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Presentation Rowing Oar Trophy, Oxford University, New College

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Height: 373 cm (146.9")

Width: 14 cm (5.5")

Depth: 9 cm (3.5")

Description

Antique Rowing Oar, 1900 New College Oxford, Head Of The River.
The full-length oar is an original traditional presentation rowing oar with gilt calligraphy and college insignias. The rowing blade is made by Ayling & Sons, Vauxhall, London, it is a beautiful oar and in original condition. The sides of the oar shaft have been hollowed out to reduce weight and it is fitted with a patent Button & Guard Plate. The calligraphy denotes the crew's names and weights with the crests of New College and Oxford. The oar is No.6 denoting it belonged to J. Watts. We also have a sister oar of the same year, Winners Of The Clinker Fours, No. 2 - J. Watts.

The calligraphy on this blade reads:-

New * College * 1st Torpid * 1900
Head Of The River
Bow Vist. Tiverton 11st.6lbs
2. V.J. Gadban 11.7
3. E.W. Neel 12.2
4. A. de L. Long 12. 6 ½
5. J. Younger 12.10
6. J. Watts 11.2
7. W.R.G. Bond 10.8
Str. R. Culme Seymour 11.12
Cox. L.P. Penny 7st.10lbs

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

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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...

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