

Presentation Rowing Rudder, Pembroke College, Fairbairn Cup 1932

Sold



REF: 29639

Height: 30 cm (11.8")

Width: 52 cm (20.5")

Depth: 34 cm (13.4")

Description

Cambridge University, Pembroke College, Presentation Rowing Rudder.

An original presentation trophy rudder 'Pembroke College, Winners of the Fairbairn Cup 1932' with gold calligraphy and two heraldic shields. This is the former property of R.F Dunn of Pembroke College who was their cox. The crests are of Pembroke College and Jesus College. We also have a second rudder of Dunn's, 'Head Of The Lent Races 1933', and would make a great companion.

The calligraphy on the rudder reads:

Pembroke 1, Winners of the Fairbairn Cup 1932

Bow. J.C. Macgregor. 11.0,

2. M.G. Pascalis. 12.1,

3. P.G. Thin. 12.1,

4. F.K. Paul. 12.3,

5. N.J. Bradley. 14.0,

6. W.A.T. Sambell. 12.3,

7. A.D. Kingsford. 11.0,

Stk J.R.F. Best. 11.4,

Cox. R.F. Dunn. 8.13.

Time 15. Mins. 55 Secs.

Stephen Fairbairn (25 August 1862 - 16 May 1938) was a rower and an influential rowing coach at Jesus College Boat Club, Cambridge University, Thames Rowing Club and London Rowing Club in the early decades of the 20th century, and founded the prestigious Head of the River Race in 1925.

Fairbairn was a strong believer in the benefits of distance training; part of his philosophy was that "mileage makes champions". As such he developed the concept of the head race, a long-distance race against the clock to mark the end of winter training, thus encouraging crews to train over longer distances.

In 1926 he founded the Head of the River Race, for men's eights held annually since on The Championship Course on the River Thames in London. Similarly he donated a trophy for a head race to be held annually on the River Cam. "The Fairbairn Cup" (known colloquially as "Fairbairns") is the annual race held on the first Thursday and Friday after the end of the University of Cambridge's Michaelmas Full Term (typically early in December). The race is organised by Jesus College Boat Club in Cambridge. Taken from Wikipedia.