



Henley, Royal Regatta Rowing Blade Tip

Sold



REF: 30691

Height: 105 cm (41.3")

Width: 15 cm (5.9")

Depth: 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Antique Rowing Oar Tip, Henley Royal Regatta, 1914.

The oar tip is from an original traditional Pembroke College (Cambridge University) presentation rowing oar, Ladies Challenge Plate Henley Royal Regatta. The rowing blade with gilt calligraphy and college insignias, it is a beautiful oar tip 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 the right is that of Pembroke College, central shield is the Arms of the United Kingdom.

The price shown is for two oar tips. The second oar (stock #3069) that accompanies this 1914 oar is also a Royal Regatta Rowing Blade, but the tip is damaged (see last image).

The calligraphy on this blade reads:-

Pemb. Coll. Winners of The Ladies Challenge Plate Henley Royal Regatta 1914

Bow K. Blew 11.4

2. L.N. Younghusband 11.5

3. A. Lawson Walton 12.7

4. P. Gregson 12.9

5. G.C. Dobb 12.6

6. M.H. Graham 12.6

7. R.A. Dobb 10.10

Str. C.A.S. Morris 11.4

Cox. V. St. B. Collins

Coach T.A. Kirkham

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.

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. 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 riverbank 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...