



Vintage Rowing Oar, Cambridge University, 1st Lent Boat 1947

Sold



REF: 28376

Height: 364.5 cm (143.5")

Width: 16 cm (6.3")

Depth: 10 cm (3.9")

## Description

Rowing Oar Blade, Magdalene College 1st Lent Boat 1947.

The full length oar is an original traditional Magdalene College (Cambridge University) presentation rowing oar with calligraphy and college insignia. The writing on the trophy blade is in very good condition giving the names and weights of the crew and the colleges they 'Bumped'. In pen written on the rear of the oar 'T.H. Bamford, 6 Castle St., Cambridge'.

The trophy blade reads:-

Magdalene College 1st Lent Boat 1947

Bumped, Sidney Sussex I, L.M.B.C.II, 1st & 3rd Trinity II, Peterhouse I

Bow...R.D. France.....11-5

2...H.B.S. Gunn.....11..9

3...G.B. Davison.....11-10

4...E.S. Awad.....13-13

5...D. McCarraher.....11-8

6...J. Leigh-Mallory.....13-9

7...C.B.B. Bond.....11-9

Str..H.C. Wilson.....11-9

Cox...J.A. Barrett.....9-6

Coaches - R.F. Bennett, J. Marnham, J.N. Duckworth

Both Oxford and Cambridge Universities host two university bumps races yearly, each lasting several days. The races are for eights (i.e. eight rowers and a cox), each representing one of the university's various colleges. One of the races is held in early spring and the other in early summer, in Oxford they are called 'Torpids' in the spring and 'Eights' in the summer, in Cambridge these are called 'Lent Bumps' and 'May Bumps'. The leading crews of the Lent Bumps go on to race the leading Oxford Torpids crews at the Henley Boat Races around Easter.

The first attested bumps race took place in Oxford in 1815 and was between two eights from Brasenose College and Jesus College. Twelve years later Lent Bumps racing commenced at Cambridge University. As the Isis and Cam are long narrow rivers, not ideal for normal side by side racing, Bumps racing evolved. The competing crews line up bow-to-stern in order, one behind the other with gaps of about 1½ boat lengths between them. The start of the race commences with the firing of a cannon, the idea to progress up their division by attempting to catch and Bump (touch) the boat in front whilst simultaneously trying not to be Bumped by the boat behind. The ultimate aim becoming top of the first division and "Head Of The River". When a bump has taken place both of the crews involved in the Bump pull over to the river bank and take no further part in that race, allowing the rest of the division to pass. The only difference is in Torpids where the crew whose boat was Bumped has to continue racing (and is liable to be bumped again). It is possible to "over bump", if the 2 crews involved in the Bump have pulled over and the crew behind them manage to catch the boat that was in front of them, this is an "over bump".

As the oar is full length (12 foot) shipping can be quite expensive. We have came up with an ingenious way to cut the oar so as to make shipping cheaper, the oar can then be easily reassembled. One of the images shows different images of an oar that has been cut down. It is cut by the leather sleeve so the joint is less visible or obvious. The oar can then be bolted together to make the oar one solid piece.

Please do inquire about the different shipping options.