



AVON COUNTY ROWING CLUB

MINUTES

**Committee meeting held via video conferencing due to Covid-19 restrictions on travel/social-distancing
Monday 28 September 2020, at 7:30pm**

Present: David Atkin ("DA"); Jim Dawson ("JDw"); Jane Day ("JDy"); Carol Friend ("CF"); Jon Garner ("JG"); Will Gray ("WG"); Tim Grice ("TG"); Marian Lovell ("ML"); Odette McCarthy ("OM"); Clair Ponting ("CP"); Penny Senior ("PSen"); Julian Sondheimer ("JS"); Philippa Sondheimer ("PSon")

Apologies: Antony Constantinidi ("AC"), Kim Pennelegion ("KP")

2. Minutes of Last Meeting - approved and adopted

3. Update Action List - dormant

4. Rowing During Covid:

Welcome to new members.

To explain, the agenda is slightly different to our normal meetings. It is a Covid meeting. Normally the coordinators send in advance of the meeting

Lot of issues with the Uni students being back, people hadn't felt safe. There has been a direct complaint as felt students should be wearing face coverings. PSen advised that during the time trial on Saturday all of the Uni Students were wearing face coverings and the only people not were from ACRC. KP, who works for Bristol University, brought this up at a Uni meeting, Uni clear all of the social distancing rules should be followed by the students and they want to know about it if not.

CF – down this morning – collision with a Uni boat and Darrel's single – badly damaged – launch crew were not wearing face masks or ppe, not many wearing masks around the site.

Generally around the site stay 2m apart or take other precautions.

PSon – mentioned in safety report – issue about coordination between the clubs on the site and as head lessee do we have any leverage? Do we have any responsibility as Head Lessee.

Action: AC to investigate

JDw thought Uni was much more organised and better than before

CF – in relation to Covid from 24 Sept clubs have to display QR code and various posters – we will cover this aspect under safety

DA – referring back to the minutes – when is Uni back and what are their timetables/when rowing during the week days – PSen to talk to Ed and see what they are doing. They used to do double outings and sit in club room between sessions – which obviously isn't possible at the moment.

Action: PSen to speak to Ed regarding Uni timetables

Are the Uni going to timetable beginners?

JDw advised that they seem to be on a pre-season training camp at the moment.

JDy as we have been managing numbers in 15 mins slots – can we insist that the Uni do something similar. PSen said it was harder for them because of transportation. JD said she understood some challenges but that they were bringing a lot of cars down at the moment. Likely to be more susceptible of catching virus because of the nature of Uni life. Also unfair to our members when we have been abiding by our club rules. They need to manage boating better.

PSon need to separate their Covid behaviour from the safety behaviour which is awful and very separate.

PSen advised if the Uni are behaving dangerously from a safety point of view, do report it to Ed who will talk to the coxes again. It is no different this year to the start of any new University year, they just need to be reminded that there are other uses of the river! If there are specific instances of dangerous behaviour give examples and explain it was dangerous because of xyz.

JDy – at the time trial on Saturday a safety instruction was given a Bristol University cox/crew to advise that the barge was on the course. The cox, instead of listening and taking heed of the instruction, chose to ignore the instruction to stop, Stroke was overheard telling the cox to stop but she responded by saying she was ignoring the instruction. PSen advised that it was possible to report poor behaviour, we can report also report it as an incident as would class as an event. PSen further suggested we write down the occurrence and address the matter with Ed as to why it happened. PSen requested JDy to write a report.

Action: PSen to ask Ed what plans are on safety

4s are going out and complying with what we asked for.

JG - Did we make a decision on 8s – although it may not be the right time to raise it now. PSen we side stepped the issues of 8s and sat on the fence about it! Since the last meeting the Rule of 6 has been brought in.

JG suggests that we keep 8s away and keep to 4s.

PSen - BR hasn't changed decision in terms of the Rule of 6.

PSon – there is a disconnect with BR guidance we have are protected as organised sport and agreed with DCS – at what point will the protocol change. Very strange situation.

Minerva are not putting 8s out. Bath Uni operating under Minerva rules. Not disallowed but uncomfy that people weren't complying with what they had put in place.

8s are more practical – going forwards particularly as getting colder 8s will be wanted.

PSen – doesn't see why we can't do 8s. Bubbles can will grow to accommodate 8s – but would appreciate the more static/compact crews can be.

ML – inexperienced women are not happy/comfy with 4s or 4x and would therefore welcome the return of the 8s.

PSen – most are rowing only once a week – so likely to find out before the next weekend.

We won't put a number on it – but try to minimise and keep crews the same as possible and as little change as possible.

PSen increasingly frustrated with Uni using the changing rooms and moving the bollards. PSen removed loo paper and locks from the toilet doors but this has not stopped them. Have reported to Uni.

5. Captains Report/Boathouse Management Committee

PSen - Thanks to river clearing team before the race on Saturday also the refloating team for the pontoon which are being tackled tomorrow. Adam is bringing kit down to lift the pontoons.

The Pile of pots and pans on drive were found in the ditch at bottom of slope. There was a blocked culvert, which takes the flood water off the road and also from the golf club hup the hill. The blockage was causing issues with flood water when it rained heavily. We need to attend to it once 10 or 12 years and dig the ditch out. Alex sent comprehensive plan of how to proceed with works.

6. Welfare

Welcome to ML, thank you for taking on the welfare role for adults.

CF - BR have produced an updated link to safeguarding documents so people are aware.

PSon - mentioned at a WAGS Zoom meeting on 8 Sept, clubs said that they had not required specific sign-up to a Covid19 Code of Conduct; they had circulated their Covid 19 rules and expected compliance.

CF - had run this past BR governance and established there wasn't a BR Covid 19 Code of Conduct. Minerva had posted their protocol on their website. Committee decided that ACRC members were complying with protocols as circulated on RN.

7. Safety Report

Circulated. A few incidents and a few were missed. Will report missing incidents next time. Darrel reported an incident. Uni also reported incident with Darrel. Will report next week. Sounds rather horrible and inappropriate behaviour by the Uni. Not had an incident of this nature recently - funny incidents but not this serious.

Safety plan - put together

The Safety plan for the time trial and regarding Covid - PSen circulated by RN. PSon doing risk assessments

QR code - it was said briefly that everyone needed one for the 24 Sept. BR didn't know if Rowing clubs needed them and with multiple location sites if we need 1 QR code or if we need multiple. Will put up poster from NHS - we don't want ACRC linking with Bristol Uni as inappropriate. Not at all clear from the Government. Do we have to do it and where do we to put it?

CF - does it provide an alternative means of details - we are legal and compliant because of the booking sheet?

Safety alert regarding lightning sent round - very old fashioned referring to counting to 30 between flashes and bangs.

Main issues Bristol Uni and QR Code.

Action Point: PSon to investigate QR code

8. Events

DA - Autumn Head. Main issue is whether we felt we should go ahead and what the format would be. Probably best for a "local event" and much smaller than usual as normal Head isn't appropriate at the moment. Suggestion is run something not too different to what happened on Saturday. Challenge was keeping the groups apart. Working with Uni tricky, integrating other clubs would be difficult. Would see how it went. Call committee together next week to discuss it. Light event.

Any views on moving ahead with this principle – do we hold a BR event? What are benefits of this or private match.

For the time trial on Saturday there was quite a lot of paperwork considering it was small event. Already laid ground work, extra risk assessment, uploaded onto website, application for enhanced private match would need to be done. We are in a good state to move forward with this private match.

PSon suggested to DA that the Webinar on 1 October aimed BR competition organisers might be useful as there were good speakers and could submit questions in advance if required or at the time. PSen had signed up for it and will find out what others are doing at that webinar.

JG attended the umpires meeting – if a BR affiliated event would open up more questions than what was done at the weekend. Generate a lot of unwarranted interest as it would be one of the first races this year. Limit the numbers of people attending.

Did we get CART approval for last Saturday. PSen convinced Clive Pendry that CART would not be interested. Keep smaller rather than larger to fly under the radar.

DA – event aimed at helping our club and other local clubs/rowers – not a source of revenue

ML – it was a real boost, was exciting event even though it was smaller. Be good to repeat something along these lines.

JS – Admin rules are not onerous if you have up to 4 clubs involved. If go above that gets more complicated. How many events can we run like Saturday and how many weeks intervals so that we can invite other clubs to each race – series of private matches simple time trials like Saturday.

AAH is at the end of November. Excluding the Uni for admin reasons and they have their own head. Basis that we are a community club and there are other clubs like us. Bradford are desperate to get racing.

Series of private matches. Doesn't take long to run 2 divisions – only delay was because of the barge. Not difficult to organise something like this.

JDw – keep it simple especially with volunteers. Umpires aren't happy risking necks at away events.

JG would like to see a comprehensive plan – everything until beginning of November has been cancelled.

JDw spoken to Simran – about the Uni. Continuing full steam ahead with a second day! Suggest we keep well out of the way like last year. PSen can't see the Uni letting the race go head because of students coming from other areas and the potential transmission of Covid.

Simon Brown very adverse to travel away to do anything.

JDw asked Penny to mention the BUCS race to Ed and vice versa.

DA does that help at all. Club to focus on something smaller and series – will carry on with that.

JDw - ASH hasn't scheduled meetings until beginning of November. Don't know which way to jump on that one. May not have a race but we might - 6 months things could be different.

Regatta same waiting to see.

Event on Saturday – Relieved no one fell in, it went well, it was very well organised. PSON spent hours doing the paperwork. Google form for entering crews was very easy to do. Not difficult to organise.

Autumn head end of November don't want people falling in. Private matches might need to look at the distance we race them over. How safe is it.

Also low key from the moored boats.

9. Finance and Subs

JS circd usual report. Not much to say at all. Main event since 10 August paid for the 2 new singles Nye and Flo - £10k gone out. Money held up in the usual way. OS dosh changed very little.

Subs – PSONd – not looking too bad, adults are stopping subs holiday and returning to full subs – PSEN has done brilliantly recruiting juniors. Enough money to pay bills.

BSC booked out viruses for taster sessions. There is a webinar on Uni beginners this week.

Include all people recently joined and paying. Few started paying since report but will go onto next meetings list. Not looking too bad.

10. Admission of New members

See list below, in accompanying documents.

11. AOB

Sculling policy – private racks – primarily too address 2 things. Policy went to owners of private boats who use more and needed accessibility. We have decided to ration by availability and usage. This was important because we as a Club had purchased 2 new singles. The Policy will need to continue and develop. All charged at the same price – but by the usage of the owners.

All appeared in agreement.

People whose boats were moved was very unhappy – and has left the club. Members often don't use racks/boats as much as others and need to address usage and accessibility.

Sensible principle. Also look to at subsidiary questions – racking is rationed by how much you use the boat. Monitor the usage of that boat (the booking log is very useful in monitoring usage) – someone needs to be in charge of monitoring it and be transparent. That person then needs to report to the committee.

What if someone new comes to the club – what do we do about it? Also person X who has being paying membership and comes back from travelling. Need more substance on the bones on this policy. Still other things we might want to think about. Do we want to think in policy of those that have no other option but to single. Write bullet points to the committee.

West wing has been cleared out and the racks are possibly more accessible in the west wing. At the moment the lock is awkward – it was adapted when the West wing was broken into and the launch engines stolen – this new lock can't be cut off. May be put the adapted one on the gates.

Also put down some hardcore so don't get wet feet travelling to and from the west wing. Not a huge hardship in the west wing rather than the main boathouse.

JDw if made easier to unlock. Could also fit more singles in the west wing without the riggers on.

PSen suggested that it was still a secure building. It is not an outside rack. Can store blades in west wing and also keep tressles in the west wing.

Have had a policy of how we allocate racks for a while – e.g. if a sculler attends to scull alone would need a more accessible rack than someone who always rows with another person.

PSen - Do we need to add to that policy PSON? Yes we need to know what we are doing when someone appeals, when new person arrives, person travelling returns back – things that can't be determined by the booking log as there won't be any entries. Need to make sure that it doesn't change too often so people don't get in too much of a pickle.

Something like although boat usage isn't monitored we do if situation changes and how much boats are being used we would look at the signing out book to see how much it was being used. Pre-covid that is what PSen would have done but the booking sheet/log makes it easier.

Very difficult to sort out. People need to be made aware of what our policy is – new baseline policy. Protocol set so should be less of an issue now. Anyone in charge of the private boats – PSen. Tweak document – if you own a single use it or lose the rack!

DA – felt the guidelines were very good.

COMMITTEE CONFIRMS THE POLICY THAT WAS CIRCULATED ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2020

PSON – OM/Steve are now the volunteer coordinator. Place to start alumni list with discuss with Steve/OM.

CP - Beginners – will not do this year because of the changes/rule of 6 etc. Also change over of charity for collecting stamps to National Eye research, will change details on the box.

DA – the role of the volunteer coordinator – how does it fit with the events? Role has been born out of our events struggle to get people to confirm that they will help earlier, and we limit the stress for the person doing the rota so they don't have sleepless nights. Encourage current club members or left club Alumni – build up a band of people who may not be current rowers but would help us.

Date and Time of Next – Monday 2 November 2020

Joiners and Leavers and payment queries V1 September 2020

Paying people included in membership numbers

Adult Joiners

Izzy Scalway scalwayizzy@gmail.com (invited)
Nichola Davies davies-ecology@sky.com (paying)

Student joiners

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Leavers

Louisa Franco GCL mandate cancelled 28 Aug
Gillian Beer mail to Julian 18 Sep, mandate cancelled
Nia Haddon GCL mandate cancelled 24 September

Membership and Subs Report September 2020

Membership numbers

	Label	April Best case	AGM Worst case	Sep	Notes re September
Full	F	92	95	100	
Full (holiday)	FH	28	19	14	Hoping all will return
Full paying junior rate during lockdown	FJ	2	3	3	
Coach	C	3	3	3	
Student	S	3	2	2	
Student (holiday)	SH	2	3	3	
Vac student (don't pay till they appear)	VAC	17	3	3	Payers only
Junior	J	31	41	49	
Junior (holiday)	JH	4	2	1	
Taster only (no subs due)	T	23			Not clear when LTR will restart
LTR Taster + course	LTR	0	0	0	
Junior - family membership 1 parent	Jfam	2	4	3	
Jfam (holiday)	JfamH	2	0	0	
Junior - family membership 2 parents	Jfam2	2	2	2	
Jfam2 (holiday)	Jfam2H	0	0	0	
Bath Spa	B	28	0		Bath Spa position not clear
Non Bath Spa Leavers this FY	L	2	11	14	
Total		239	177	183	

Membership points to note

A few adults on subs holidays have restored their payments. There has been healthy recruitment of juniors since April; junior membership is holding up well. We don't know what is happening with Bath Spa; I am waiting for a reply from their new organiser. LTR is to be reviewed at this meeting.

Money

The pre-lockdown monthly income was nearly £4000 in October 2019, falling to about £3600 by March. In April it was about £2900 but fell again in May (to about £2700) as some people paid in April and then took a subs holiday. It is now holding steady at about £2800 and that is without income from the latest batch of juniors who will start to pay in October.

The lockdown budget presented in March 2020 showed our monthly outgoings to be about £1500 so our depleted income is still covering our outgoings.

Philippa Sondheimer 24 September 2020

**Safety Report for Committee September 2020
Incidents 2020/21**

Incidents starting 1 August 2020 and since the previous meeting.

Date	Description	Report no
8.8.20 11:00 Fine weather	Penny Senior reports: Sue Hamilton and another lady appeared and got two of the MNK stable singles out. I heard a shout and turned to see Sue in the water between the raft and her boat. I ran over and pulled the nearside oar in so pulling her in too. She said she had broken her wrist (and a few more mild expletives). Steve McCarthy lifted her out so she was sat on the pontoon. Her wrist looked broken (she has done it before and heard the crack). Steve and I put her arm in a sling and she rang her nephew and asked him to collect her and take her to A&E. We helped her up by which time the other lady had got out of her boat and came and looked after her. MIN reported the bare bones of this but I added the above to record the help given by Avon County.	15657
15.8.20	Oscar Durant and Charlotte Barr fell out of Ogleby. Another double was catching them up on the straight – rather than warn them they decided to try to stay ahead of them. This went wrong. Inexperience.	15703
16.8.20	Ollie Hall-Haines fell out of Hedwig (near the boathouse). He didn't know why. Inexperience.	15704

Other issues

- Safety Plan 2020:
 - An amendment dealing with repairs was agreed by the committee in July 2020.
 - I am still working on converting our existing risk assessment from the 3-pt to the 5-pt scale and adding in the Covid19 elements of the risk assessment; a revised draft will come to the new committee in the Autumn, when we need it for the Safety Audit.
- Covid19
 - Penny has been circulating our developing operating plans via Rowing Notices.
 - The committee agreed a supplementary Risk Assessment in Phase B. V3 of the RA had to be submitted to Clive Pendry as part of the paperwork for the time trial on 26 September and he made no comment on it. I added a couple of items and V4 is circulated with this report.
 - There is discussion, in the context of the NHS Covid19 app, as to whether we need a QR code, where it should be and how it should be differentiated from others on the site. BR is asking for further guidance. In the meantime, we need to keep our 21 days' Test and Trace data
 - We have shared/co-ordinated rafts with Bristol Uni and Bath Spa follow our safety rules. Is there more we should be doing, maybe as head lessee, to co-ordinate rowing times with Bristol University? This might become more important, depending on the outcome of the QR code guidance.
- Safety Alert
 - This is about lightning and is relevant to all and so I am circulating it. It seems to ignore the weather apps which tell us more detail and which we incorporated into event safety guidance last year.

Incidents since the AGM Report i.e. since 21 August 2019

Date	Description	Reported online by club
11.8.19	Clive Pendry reported a capsize by Avon County sculler Ben Matthews. I don't know who this is, where it happened or why CP reported it. I have asked CP all these questions, to no avail. We have enough real accidents without random bods reporting pretend ones.	13916 Not to count unless he replies
24.8.19	Bethan Edmunds and Mark (Peacock?)capsized on pontoon. Lovely swim	14180
24.8.19	Ian Bellamy and Gary Egan capsized. Oars buried on start the cause. Re-floated and got back in. Successful row to base	14181
7.9.19 12:00	At 500m mark in perfect weather, Shay Brennan in Vicki Land hit stationary narrow boat on Minerva bank. The boat had broken down and had its stern sticking out into the river but Shay reports that he didn't see it. No damage to sculler or boat.	14184
17.9.19	An eventful morning – beautiful weather. Andrew B and Graham H coming down stream in 2x. At 10:40, just above the bottom bridge, the 2x was coming downstream to take the north arch of the bridge, close to the correct bank, when it was rammed by a BAU W 4x- coming at pace upstream through the wide arch and failing to take the bend. Clash of blades. Then a BAU W 8 did the same but just stopped in time. Coach in launch seemed oblivious to severity of incident and safety of others. AB had a word with him. At 10:45, of the bottom of the straight, a UBR 8 and launch had stopped to chat and a UBR W 1x overtook them without looking. Blade clash again.	14185 being lazy - reported as one incident
3.9.19	Opposite pontoon. Junior – Emily Rorison in Snow White capsized	14182
12.9.19 18:45	At 750 marker. Kieran McCarthy in 1x Mary hit the safety boat and capsized.	14183 Reported as simple capsize ??
19.9.19	By slipway. Junior – Sam Eve. Tripped over launch rope. Hurt wrist. – given ice pack	14186
23.9.19 09:00	Report by Chris Hopper, ACRC coach with junior: AC WJ17 1x (Finnola Stratton) sculling downstream correctly on far bank of home straight - actually very close to bank Coaching launch from CrewBath (Called Paul Stannard) with two people on board was following a small flotilla upstream. The launch was on the "wrong side" - which is reasonable if no other crews are around. I was observing and expected the launch to move to avoid the AC sculler - it did so very late and there was a noticeable white wash/wave as it quickly changed direction. On speaking to Finnola at the end of the trip she said the launch had actually gone over her blade. I am amazed by the lack of attention to other crews shown by the launch and it's also worth noting it travelled at speed passing the boats on the moorings below coaches' corner [i.e. just upstream of Avon County] causing a significant wash. We may hear more of this.	14209
23.9.19	At 11:30 Ruth Bardell in Mary capsized " for no apparent reason"	14341
27.9.19	50m upstream of club Tess Booker in Scabbers capsized - inexperience	14342
5.10.19	I (Marian L) would like to alert you to a near miss which happened at approximately 9am as we travelled down stream on Sat 5th October. I was coxing a women's 8. We were doing a 4K head piece, but just as we got to the bridge before the straight (Newbridge?) the Bath launch was on the wrong side of the river, just in front of the bridge arch. They didn't move from their position for maybe 5 seconds even though they could see us. We had to do an emergency stop. They then travelled to their side of the river with no recognition that they had been in the wrong or apology.	14343
20.10.19	At 10:30 Amy Saunders and Emily Rorison fell out of Dobby. Both leant out at same time to do up gates	14517

31.10.19	At 10:30 below the bed at Minerva. Debbie Blackmore coxing Penny with Very Vets was proceeding upstream tucked into the bank. A wide-beam "narrowboat", The Compass Rose, appeared around the bend, moving swiftly on entirely the wrong side of the river. The eight made an emergency stop and moved as close to the bank as possible. Had we been going any faster, it would have been a head-on collision. Boat captain apologised.	14518
7.11.19 10:00	Debbie coxing Penny Senior for the BOA Very Vet eight. Debbie says...As crew stepped onto pontoon #2 the downstream end floated away. Stroke slipped between pontoon and pavement and his legs went into the water. He got up, changed into dry clothes and the outing continued. Post outing, a large lump had risen on his hip. This is a mixed ability VERY masters crew with limited upper body strength and boat handling ability so we were proceeding with extreme care, it has to be said. Not sure anything could have prevented it. And, earlier, Debbie had also said that other club members on site had rushed to help get the stern of the boat up and release the stroke man.	14515
9.11.19 11:20	Marian coxing Philippa Sondheimer for women's crew. It was raining heavily. Marian says...We were coming in to land on the pontoon. I asked "watch out in the bows" but forgot that the person in bow was a beginner. We hit the second pontoon at the very end. However, as the pontoons were high, we managed to hit under the pontoon and become wedged. Unbeknown to us, there was a screw sticking out of the pontoon that scratched/ripped the bow. Bow got out to release us from the pontoon. The bow was dented and scraped and the split was nearly full thickness.	14516
15.11.19 08:00	Julia Wood says "At approx 0800 Friday 15 November 2019 I was proceeding downstream in a 1x past Minerva Bath steps on the correct side of the river when i narrowly avoided going head on into a bath Uni 4- which was proceeding upstream on the wrong side of the river, presumably to the steps. It was light but i had a white front light on the boat and light clothing. No warning was given. I just happened to look round at that moment. They accepted that their behaviour had been dangerous and that they were at fault".	14557
16.11.19 14:00	At Avon Autumn Head a CSW WJ17 rower caught two crabs and was hit on the back of the head and shoulder during race. Safety Adviser notified and crew given priority on landing stage as they returned. Paramedics attending immediately took her to the ambulance for observation, where her mother joined her. Mother commented to Race Manager "she's smiling; she's fine". Ambulance crew stated no signs of concussion though rower felt dizzy. Advised to attend A&E if any concerns.	14558
17.11.19	At 11:15 off club rafts. Brook Morgan (junior) capsized from Norbert while turning.	14650
24.11.19 09:15	At New Bridge. Collision between Avn 2x and MIN 1x at New Bridge. AVN 2x: Stroke - Steve McCarthy, Bow - Darrel Samanjoul. MIN 1x - Mas male (G?) Rowing upstream through New Bridge. Collision occurred with MIN 1x who was straddling centre line. Blades collided snapping MIN 1x stroke side blade. Sculler remained upright. AVN 2x backed down provided platform and support for MIN 1x, then safely manoeuvred MIN 1x to MIN pontoon. Reported as 14615 by O'Farrell of Minerva who agreed the above account and quoted a cost of £195 to replace the blade.	14565
2.1.2020 11:00	Not far above bottom bridge, Victor (2 x Sondheimer, Friend, Biggs) and wooden 2x (GVH and AB). The quad was on its way home, navigating downstream on the correct side of the river. Bow looked round and saw a boat coming upstream on its correct side. A little later bow heard a shout and instructed the crew to hold hard. There was a severe clash of blades as the boats passed about a blade's length apart, with the double having come over past the middle of the river. The double apologised. Everyone wished everyone else a Happy New Year and we all went home. Both members of the double apologised again at the club." No capsizes, no injuries, no damage.	15076
12.1.2020	Will Griffiths reports..... Steve was waiting at the top by the weir and I decided to go back down to the top bridge and do another lap of the straight up to the	15075

Early afternoon	weir. Upon setting off I looked behind me and could see Steve at the top still, and knew no one else would be coming down. I set off and took another look after a couple strokes and then decided to power on taking fewer looks than I would normally, knowing that no one else would be coming down river. Whilst I was focusing on my technique going up the straight, Steve had drifted due to the fast stream and at the last minute I looked around and saw he had drifted into the middle and we were on a collision course - I held up immediately but couldn't avoid a collision. Steve's bow blade hit the sharp point behind my seat, resulting in a crack on Norbert in this location. No damage occurred to Charlotte or Steve's blade. Please accept my apologies, I should have been more observant and not assumed a clear river ahead.	
12.1.2020	This side of Minerva pontoons. Robin Leach, Jane coxing. Gust of wind drove boat onto Minerva launches. Had to pull blades in and push off their launches. No damage to RL.	15072
29.1.2020 11:00	Sarah, boating in Errol. While stationary on the water, pointing downstream, blades flat on the water, the stream caught the stroke side blade and pulled it below the surface causing the boat to roll towards stroke side and capsize. With assistance from me and Minerva, Sarah managed to re-board. No injuries or damage to equipment. Reported by Nick Dolman.	15069
22.5.2020 16:15	Andy Davies reports...I booked out and took out Jess yesterday (single) around 16:15 and embarrassingly, I capsized at around the 500m mark! I managed to get back in ok but on lifting my body out of the water and across the boat I broke the faring which connects to the saxboard. It looked as if it had been broken and repaired a number of times previously, but nevertheless it is broken again, so I apologies for that! It doesn't really have any effect on the boat's functionality or 'row-ability' though.	15101
31.5.20	David Skaife capsized at rafts, no injury, no damage	15123
6.6.20	Sam Eve (junior) capsized from Sean BT on the straight. Got back in unaided	15272
13.6.20	Sal Lewis (experienced senior) capsized from her private single 50m above boathouse. Got back in after a lot of huffing and puffing with help from Helen (also in a single) and with advice from Penny.	15273
26.6.20	Philippa Sondheimer in Merlin, got invisible fishing line tangled round bow ball. Fisherman asked me to untangle it, having failed to notice that my arms were not 3 m long. As I couldn't, he started yanking the line, pulling my bow to the bank and my stern across the river. This was repeated several times while two scullers passed upstream without mishap. Finally I was released but by then my companions were on their way back so I had to turn and scull back to the club.	15289
1.7.20	Chris Roach capsized from Jess about 250 m above the club. Getting back in, he damaged the V, which he says was already taped up.	15304

