, while it may not have been the day for the Novice 8+, the DUBC Novice 4x+ took no notice and seized the opportunity in the straight final against Commercial RC to get one back and secured themselves some much sought after Trinity Regatta silverware.

There was a similar unrelenting approach to the race taken by the Senior 8+ in their straight final against visiting crew Ruderverein Erlangen and the men in their stripey's took a strong victory over the crew in blue. There was no animosity as a result however and both crews agreed to take part in an exhibition sprint race where Erlangen took the opportunity to get one back over the Trinity men. Egos healed and legs tired, both crews retired to the War Memorial Gardens to revel in the celebrations, both immediately after the racing and long into the evening.

One of the most popular victories of the day has to be Mark Quigley's victory in the Club 1x. This was a fantastic achievement in Mark's first year of full-time sculling. On his way to a Trinity Regatta medal, Quigley succeeded in the highly competitive Time Trial to secure a place in the Semi-Final to face King's Hospital's Waters followed by Commercial's Gaffney in the Final where DUBC's sculler prevailed with a verdict of "Easily". In the same day, Mark also managed to reach the Final of the Intermediate 1x, losing out by only a length to Commercial's Flynn. This victory was a great showing for LEBC and a strong hint at



The Novice 4x+ on the way to the start



Mark in action at the regatta, displaying the Gold and Blue wear of LEBC, not often seen in action at Trinity Regatta in recent history



Post-regatta celebrations at the boathouse



Packed to the rafters, Regatta Luncheon, 2023



Kevin Shillington presents the name still surviving from the original Shillington scull to DUBC Captain, Isabel Doyle at the boat naming ceremony at Trinity Regatta, speaking in front of the brand new Shillington scull

what was to come later in the season in the shadow of the Farran Woods.

Amidst all the action on the water, it would be almost possible to forget the tremendous social and celebratory occasion that the regatta is in its own right. This year was no different. The Regatta Luncheon was once again completely sold out, a fantastic show of support for the club and the atmosphere inside the packed long room was not rivalled anywhere on the island that day I am sure.

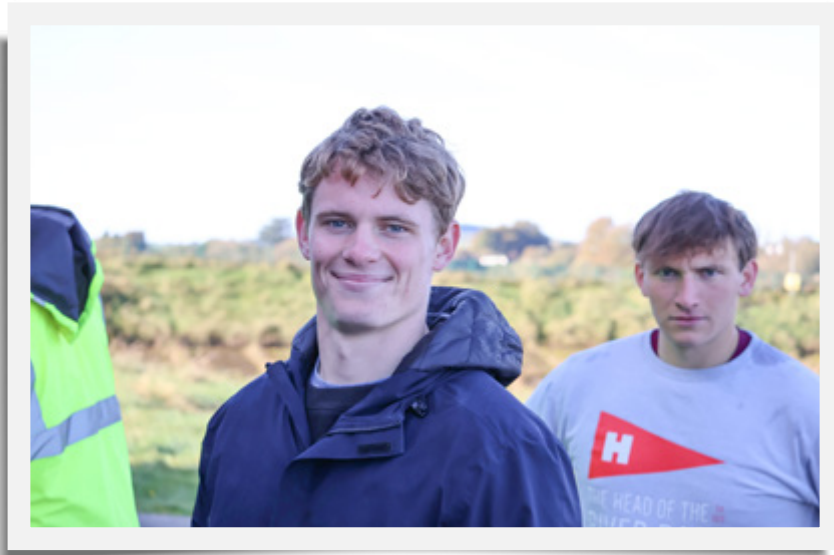
We were delighted to welcome a number of guests to the Regatta Luncheon as well, in particular from our great supporters at the Trinity Association & Trust, Trinity Development & Alumni, the College Board and also Trinity Sport. It was a fantastic opportunity for friends of both clubs to engage and celebrate all the work that goes into keeping both DUBC and DULBC thriving and an opportunity for both clubs to offer a small thanks to all those who do so much.

Finally, we were incredibly proud to host a joyous joint boat naming ceremony during the lunch break

at the regatta which turned out to be one of the highlights of the whole schedule. There was an awe-inspiring display of brand new, top-shelf, carbon fiber shells adorning either side of the entranceway to the boathouse, perhaps the only display of the day that could distract from the racing. The DUBC boats named will be listed in detail below, but we were delighted to welcome three new boats and their patrons into the fleet at this event. Similarly, DULBC welcomed an Empacher 4+, *Harvest Bow*, which has already since gone on to secure a victory in Academic 4+s at London Metropolitan Regatta and a Filippi 2-, *'76 Ladies*, named in honour of the founding members of DULBC.

For the first time, we were glad to be able to share this event live from the boathouse via Zoom for our friends and supporters all over the world and we hope to continue this going forward to allow everyone to participate in these great occasions.

Well done to all involved, thank you to the supporters and see you all in 2024!



Former novices Ben Reid (Vice-Captain 2023/24) and Sam Walker, now senior athletes, training at the Three Castles Rowing Boathouse on Blessington, coached by Michael Doyle in his distinctive hi-vis jacket

The novice pathway

By Ben Reid

One of the greatest idiosyncrasies of rowing as a university sport is perhaps the ability to progress and develop with such great haste; both physically and technically. I'm aware that many readers of this newsletter are graduates of our Novice rowing programme and can testify to this unique aspect of the sport. At the beginning of the year, we were fortunate enough to have close to ten graduates of the previous year's programme returning to make the step up into the Senior squad. In fact, by the end of the season, our Championship winning Club 8+ contained six members who had begun their rowing careers at university, five of which with Trinity.

From a rowing perspective, this year proved to be very enriching for our second-year novices. The winter brought about a noticeable increase in the intensity of training, specifically on land but also mileage on the water. Gym sessions became a staple and are attributed as a direct cause of our ever-burgeoning gym addict Anrijs Lorencs's perpetual muscle gain, three-and-a-half stone and counting since he came in as a fresh-faced novice last year. Now being fitter, uglier and supposedly more technically proficient,

we got our first taste of Senior racing at Erne Fours HOR and carried on our progression through the Christmas break until our first big event of the year: Colours, vs UCD. Perhaps against the odds, two second-year novices made it into the Gannon Cup 8+ which lost out to UCD by a third of a length. There was also a strong presence of that group in our comprehensive Reserve 8+ win over UCD the previous day.

With the supply of ready-made oarsmen aptly described as being inconsistent at best, the significance of developing our own remains large. A talented intake does much to freshen up perspectives and buoy morale among those more senior and cantankerous, as well as adding to the depth of athletic talent. Many of last season's second-year novices remain, ever so slightly more forlorn but still enthusiastic nonetheless. As such, they are ready to pass down their wisdom, or lack thereof, to a new group of oarsmen undergoing their maiden year in the Senior Squad. This life cycle serves to make the club a vibrant place to be a part of; a trend I'm sure will continue long into the future.



DUBC's Championship winning Club VIII on the podium at the National Championships, 2023

The report from Cork

Once again, DUBC returned to the National Rowing Centre in Farran Wood, Cork with high hopes and expectations for what was to come over three days of racing.

It's still unclear whether the fiercest battle was to be seen between the organisers and the inclement weather, between crews and the weather, or between the crews themselves. Despite the challenging conditions, the racing was completed, albeit on an alternate schedule and it can certainly be said there were no easy championships won in those conditions, as there never are.

The story of the weekend for DUBC was of course the club's victory in the Club 8+ National Championship. This was the culmination of the incredible hard work over the course of the season of these athletes combined with a hugely resilient performance on the day to secure the slimmest of margins over Commercial RC at the time of asking. It's worth mentioning as well, the crew led by Isabel consisted of five athletes who started their rowing careers as novices in Trinity, a real testament of both the effectiveness and importance of the novice programme.

There were many more fantastic showdowns over the course of the weekend, including two absolutely nail-biting races for the novices in both the 4x+ and the 8+.

For DUBC's novices, racing began on Saturday with the straight final between themselves and their great rivals over the course of the season, UCD. These two crews had both been out in Blessington for many months at this stage, often the two quads would head out at a similar time after an early morning session in the 8+. Looks had been cast and glances exchanged but neither crew really knew where the other stood given the limited opportunity for the crews to meet in the quad before the championships. In the end, there was almost nothing in between them.

Off the blocks, DUBC took an early lead and managed to maintain this through the 1000 metre mark. DUBC squeezed the legs through the third 500 but agonizingly, UCD began to move on them and by the time the 1750 mark came, UCD's superior build to the line had stood to them and they had come through. DUBC pushed to the last stroke but in the end the margin of victory was $\frac{1}{2}$ length to UCDBC.

Undeterred, the novices went to bed confident in their ability to get one back in the eight. This crew had had many opportunities to meet UCD throughout the year, unlike the quad. DUBC had taken victories in the Dan Quinn Shield and at the University Championships but UCD had kept working despite this and had bested DUBC at the most recent event, London Metropolitan Regatta in Eton Dorney. Both crews entered nervous but confident in their ability to take the championship.

Once again, DUBC were ahead off the blocks with the start that had been practiced and repeated dozens of times before arriving in Cork. There was nothing to choose between the crews at the halfway mark with supporters of both clubs groaning and cheering simultaneously, no one with any idea of who was ahead. The commentator called a small Trinity lead and a shout went up but quickly the 1500 metre mark approached and UCD were moving. Again, a little bit more power and a little bit of a better build to the line allowed UCD to inch ahead in the trickier conditions closer to the finish and at the line the margin was no more than a third of a length but unfortunately it was in UCD's favour.

There was of course incredible disappointment but at the same time, the crew and coaches were entirely satisfied that absolutely everything had been left on the water, the crew rowed the best race they could have and just unfortunately came up short against an impressive UCD crew who set a record time that day too.

Across the entire weekend, there were no shortage of impressive performances both against the conditions and the competing crews. The Club 4+ were the first DUBC crew to take to the water, but after setting a time that would have secured them a place in the final in any other heat, they were unfortunate to place third in their heat by less than half a second and miss out on a chance at the final.

This was quickly followed by the Intermediate 8+'s straight final only a few minutes later. On the start were UCD, University of Galway, DUBC and Cork Boat Club. Cork and Galway both got off to a strong start with DUBC a few



Small margins: DUBC take a slim victory over Commercial in the Club VIII Championship



The Novice VIII regroup after the emotion and exhaustion of a Championship race



Sam Walker (6) and Cormac Feely (7) off the start of the Intermediate 8+ Championship at the National Rowing Centre, 2023

seats down on both. The crew showed incredible resilience to come back to row through Cork in the middle 1000 metres and with 750 metres to go it was between DUBC and Galway for the win.

As both crews wound up the stroke rate for the sprint to the line, DUBC were $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length down on Galway and moving on them with every stroke. As it sometimes does however, the line came too soon for DUBC and the race ended with DUBC still $\frac{1}{2}$ length down on Galway but pleased to have put eight seconds between themselves and Cork and UCD.

On Sunday, the Club 8+ comfortably controlled their heat and took a strong first place to begin the morning. Due to the amended schedule, there were only 40 minutes between the heat and the final and the crew only had time to stop at the slip, swap water and food before heading off to the final.

They lined up in the final alongside UCD, Commercial RC, Queen's University Boat Club, University of Limerick BC and St. Joseph's BC. DUBC gave it everything off the start and by the 1000 metre mark they had taken two thirds of a length on Commercial, a length on UCD and clear water on the rest of the field.

With 500 metres to go, UCD had fallen away but Commercial had started to quickly move back on DUBC. Spectators were screaming, groaning and cheering as the gap closed and closed but unlike in the Intermediate 8+, the line came at the right time for DUBC and they finished the race 0.2 seconds ahead of Commercial.

The weekend closed for DUBC with the final of the Intermediate 4+. After doing well to qualify from a competitive heat and overcome an incredibly quick turnaround time between the heat and the final, they came up short in the final to finish fourth.

After a tumultuous season, the entire DUBC squad left Cork proud of the performances they had put in on the water and buoyed by the knowledge there were many more opportunities to come for the younger members of the squad in 2023/24.

A huge thank you to all who made the season possible, in particular the volunteers who coached, organised, and supported the effort in any way, the season would not be possible without you.

Special Thanks

The Novice squad and coaching team, while supported by many, many volunteers who gave up their time and effort to bring up such a competitive crew, would like to offer particular thanks to Chris George who joined us in the first instance at the Winter Camp in Enniskillen back in January and continued to be an integral member of the Novice coaching team all the way to the championships.

Chris pushed hard on both coaches and athletes alike but without his encouraging voice, neither crew nor coach would have believed exactly how much we could extract from every session and every athlete. Thank you Chris!

Sculling Ladder

In the first event of the 2023/24 season, while the majority of the Senior Squad were busy covering winter miles in Blessington, DUBC was represented at the Dublin Sculling Ladder by David Bourke, a novice of the 22/23 season and DUBC's current resident sculler. David put in an excellent effort in his first event in the 1x to finish 26th. Congratulations also to Grace Healy of DULBC who was victorious in the Senior Women's category at the ladder.



David showing no nerves before the Sculling Ladder

A Championship for Lizzie!

A particular mention must be given to Mark Quigley who, representing Lady Elizabeth Boat Club, secured the Club 1x Championship at the National Rowing Centre in Cork. Mark was coached throughout the season by William Doyle, on top of his senior coaching duties and Mark was accommodating enough to never turn down the opportunity to pace another crew, be it a sculler or an 8+! In the leadup to this, Mark secured victories in the scull at both Trinity Regatta and Dublin Metropolitan Regatta. Then, at the Championships, thanks to the inclement weather and the adjusted regatta schedule, Mark took first place in his very early morning heat on Sunday before prevailing over the rest of the field not two hours later in an extremely eventful final in which two other oarsmen recorded DNF's due to the challenging conditions. Well rowed Mark and Lizzie!



Mark lifts the trophy and his pot for the Club 1x Championship, presented by Olympic gold medallist Fintan McCarthy and DUBC alumnus and Rowing Ireland Chair, Martin Hogan



Michael Ryder with the Spirit of '66 and a selection of athletes who started their careers as novices over the last number of years

Fleet Additions

By Ethan Coplan

“ This year we were fortunate enough at the Boat Club to have many new boats to name. These boats come from a range of different donors and sources of support as well as funding from the club and it cannot be stressed enough how thankful we are to be able to row in such top-of-the-line

boats. Without the support of our donors and the contributions we receive through philanthropy, it would absolutely not be possible to operate the club at the top levels of the sport nationally and provide our student athletes with the best opportunities in their rowing careers.

The boats named this year were:

Spirit of '66 (8+) (Pictured above)

This boat is a white Kanghua 8-man shell with aluminium riggers. What makes it so special it is one of the first DUBC boats ever purchased for exclusive use by our novice team. This is a change from the hand-me-down boats that the novice team usually rows. This boat was named for a DUBC man who any

novice who has joined our program in the last 40 years would know - Mike Ryder. The name alludes back to his time as a novice in 1966. This shell has already seen success by winning a Dan Quinn Shield and an Irish University Championship in the Novice Vllls in 2023.

Ring of Kerry (4-/4x-)

This boat is a black Olympic standard Filippi coxless four or quad. This boat was made possibly solely through philanthropic donations and we are incredibly grateful both to the donor and to Trinity Development & Alumni for making this possible. This boat has already seen success, in particularly competing in the A-Final at London Metropolitan Regatta against international standard crews.



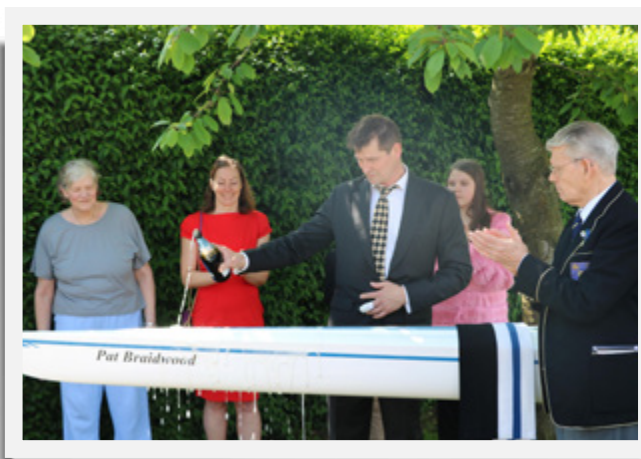
Shillington (1x)

This boat is a black Olympic standard Filippi single scull. This boat was kindly made possible by Kevin Shillington and named *Shillington* in honour of his uncle. This boat was named at Trinity Regatta and there Kevin kindly presented Isabel Doyle with the name placard from the original *Shillington* scull. This boat is yet to make its racing debut but is ready for DUBC's top sculler to give a run down a regatta course.



Pat Braidwood (4+/4x+)

Another boat that reminds you every time you row it about the lasting bonds that are created on this team, the *Pat Braidwood* is a white Fillipi Coxed 4-man shell with aluminium riggers. A boat named after the 1965 captain, Pat Braidwood. This boat was made possible due to the funding of those who knew and loved Pat Braidwood, led by Mike Hannon and Peter Laub. A fine addition to our fleet, this boat makes it possible for us to have up to 12 athletes out in Fillipi coxed fours, allowing for better comparison and competition.



Once again, a huge thank you to every supporter and donator of DUBC who make this possible and who enables DUBC to maintain the best fleet in the country for its student athletes.

*From top to bottom:
The Ring of Kerry awaiting its naming; Jim Jackson (DUBC Senior Treasurer) and Kevin Shillington speaking at the naming ceremony; The Pat Braidwood receives its inaugural dose of champagne. All photographs courtesy of Daniel Dennis.*

Dublin University Boat Club enjoys unrivalled support from our alumni which adds to the strength of our programmes while building the strong social links that exist among members past and present. Your support enables the club to offer state-of-the-art modern performance pathways while benefitting from the tradition and heritage built over 180 years of rowing at Trinity.

To make a donation in support of the club please visit bit.ly/donate-boatclub or simply scan this QR code



Full List of Results for 2022/23

Below is a list of all regattas where DUBC crews were entered in the season 22/23. Crew Lists and further details for these events can be found on the Dublin University Boat Club website.

Erne 4s HOR

1st in Senior 4x-
1st in Inter 4+
1st in Club 1 4+
1st in Club 2 4+

Erne HOR

2nd in Inter 8+
1st 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
Novice 4x+ Reserve race cancelled due to weather

University Championships

Senior 8+ cancelled due to weather
Senior 4x- cancelled due to weather
2nd in Inter 8+
2nd in Club 8+
2nd in Club 4+
1st in Novice 8+
Novice 4X+ cancelled due to weather
4th in Lightweight 1x

Trinity Regatta

1st in Senior 8+
2nd in Senior 8+ (Sprint Exhibition)
1st in Inter 4+
2nd in Club 8+
2nd in Club 4+
1st in Novice 4x+

Dublin Metropolitan Regatta

1st in Senior 8+
1st in Senior 4- (Division 1 Winner)
1st in Senior 4x- (Division 1 Winner)
1st in Inter 4+
2nd in Novice 4x+
See website for full results

London Metropolitan Regatta

3rd (A Final) in Championship 4x-
See website for full results

Cork Regatta

Event cancelled due to inclement weather

National Championships of Ireland

2nd in Inter 8+
4th in Inter 4+
6th in Inter 2-
1st in Club 8+
2nd in Novice 8+
2nd in Novice 4x+
See website for full results

Novice Season Review

By Beccan Gruenberg



As Michael Doyle told us in the week before Colours, you will always remember the pure exuberance in the aftermath of a victorious result but you will never forget the races where it wasn't to be. While it's unfortunate that I can relate to the latter part of that sentiment, I am, as are the rest of our squad, deeply fortunate to have had a much greater experience with the former. Losing out on the Novice 8+ National Championship by a margin of less than half a length was undoubtedly heartbreaking, however the season was, on the whole, absolutely successful and leaves myself, and my fellow novice alumni, beyond content with the outcome.

Thanks to an incredible effort by last year's Captain's Committee in the first weeks of term, DUBC took in a record number of sign-ups, exceeding 250 wide-eyed young men (and a lady).

The first few training sessions proved to be easy enough for most lads to stick around, with a good group of 30 heading into week three when, at the weekly run and circuits session, a mainstay of the novice regimen, Seán Canning sat the group down to deliver a message that would stick with us through July. He told us to decide then and there if we were committed to the cause, if we had enough hate in our hearts for the old foe UCD to get us through long erg sessions and piece after piece, because, at the end of the day, there were eight seats up for grabs and those with the most drive will get those seats. A few of us scoffed, but after that effusion we dropped down to the ten or so guys that would stay throughout the season. Training ramped up from there, incorporating strength and conditioning, longer and longer pieces on the erg, sessions in tubs and the omnipresent and despised erg test. Soon we had one of the strongest and fittest novice squads DUBC had seen and were itching to step into shells.



DUBC Novices in their first event at Erne HOR

Our wish was granted in the place where all wishes are: Enniskillen, Fermanagh with training camp. Over an intense and enriching week we grasped the nuances of the rowing stroke and complexity of getting eight thick lads to “just set the boat!” Volume remained high as we entered the racing calendar, beginning at Erne Head of the River in February. Our home-away-from-home proved to be as successful for competition as it was for training, with a win over the UCD novices by more than 35 seconds. As excitement grew our coaches kept us on the straight and narrow, with volume increasing and intensity reaching a sustained peak. Our next event, Colours and the Dan Quinn Shield, was an incredible introduction to side-by-side racing. The week and hours leading up to our trip over the weir were chock full of nerves, nerves that proved justified in a tight and perilous race in which we prevailed by less than a length, a far cry from the five length margin the previous year's novices had enjoyed. We were elated but bone-tired!

While we had won, we learned a lot about how we could improve. Which is exactly what we did going into our next event, the University Championships. In a race that was ours from 200 metres, we cruised to

victory by over two lengths, boosting our confidence entering exams and a time when rowing was put on the back burner. Trinity Regatta, the thing that kept us going through long hours in the library, proved to be a massive learning experience, racing a Commercial crew in the Final of the Club 8+ event that would go on to challenge our seniors not three months later. Two weeks of hard training ensued to make up for time lost over exams leading into London Metropolitan Regatta. Plagued by injuries and illness, Dorney was the first time we were caught on the back foot, the UCD novices had advanced quickly and overtaken us for the first three races, by a margin of over seven seconds.

After much reflection, we were ready on Sunday afternoon for retribution. While we didn't achieve full atonement, our margin was cut down to three seconds, a time that was very much achievable. For the second year in a row, Michael Doyle's School of Hard Knocks opened to an enrolment of nine. Thirteen sessions a week, daily sick-inducing on-the-water pieces or hard ergs and volume that none of us had experienced before had each of us thoroughly exhausted. For six weeks, we slept, worked (some of us more than others) and rowed.

The National Championships flew in quickly and we felt truly ready, our starts were crisp and fast and we could hold off the Club 8+ over a kilometre, we were a well-oiled machine. Our 4x+, made up of men from the 8+, raced first, we gave a valiant effort but ultimately inexperience and ghastly conditions took over, we were rowed through in the last 500 metres to lose by a quarter of a length.

Disappointed but not defeated, our 8+ prepared for the next day. We got out to nearly a length lead in the relatively flat first 1000 metres, however, as they began to move on us, the sheer size and age of the UCD



DUBC Novices celebrate their University Championship victory

crew made resistance nearly impossible. We threw everything we had at them but it was not to be, we lost by a third of a length.

While we were deeply disappointed, the mood on the bank was uniquely content. We knew that we left everything on the course, we had done everything we could, but sometimes, we realized, other crews are just bigger and better. This was the case that day. A number of us had a hunger for more, we caught the bug and are continuing with the senior squad, while nearly the entire crew is involved in coaching this year's novices.

A massive note of thanks is owed to all of our volunteer coaches. Our Head Coaches George O'Connor and Michael Doyle were as committed, if not more, as all of the lads, they were in the boat with us every step of the way. We also owe a massive thank you to William Doyle and Sean Canning, both of whom finally set our boat and were instrumental in making the race as close as it was, they were the push that finally got us to click.

While the supposed crown jewel of Irish Novice Rowing eluded us this year, on the whole our season was beyond a success and leaves myself and the rest of our squad hopeful for the future.



RIP Simon Stewart Newman 1940 – 2023

by Victor Northwood & Desmond Hill

“ In the late 50s / early 60s, DUBC was very much the home of oarsmen only, and particularly those whose previous schooling and home had been either in England or N. Ireland. Simon was a rarity, being a Dubliner who had attended an English boarding school, Shrewsbury School. His family owned Shelbourne Motors, which was to prove a great benefactor of DUBC, particularly its supplying vehicles to tow boat trailers. Adding substance to this exceptionalism was his proven pedigree acquired with the Shrewsbury VIII, in reaching the Henley Finals of the Princess Elizabeth Cup in 1957. No wonder that, on arriving at Islandbridge in the Michaelmas Term 1958, he exuded confidence and aimed high.

Instantly making his mark, he rowed for the Senior VIII in 1959, '60, '61 and '62, serving as Captain in those final two years, a remarkable

record. As Raymond Blake says in his history of the Club, 'A single-minded commitment to the task characterised Newman's captaincy, as he sought, not only to improve the standard of the crews, but also the facilities of the boathouse.' In these endeavours, he was greatly assisted by his father and mother.

On assuming the Captaincy, Simon instigated intensive training programmes which began to pay dividends: a strict regime of abstinence (generally adhered to!), daily outings at Islandbridge, supplemented by anaerobic circuits in the Trinity gym at 6.15am, alternating with weight-training in Paddy's Boxing Gym in a basement in Harcourt Street at 6.00pm. Calories thus burnt were adequately replaced by three-times weekly steak and multiple-egg omelette breakfasts, cooked and consumed in 23, The Rubrics, still then the Captain's traditional residence.

Simon's crews were coached by Pat Bradley, initially recruited by Bill Wyndham, at that time working in Dublin, who himself had coached Trinity in the 1950s. They had rowed together in the GB team at the Commonwealth Games. Pat was a successful turkey farmer in Middle Wallop, Hampshire, which name always caused great amusement to Irv Weinman, the American Triallist from MIT who rowed in the '62 crew. More significantly, Pat was also a former pupil of Shrewsbury, so he and Simon had a strong connection. The pattern evolved that Pat would fly over every fortnight or so to coach intensively for the weekend, but his generosity extended much further, thanks to his belief in Simon's vision, enthusiasm and determination. Both men were avid students of contemporary developments in every aspect of rowing, and thus in '63, Pat had so much appreciated the response from DUBC to his coaching, that he supplied the funds to Richard Taylor, Simon's successor as Captain, to purchase the innovative Donoratico eight, used unsuccessfully by Oxford in 1961. He also funded more than one set of new spade oars for the Club. Pat ultimately marked his admiration for Simon's energy by nominating him for election to Leander. Simon's drive led him to explore other ideas.

In 1961, he decided, with the then current crew classifications, that in addition to Junior and Maiden crews, Trinity should boat throughout the year a Second Senior VIII, which, though always in the shadow of the 1st VIII, enjoyed more than enough success and pleasure to justify the project. Perhaps best of all his wheezes was the wonderful 70+ miles trip down the Thames from Reading to London in March '62; following a successful run at Reading Head, the Senior VIII spent a week rowing the boat down to Putney, for another fine result (24th) in the Putney Head, enjoying en route the superb

hospitality of parents and friends.

Whilst enjoying wide success in Ireland, including the Gannon and Wylie Cups, various Head and Regatta victories, in both of Simon's years as Captain, the Senior VIII also performed creditably at Henley. In 1961, the crew lost to Keble College, Oxford in the first round, but in the joint fastest time of the event. In 1962, DUBC defeated Imperial College in the first round, but lost a close race in the second round to the eventual winners, Queen's College, Cambridge, who had to equal the barrier record to beat Trinity.

While still Captain, Simon organised an appeal to raise money for extensive improvements to the boathouse, including hot showers (luxury!) and a training tank beside the boathouse. And after the end of his tenure, he was not finished, but became Secretary of DUCAC in '63 and '64, working closely with the chair, Professor John Luce. There is no doubt that DUBC fared particularly well under that association.

In this era there was a particularly agreeable friendly rivalry between Trinity and UCD, founded on mutual admiration, often cemented by evenings in The Widow Gilligan's. It was acknowledged by UCD men that Simon was the generating force of this camaraderie. After graduating, (see below) Simon joined DUBC men Frank Tisdall and Paul Keatinge (cox) in the Old Collegians VIII to win the 1963 Senior Championship at Limerick. The following year, he joined DUBC men Nick Rathbone and Patrick Braidwood in the OC VIII to win the 1964 Senior Championship at Coleraine.

Simon was a force of nature. A man of inexhaustible energy, relentless persistence and exceptional powers of administration and organisation. Two comments sum up Simon's time at Trinity: his wife,



Captains Alicia O'Neill (DULBC 2021/22 & 2022/23) and Isabel Doyle (DUBC 2022/23) at the coin toss for the Colours Boat Races, the continuing legacy of that “friendly rivalry”

Ann, when asked about Simon’s degree, replied, ‘What did he study? – Bloody rowing!’ (He was in fact awarded a BComm in 1988, Honorary or otherwise!)

And his rival Captain at UCD, fellow crew member of Old Collegians, Tom Sullivan, says: ‘We had some great days together. I always liked him - he was without bias or prejudice - and, in the boat, second to none - awesome power, and tough. Great fun too. The bridge between the North and South banks of the Liffey.’

It was a measure not only of Simon’s outstanding calibre as an oarsman, but also of his apolitical, pragmatic, positive outlook that he, a product of a quintessentially English Public School, should be the first to be invited to join Old Collegians, a crew otherwise comprising true Irish Republicans to a man.

Subsequently, after he had finally ceased active rowing, he formally joined the family firm, which prospered in the late 60s, conducting escorted tours in Ireland for American tourists; it was thus a bitter irony that Bloody Sunday on 30th January 1972, and

the burning of the British Embassy in Dublin three days later, caused Shelbourne Motors to hit a wall. But it’s an ill will that blows no good, and Simon was invited by American Express to move to England to look after its interest in tourist coaches.

Soon he and Ann moved on to set up their own highly successful coach business in England, Armchair Passenger Transport. The couple developed Armchair from a business that exclusively ran coaches into one that additionally took on buses from October 1986, eventually increasing its bus fleet to over 90. Armchair later moved into the London bus market, starting its first route there in 1990, and becoming a significant player in the western part of the capital, winning several awards for its coach tourism services. Simon was a founder member the London Tourist Coach Operators Association – now the UK Coach Operators Association – and the Guild of British Coach Operators, and President of the Confederation of Passenger Transport from 1988-1989. He retired in 2004.



Participants, student coaches and supporters celebrate at the 2023 Summer School

Van Mesdag Rowing Camps

‘There is nothing more glorious than rowing with friends’

Taken from the Autumn 2023 issue of *Trinity Today*

Trinity Access launches Summer Rowing Camps at Islandbridge, named for an extraordinary graduate, Olympic rower, and philanthropist, Rob Van Mesdag.

This summer, over 200 secondary school students coming from schools in disadvantaged areas took part in week-long Trinity Rowing camps, held in Islandbridge throughout the month of June.

The camps are a collaboration of Trinity Sport and Trinity Access (TAP) with the Dublin University Boat Club (DUBC) and Dublin University Ladies Boat Club (DULBC) and were open to all fourth- and fifth-year students in TAP’s linked schools, which are typically located in areas of disadvantage without a strong tradition of progressing to third level education.

The camps, held at Islandbridge Boathouse, teach the students the basics of rowing, while introducing them to the opportunities of third level education. Wendy Crampton, Director of TAP emphasises that the aim is

‘to equip students with the skills of communication, teamwork, and confidence through rowing on the water. These are the skills that will help drive ambition to progress to third level and will support them on their path of success and excellence in the future.’

The summer camp is named after Rob Van Mesdag (1930-2018), an Olympic rower and DUBC alumnus who provided the seed funding for the initiative and was a deeply committed Trinity graduate, who supported the University through volunteering and philanthropy.

Born in Hilversum in North Holland in 1930 into a wealthy family who owned Van Houten Chocolate, he was the youngest of four brothers. The outbreak of World War II when he was nine years old had a deep impact on the family. The eldest, Jaap, was one of 32 Dutchmen who in 1941 tried to reach England by kayak to join up. He was apprehended by a German



boat and interned in concentration camps for three years; remarkably he survived. A second brother, Jat, died in March 1945, flying for the RAF. Rob and the

third brother, Maarten, were sent to live on a farm for the duration of the war and were then sent to school in Delaware, in the United States.

Rob followed Maarten to Trinity in 1949 (apparently the Dutch universities had been bombed and Oxford and Cambridge were full). He graduated with a BComm in 1952. On his second day at the Trinity Regatta, 11th June 1949, he won the Emerald Challenge Cup for senior scullers. He represented the Netherlands at the European Championships from 1952-1956, winning bronze in 1955, and competed at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952. In 1956, when he was at his peak as a sculler, the Netherlands boycotted the Melbourne Olympics as protest at the Russian invasion of Hungary.

After graduation, Rob worked for the family business, Van Houten Chocolate, until it was sold in 1962. He moved to London, where he became a freelance correspondent for Dutch and English newspapers, specialising in reporting on rowing and sailing. He rowed with the 'irregulars' at the London Rowing Club twice a week till the end of his life and edited the first comprehensive history of the Club for its 125th anniversary in 1981.

He lived in Fulham with his long-term companion, Michael Wellington-Hall. They attended All Saints Church, Fulham, where Rob served as Church Warden. A generous benefactor to other causes as well as Trinity, he acted as ambassador for the homeless charity 'Crisis' and volunteered his time on Christmas Day.

He remained devoted to DUBC and would come over for the Trinity Regatta each year. Elected president of the Club 1990–2006, he launched a major fundraising campaign to upgrade and extend the boathouse and set in hand the updating of the Club's Constitution. He coached Seán Drea, who went on to win a silver at the World Championships in 1975.

His memorial services in Trinity Chapel in September 2018 and in Fulham in October, recalled a humorous erudite man, who spoke several languages and had a range of skills, including allegedly working as a barbershop singer, a Scottish dancer and a champion toastmaster. His dress sense was much commented on: he favoured tweed jackets and bow ties on dry land but on the water would 'wear a singlet with moth-holes over once white shorts, held up perhaps by a safety pin'. Generous to friends and charities, he was personally frugal, and abhorred waste.

On 17th July 2018, Rob was filmed preparing to launch his boat, *Oranje Boven* (Orange on Top) for London Rowing Club. He remarked presciently: 'This boat was made of wood for me in Holland in 1953; it may get older than I do.' He died the next day, having declared in that same interview: 'There is nothing more glorious in the world than rowing with your friends, or by yourself, particularly when it's going smoothly.'

The Van Mesdag Summer Rowing Camps in Islandbridge were fortunate to be held in June, a month of glorious sunshine in Dublin (unlike July, when the going was a lot less smooth!). Isabel Doyle, Captain of DUBC, said: 'Rob was passionate about spreading his love for rowing with all. He truly believed in Trinity Rowing's long-held ethos of inclusivity, respect and welcome for anyone willing to put in the hard work, regardless, and irrespective of background. Rob would be incredibly proud that over 200 young people, many of them coming from areas of disadvantage, have been introduced to a sport we all love.'



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We invite you to Trial Vills on the
10th February 2024

A link to purchase tickets will be emailed to
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Trinity Regatta will take place on
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