



12' Presentation Rowing Oar Trophy, Magdalene College
Cambridge 1956

£1,600



REF: 30789

Height: 15 cm (5.9")

Width: 366 cm (144.1")

Depth: 10 cm (3.9")

Description

Antique Rowing Oar, Magdalene College Cambridge, 1956.

The full-length E. Ayling & Sons Ltd. plain tubular oar, 12 foot long, is an original traditional Cambridge University presentation rowing oar with gilt calligraphy and club and college insignias, it is a beautiful oar and in original condition. The calligraphy denotes the crew's names and weights, the left-hand shield is the Coat of arms of the University of Cambridge and the right is that of Magdalene College (the crest being the arms of Thomas Audley, 1st Baron Audley of Walden, displaying eagles and martlets). Signwriting on the blade is done by T.H. Banlford, 7 Chesterfield Road, Cambridge and the calligraphy on this blade reads:-

Magdalene College 1st May Boat 1956

Bow J.W. Clark-Maxwell 12.8

2. Hon. T.O. Lewis 12.4

3. J.L. Cannon 11.12

4. N.S. Maconochie 13.1

5. A.T. Denby 12.4

6. A.C.F. Thomson 12.2

7. D.S. Latta 11.11

Str. C.J. Pumphrey 11.11

Cox. M.G. Wyles 8.5

Bumped King's, Lady Margaret II, 1st & 3rd Trinity LL, Selwyn

Ladies Challenge Plate, Henley Royal Regatta, Beat Exeter, Merton, Clare, Lost final To Peterhouse, Winners of Marlow Eights. Coaches G. Bigland Wood, J.A. Pinches.

As the oar is full length (12 foot) shipping can be quite expensive. We have come 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 enquire about the different shipping options.

Any crew which records four consecutive bumps is said to have 'gained their oars'. The prize being a full-size oar decorated with the names of the full crew in gold lettering on the college colours for each rower. The cox is given a decorated rudder and the coach receives a decorated wooden shield with a mock-up of the bow end of a boat.

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. ...