

More from the captain

Dominic Marshall

It has been a busy summer: three months of intensive regatta racing, brilliant training – plus the odd social beer(s) means that time has flown! Committed to the squad training has lead to much improvement on the water during the summer season and here's a regatta summary:

April

The season started at *Hammersmith*, where we had very competitive races in a 4+ and a 4x-, but ultimately both lost to the eventual winners. It was the first regatta for many, and good dusting off the cobwebs for everyone else.

4+ – Clara, Jim A, Tom C, Dom M, Jordan H

4x- – Benjy H, Theo T, Ollie R, Mustafa O

May

Chiswick: 2x- Ollie R, Mustafa O.

Peterborough: 2- Dom M, Tom C, reaching the final in a competitive field

June

Walton & Weybridge: 4x- Charles J, Peter R, Jordan H, Benjy H

A bumper entry into *Barnes and Mortlake* where again we were within just feet of winning both the 4+ and the 4x- Annoying but the progress was encouraging

4x- Charles J, Ollie R, Peter R, Will P

4+ Clara, Dom M, Tom C, Mickey W, Jordan H

4x- Mustafa O, Octavian P, Alex H, Martin D

Kingston: our first win of the season, in a high-calibre 4- category, with wins against Maidenhead and UCL/Bentham in the final. A particular well done to Benjy, Jordan and Tom for their first win in Cygnet lycra!

4x- Charles J, Ollie R, Peter R, Will P

4- Dom M, Tom C, Benjy H, Jordan H *Win*

We have one regatta left; Henley Town and Visitors on 2nd August where we have a entries across pairs, fours and an eight offering a great chance to go out with a bang!

Sculling camp

A key part of the squad's improvement has been a very successful "S'camp" weekend at the bungalow – including a return BungleRow by members of the captaincy in small boats! Particular thanks to Tom and others who led on organising a massively successful weekend. We love the bung – a great chance to just row (oh, and drink the odd beer) – but particularly this year where we had a lot of first-timers. We are planning our next trip for early September.

2025 Fixtures for the one hundred & thirty fifth season

August	2 nd	Henley Town & Visitors
September	28 th	Scullers Head
October	4 th	Rhine Marathon & Pairs Head
November	15 th /16 th	Fours Head / Vets Fours Head

2025 Club Events

July	23 rd	OGM (and captaincy elections)
September	5–7 th	Sculling Camp
	14 th	Clubs Day with BBLRC
December	(TBC)	Vets Christmas Lunch

Cygnet 300 Club



Matt Byrne

This is our principal fund raiser which keeps our fleet maintained and up-to-date. Tickets are just £10 each and there are ten annual draws with a top prize of £100. All members and friends are encouraged to participate and active oarsmen especially are expected to have a 'few' tickets. All winners and draws are posted on the club website. Please contact Matt for details, to buy tickets or help with the admin.

Subscriptions and Donations

Matt Byrne

Active members: CSSC £400.00* • non-CSSC £500.00

Club friends: suggested minimum £20.00

Cheques "Cygnet Rowing Club" to: Cygnet RC Treasurer, Flat 102 Westfields, Railway Side, Barnes, SW13 0PL or for other payment details please contact Matt.

Cygnets Bungalow

Ross Stewart

The bungalow at No. 38 Hamhaugh Island, Shepperton, is ideal for a riverside holiday and is available for booking by members and friends between May and the end of October. Other periods and winter bookings may be available, please enquire with the new booking secretary, Ross Stewart.

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CYGNET ROWING CLUB

July 2025 Newsletter

From the Assistant Secretary

Neil Pickford

Cygnet RC, Ordinary General Meeting, 23rd July

As you are aware, the main business of the Cygnet OGM is to elect a new captaincy for the forthcoming season. Your new captaincy for the 2025/26 season is:

Captain • **Jordan Hunt**

Deputy-captain • **Matthew Gutteridge**

Vice-captain • **Tom Clarke**

Congratulations Jordan and many thanks to Dominic for his time in the hot seat. Tom remains on the team, this time as vice-captain as Matt returns, having previously been a member of Rupert Bailey's captaincy team.

You may have noticed that Jordan was the Club Secretary but obviously can't perform both roles. Thus William Passey has kindly stepped-up to take over as Club Secretary.

The general meeting also approved the purchase of a new Filippi coxed IV.

From the outgoing captain

Dominic Marshall

After a strong performance at a very breezy Hammersmith Head in February, the Cygnet VIII (#320) achieved a fantastic result at *Eights Head* finishing 269th (gaining 51 places) and 4th (out of 10) in the Small Club category. The crew consisted of: Clara F (cox), Dom M, Tom C, Charles J, Jordan H, Ollie R, Benjy H, Mickey W, Matt G. Many thanks to our coaches Wes and Simon for our Head Race preparation

We were also delighted to once again welcome our friends from RG Benrath who entered two boats into Vets Head (one ladies and one gents). There was plenty of beer consumed throughout the weekend as we kicked off our 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Congratulations to all racing crews and a huge thank you to all race volunteers and supporters. We are one of the bigger boating venues for all the main Head races and are only able to facilitate so many visiting crews thanks to the efforts of volunteer from both clubs.



Benrath VIII (top) on the charge past the club at Vets Head



The rowing coach – arriving en masse at Remenham farm



Mingling on the lawn at Old Blades



The Benrath contingent at Old Blades

The celebrations so far

HoRR/Vets Head • 22nd–23rd March

Benrath were over as always to compete in the Vets Head with a good Cygnet turnout to welcome them during the Eights Heads weekend. A very enjoyable start to our 60th year celebrations.

Henley Friday • 4th July • Old Blades

With huge thanks to Pat Sly very kindly agreed to host a more substantial gathering than usual on her front lawn this year. 31 members of Benrath came over from Germany joining approximately 80 Cygnets and Barnes Bridge Ladies, new and old. With about 125 people attending and almost perfect weather, it was a memorable occasion.

Saturday 5th July • Barnes

On Saturday afternoon, there was a gathering at the club with some mixed, side-by-side VIII+ arranged for our guests, many of whom had never rowed on the Tideway before. Crew eins won the three-way battle by 2 crabs to 3!

This was followed by a formal sit down dinner at Ye White Hart. A group of just over 50 members from both clubs enjoyed some top grub, a few (more) beers and a couple of speeches/presentations! A few of the weaker-willed members repaired to the club afterwards but we won't go into that...

Huge thanks to Paul, Matt, Pru, Mark, Rupert, Dom, Mucha, Nick and Neil for making it all happen.

Still to come

Rhine Marathon • 3rd–5th October

There has been strong interest in racing the Marathon with 3 Cygnet boats now confirmed plus a mixed Cygnet/Benrath boat. A good contingent of supporters will also travel to Germany in October.

On Friday 3rd we will muster at Benrath Boothaus at 17.00, where we are invited to (a slightly more formal) dinner and drinks at the club. After the race on Saturday 4th we will be venturing into Düsseldorf for an evening touring the numerous breweries that the Altstadt has to offer. Starting at lunchtime on Sunday 5th is the Erntedankfest (Thanksgiving) parade in Urdenbach, which we are very welcome to join.

Please contact the Assistant Secretary if you're interested in joining us in Germany as a supporter (or to get on the stand-by list to race).



"I shall start you like this..." mixed VIIs action on the Tideway



Happy campers – time for some refreshment



"Unaccustomed as I am..."



60 years in the making