

Dear St Antony's Boat Club alumni,

In this year's Summer Vllls competition, SABC achieved unprecedented success with a treble blade winning campaign! The club entered two men's boats, two women's boats and a mixed third boat into this year's regatta and had over 50 rowers and coxes participate (see photo attachment). W1 and W2 combined to be the most successful women's crews on the river as both boats won blades, with a total of eight bumps combined. M2 won five-bump blades with a double bump on the final day as the sandwich boat. M1 and W1 are also both ranked at their highest positions in Summer Vllls history as the club looks to move up the bump charts. In total, M1, W1, M2 and W2 registered a combined 14 bumps without being bumped with the third boat being bumped twice and avoiding spoons.

W1 absolutely dominated the river this year and won Summer Vllls blades for the first time in exactly a decade after bumping Worcester II, Queen's I, St Peter's I and Wadham II to finish position 6th in Division III, on a par with their historically highest position! M1 returned to Summer Vllls after winning impressive blades last year to a challenging campaign as they chased Somerville I every day until the finish line, usually with a quarter of a boat length separating the two boats. It wasn't until Day 4 that they finally bumped just past boathouse island, moving to the highest position of an SABC M1 boat ever in any bumps competition. M2 continued their record from Torpids 2016 to win blades for the first time in Summer Vllls after bumping Mansfield III, Keble IV, Merton III, Jesus IV and Hertford III. With 9 out of 9 potential bumps in Torpids and Summer Vllls 2016 combined, M2 have performed admirably this year. W2 also won blades for the first time in Summer Vllls (and the first time for a second women's boat in SABC history) after bumping St Anne's II, Christ Church III, New College III and Exeter II. At Summer Vllls, SABC second boats registered a total of nine bumps to be the most successful second boats in terms of bumps! This is testimony to how broad SABC's line-up of rowers is during this academic year, allowing us to enter two very competitive boats per gender. Finally, our mixed third boat M3/W3 was arguably the happiest boat on the river. This boat gave many SABC rowers who had been trained back in Michaelmas an opportunity to participate in the historic competition after successfully rowing on -- with a total of 18 different oarsmen and -women rowing in the mixed boat alone during the competition.

We are incredibly grateful for having been given the opportunity to row at St Antony's and wish to thank all the numerous crews who came before us for giving us the best starting positions on the river, the equipment to realise our successes and constant support on and off the river. Our successes this year are of course not a random stroke of luck, but in fact the result of many previous years -- and indeed decades -- of hard training, commitment to the club, and passion for rowing in a great collegiate community. In this sense, this year's results are as much your achievements as they are ours. Since we would very much like you to stay involved and connected with SABC, our executive team has worked tirelessly to develop a greater social media presence of the club. For the entire Summer Vllls 2016 regatta, each boat was fitted with a head camera showing the cox's point of view and a bump camera placed on the bow of the boat, all of which are available online on our Facebook page and Youtube channel. SABC also showed off our new blazers at this year's Summer Vllls Formal Dinner which all alumni who have ever raced in a bumps regatta are eligible to purchase. Hopefully, some of the many alumni attending the Summer Vllls Formal Dinner last weekend were convinced by the new SABC look and decide to purchase their own blazer soon (available upon request at *Walters of Oxford*) as a sign of their ongoing connection to the Club. After an inspiring speech by SABC alumnus Dr. Florian Teske and the attendance of a true first-generation Antonian rower, Bob Trimmer (M1 1984), during last week's dinner, we hope that many former rowers will choose to join us during our Summer Vllls Formal Dinner next year -- hopefully after an equally successful Vllls campaign.

To keep up to date with how the club is doing, please like our Facebook page and subscribe to our Youtube channel.

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/sacbc/>

Facebook Summer Vllls 2016 Formal Dinner Album:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1188850581157455.1073741829.200518033324053&type=1&l=4cd5b4c922>

Youtube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzC-9zNb-RAvcCImx41Fgkw>

Youtube Summer Vllls 2016 Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDap-vnEPHsII59rVEzi5UUq9RTWb7KwG>

Homepage: <http://stantonysboatclub.wix.com/stantonysboatclub>

On a final note, if you would like to make a gift to SABC and help us buying a new boat, below is the link to our "Make a Gift" page.

Giving Page: <https://www.campaign.ox.ac.uk/make-a-gift?id=8029f6e1-c8d2-4783-b693-ea86bde48dab>

Best,

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