

Mariners

Malcolm Mace

Malcolm Mace, our boatman for almost 38 years, retired after Henley this year. During those years Malcolm, largely unseen, quietly dedicated himself to ensuring that the Radley fleet performed to perfection. Malcolm's reputation for ensuring that Radley always has the best spot for the boats at Regattas is legendary in the rowing world. So too is his ability cope with any crisis from a broken rigger to a distraught mother. Whether serious oarsman, casual sculler or enthusiastic parent we all have much to be grateful for. To many, Malcolm was the 'tenth' member of the crew, for without him they would not have had either success or pleasure from rowing. Malcolm saw the Boat Club win over 600 regatta trophies during his time.

There were two 'goodbye' parties. The first at the National Schools Regatta for parents and boys; the second at Henley where over 150 Mariners gathered to thank Malcolm for everything he has done for us. Bless you Malcolm for being such a patient, loyal friend to the Boat Club. Enjoy a long and happy retirement. You deserve it.

Henley Royal Regatta 2004

Mariners competing at Henley: Justin Webb for Harvard in the Ladies' and the Goblets; Nick Ford coxing Oxford Brookes and Paddy Thomas rowing for Durham University in the Men's Student Coxed Fours; Jake Morris for Nottinghamshire County in the Wyfold; Harry Mee for Exeter and Tom Parker for Oxford Brookes in the Temple; James Bury for Thames in the Britannia; Simon Charles for Nottingham & Union in the Britannia – reached the final but was beaten by Nicko Dalton's Molesey crew.

Internationals

Johnny Agass and Ollie Moore won Gold for England in the Junior Coxless Four at the Home International. Stephen Béchade and Charlie Allen were in the British Junior Eight which won Bronze medals at the Coupe de la Jeunesse. Nick Stiles and Will Verrill rowed in the British Eight at the World Junior Championships but illness in the crew ruined their chances. Tom Parker and Nick Ford (cox) were in the Oxford Brookes four which won Silver in the Under-23 World Championships. Tom Parker also rowed in the Oxford Brookes/Oxford University Eight which finished 5th in the World University Rowing Championships.



Malcolm Mace, Radley boatman 1966 - 2004



Abingdon School joined in the Henley party to present Malcolm with an illuminated oar

Rangers

Played 12 Won 6 Lost 5 Drew 1 Cancelled 4

The season in retrospect feels curiously unsatisfying, despite this being the summer that Andrew Strauss became the first Ranger to play Test cricket for 50 years.

Maybe this feeling of mild disappointment is because after an opening streak of 5 wins in 6 matches we lost our way, losing 4 out of the next 5. Maybe it is because of our failure to get past the first or second round in the Cricketer Cup for half a dozen years. Or maybe it is that we played 4 games fewer than intended. We lost only one game, v Romany, to rain and one was cancelled by the Old Cranleighans who had a Cup tie which clashed. But we suffered the ignominy of having to pull out of two fixtures through our own inability to raise sides, mainly because they fell during the holiday season. This is the first time that this embarrassment has happened to us in the fifteen years since your humble scribe became Hon Sec. There is no shortage of willing, active members of the club, so rather earlier effort is required by match managers next year to prevent this happening again.

The Cricketer Cup

Another disappointment. We put out a strong side, yet failed again at the first hurdle. The Bradfield side who bundled us out of the first round were not as good as the illustrious reputation that preceded them, yet we were never close. Apart from a brisk opening stand by Ollies Hutton and Broom, we batted badly. Once we were 106 for 5 at lunch we were never going to win. Our total of 185 was easily overhauled for the loss of only 2 wickets with 13 overs to spare.

We need to ask searching questions of ourselves after losing by a similar margin to our second round exit last year.

The Yorkshire Tour

The best news we received before the game was that The Colonel was not playing for the Yorkshire Gentlemen. Our Nemesis had almost single-handedly defeated us last year, carrying his bat for unbeaten centuries in both innings, therefore staying on the field of play for every ball of the match.

We took advantage of his absence to win the first day comprehensively: we declared our first innings on 288 for 8. Ben Hawkins scored a chanceless 113 and Roraigh Kirkness offered support with a sparkling 70. We used just 4 bowlers to



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Andrew Strauss is presented with his first cap before the Test Match against New Zealand at Lord's.

reduce them to 155 for 8 by the close. Oscar Powell was the only seamer on both sides to extract any life from the wicket, deserving his 3 wickets. Then the YG's middle order failed to resist the tempting offerings tossed up by Henry Firebrace and Rob Goldsmith who bagged only the Rangers' second 5 wicket haul of the season.

Spirits were therefore high on the Saturday night, as we recklessly set about reducing our chances on the morrow through the usual and reliable combination of alcohol and lack of sleep. We combined these with less orthodox methods involving playing spooof for the batting order and drawing cards for the first shot that each batsman had to play. The four options were the Forward Defence, the Slog Sweep, the Leave and the Reverse Sweep.

The latter two were our most deadly enemies, resulting in our collapse after a solid opening stand of 41 between Henson and Goldsmith (!) to 89 all out. However, a burst of 3 wickets in 3 balls from Powell and Scott just before lunch gave us hope. But despite excellent bowling, a partnership between their captain and Alex Halliday (yes, the same!) was slowly taking the game away from us. When the Master in Charge was given out chest before wicket, a decision he almost took in good spirit, the run chase ended and the YG's settled for a draw 40 runs short but with only 3 wickets in hand.

A cloud had hovered all week-end in the form of uncertainty over the future of the Tour, caused by the retirement of the

Hon Sec's mother as house mistress at the school adjacent to the ground, where we have stayed for the past 10 years. However, the hot news, which will delight all Rangers who have been to Escrick, is that the future of the Tour is safe: the Head Master of Queen Margeret's has very kindly given his permission for us to continue to stay at his school.

Some statistical highlights:

Ollie Broom 97, James Johnson 59 v Marlborough Blues – the only 2 batsmen to reach double figures, Henry Firebrace 4 for 49 (won by 10 runs)

Andrew Jennings 50, James Eadie 55, Adrian West 76*, Charles Goldsmith 4 for 35 v St. Edwards Martyrs (won by 57 runs)

Ross Jennings 104, Adrian West 80, Ed Furness-Smith 5 for 34 v Downside Wanderers (won by 125 runs)

Charles Goldsmith 4 for 33, James Johnson 76 v Old Amplefordians (won by 5 wickets)

Tommy Hodgson 65 on Gaudy (lost by 21 runs)

Jim Corrie 65, Mikey Evans (still only in 6.1) 5 for 42, Ed Furness-Smith 4 for 51 v Shrewsbury Saracens (won by 113 runs)

James Martin-Jenkins 102, Roraigh Kirkness 51, James Scott (at last making his debut 7 years after leaving Radley) 4 for 43 v Shopwyke Strollers (a new fixture we lost by 29 runs)

Charles Hutchins 90 v MCC (lost by 94 runs)

Oscar Powell 4 for 49 v Gloucester Gypsies (lost in the last over by 3 wickets)

Sailing

Western Trophy

This was held in 420s at Spinnaker Lake near Ringwood. Our team was: Jamie Winton, Tim Wakefield and Jamie Reid. They were accompanied by girlfriends doubling up as crew. Despite having an extremely motivated team we lost to our old rival Winchester and finished 2nd beating Sherborne and Bryanston.

Farmoor

Saturday 13th September – a team led by our Commodore, Andrew Collins, went to Farmoor to sail against Radley. The conclusion is that age and 420s or Laser 2s don't go together. No excuses were made for losing such as local knowledge, the wind shifts or luck with the umpire. The ORSA team was Andrew Collins, Julian Rickards & Son, Peter Tracey, Simon Palmer and Richard Pull.

Seaview Regatta

Sunday 28th September. After an excellent dinner and good night's sleep ORSA went to battle in the morning with Radley once again and we were soundly beaten by the boys. Having coached the boys in the morning they sailed against Winchester in the afternoon. However we

had to compete for the coveted Duke of Wellington Trophy which was held by the Old Wykehamists. ORSA won the trophy by a whisker beating the OWs in the last and deciding race by one point. Our team was Richard Saker, Anthony Penfold, Julian Rickards, Charlie Proddow, Rob de Lazslo, Andrew Collins, John Wylie and Stephen Jones.

Arrow Trophy

Saturday 3rd October. This event is the Public Schools Old Boys Sailing Championships held at Cowes and run by the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Sunfast 37s. After five races on the first day ORSA found itself lying third which was good enough to qualify for the finals. Dinner that night was well supported by Flag offices and other ORs.

Sunday 4th October – Match racing. First there was a round robin to determine who sails against whom in the Semi finals. Having lost every race in the round robin, we drew Winchester and beat them 2-0. Then for the first time ever we were in the Final against Bradfield, last year's winner. We won the first race and managed to lose the second by less than a foot. In the last and deciding race we were soundly beaten by Bradfield's Archie Massie. ORSA were represented by Mark

Lees, Jamie Reid, Jamie Winton, Charlie Wylie, Richard Pull, Simon Palmer and Ed Caldecott. For our second place we won the Sherborne Plate.

Round the Island Race

Saturday 26 June 2004. Thankfully it was not too early a start, only 0720. Superted had been fitted with new sails and her hull had been scrubbed for the occasion. The forecast was force 4-5 southerly. We had a good start, going down tide and starting about 20 seconds late over the line. We quickly hoisted our cruising shute attaching it to a specially constructed bowsprit. 17 knots of wind was too much for the bowsprit – it buckled in two under the strength of the wind. We shot down to the Needles where the seas had built up under the strength of the wind, now gusting up to 25 knots. We had by this time put a reef in our main and Superted was enjoying the buffeting. Rounding the Needles we encountered a south-easterly wind which meant we had to tack all the way up to St Catherine's Point. Our passage across Sandown bay was not uneventful. One of the crew was seasick. We then had a dead run to the Forts from Bembridge Ledge. It was hazardous to say the least with a wind shift of 40 degrees causing considerable trouble in the fleet. We decided to broach coming up to the Forts but skillfully our helmsman rectified the error. It was a reach for home.

In the final result out of about 1800 boats Superted came 19th in class and 266th overall. In the words of a Radley don writing a report. "Must do better".

ORSA team: Helmsman Richard Saker, Tactician Alexis Dogilewski, Muscles Peter Tuke, Andrew Collins, Nick Dogilewski, Nick Webster and our seasick ringer, Ollie Bond.

Events to come

Farmoor

Saturday 18th September 2004
vs Radley

Seaview

Sunday 26th September
vs Radley & OWC

Arrow Trophy

Saturday 2nd October at Cowes

ORSA AGM

Wednesday 24th November
at RTYC, 60 Knightsbridge, SW1 at 1830



The view from 'Superted' on the Round the Island Race 2004

Golf

From Paul Cooper (1944)

President's Prize 2004

My President's Prize this year has been awarded to Roger Mobbs (1939) for outstanding contributions to Old Radleian golf.

Before he started at golf he was a Northamptonshire athlete of distinction, playing cricket in a trial match for the County team and tennis for the 2nd County team. Then he swept aside all opposition and won the Northamptonshire County Golf Championship in 1954, and played regularly for the County golf team for several years, interestingly losing once to a 16 year old Tony Jacklin. Roger, you can be forgiven!

Once he turned to O.R. golf he played in the Halford Hewitt for some years in the 1950s. The records show that in one extraordinary year half the team consisted of three Mobbs brothers and two Dexter brothers.

He then faithfully continued to play for ORGS in the variously aged vintage team competitions, Bernard Darwin and Senior Darwin (even suffering the indignity of playing with me on occasions) and ultimately the Veteran (Methuselah) Darwin for the 75 and overs in 2001 and 2002; no partner of appropriate age and stamina could be found in 2003.

This last accomplishment means that he is the first and only OR so far to have played in all four of the team competitions then on offer, which clinches my prize.



Roger Mobbs

Annual Results

Autumn Meeting at Royal St. George's Golf Club, October 2003

Scratch Cup	Winner	A.D. Chilvers	82 (on last 3 holes)
	Runner-Up	S.M.W. Curtis	82
Handicap	Winner	A.P.H. Hutchison	43 points
	Runner-Up	A.R.F. Porter	39 points
Veterans (over 55)	Winner	A.P.H. Hutchison	43 points
	Runner-Up	C.J. Ball	35 points

Foursomes: James Rogers Memorial Trophy

Winners	N.T. Lambert & J.H.N. Wright	39 points
Runners-Up	N.R.B. Godden & M.A. Kfoury	35 points

Spring Meeting at New Zealand Golf Club

Scratch Cup	Winner	A.D. Chilvers	76
	Runner-Up	M.A. Kfoury	77
Handicap	Winner	J.M.C. Ashwanden	33 points (on last 9 holes)
	Runner-Up	A.D. Chilvers	33 points
Veterans (over 55)	Winner	R.H. Palmer	32 points (on last 9 holes)
	Runner-Up	M.A. Kfoury	32 points
Past Captains	Winner	C.J. Ball	30 points

Foursomes

Winners	A.D. Chilvers & J.H.N. Wright	35 points
Runners-Up	P.W. Godden & T.W. Morkill	32 points

Robin Turner Matchplay Trophy

Final	P.W. Godden beat M.A. Kfoury 2/1 at Huntercombe	
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Soccer

Michael Rolt is organising an Old Radleian team for the Arthurian League, (www.arthurianleague.com). This is an Old Boys League providing eleven-a-side competition. Michael Rolt has been scouting for pitches and has done much of the preliminary work. The Radleian Society is providing financial support to help with the costs of the hire of pitches for training and matches, the fees for referees and other expenses. ORs in London who are interested in playing should contact Michael Rolt at: michaelrolt@cinecontact.co.uk

Swallows

Charlie Spelina is organising an OR rugby team to play in a tournament at Richmond. If he has not contacted you and you are interested in playing, contact him at: c.h.spelina@durham.ac.uk



2003 match between ORs and boys