

REF: 26913

Height: 366 cm (144.1")

Description

Pembroke College, Oxford, Presentation Oar, Trophy Blade, 1922.

The oar is an original traditional Pembroke College presentation full length rowing oar with gilt calligraphy and college insignia. The writing on the trophy blade is in good condition and belonged to a crew member of the '1922 summer eights', possibly P. Bainbridge as the oar is numbered 7 and that was his position in the boat.

The trophy blade reads:-

"Pembroke College Boat Club, 1922"

'Summer Eights'

Bow. J.K. Clegg, 10st. 5lbs

2. P.T. Kingston, 10. 8

3. P.D. Robb, 10. 5

4. E.O. Hills, 11. 8

5. N.T. Helme, 12st. 11lbs

6. W.S. Angus, 11. 5

7. P. Bainbridge, 11. 5

Str. C.V. Davidge, 11. 4

Cox. J.E. Newton, 7st. 10lbs

Bumped:- New Coll II, Wadham, Ch. Ch. II, Keble, Queens.

Both Oxford and Cambridge Universities host university bumps races, Oxford since 1815, Cambridge 1827. They generally last for around four days and one is held in early spring and one in early summer. At Oxford they are called "Torpids" and "Summer Eights", Cambridge "Lent Bumps" and "May Bumps".

'Bumping' is a rowing race in which a number of boats chase each other in single file. Competing boats start the race lined up in order, one behind another, with gaps of about 1 ½ boat lengths between the bow of one boat and the stern of the one in front. The race is started by the firing of a cannon. Each crew attempting to progress up their division by catching and hitting ('bumping') the boat in front, without being hit from behind. The ultimate aim of the race to become "Head Of The River" i.e. top of the first division. Bumping races evolved in Oxford as the river is too narrow for normal side by side racing.