



Hello Party People, we are Rory and Celia and we are both in first year studying English and History of Art (Rory), and Economics and Politics (Celia). We were both Junior Rowers (ew, we know) and are in Inters and the Senior Women's squads. We met through the lovely socials provided by the GC, so we know the importance of socials in allowing integration throughout the squads which we want to encourage even more. We will provide you with both messy and not so messy socials throughout the year whilst keeping them as cheap and safe as possible. We also want to increase the amount of charity socials we have each term as we feel the Boat Club needs to do more to give back to local and global communities.

Inclusion:

We propose that there should be more integration between the squads early on so everyone can get to know as many people as possible. We know we are a very diverse group so this will create a greater sense of community within the club and will hopefully allow rowers to find some people on the same wavelength. To allow this we propose:

- having welcome drinks as early as possible so that newbies automatically feel part of the community.
- Packing the first few weeks of socials with fun ice-breaker/drinking games to get everyone on a level with each other. We could have smaller group games changing up the groups in the first few weeks.
- Obviously socials are about having fun and you will want to spend time with people you get on best with, so set groups will probably peter out by the end of first term. We want to make games a social staple though!!
- We also want to establish rowing families from the very first social. This will create an automatic group people can gravitate to in full club socials if they are feeling overwhelmed.
- Ensuring we are notified about new members so we can make sure they are getting involved in socials if they want to.

Ideas:

- We love the variety of club nights the GC has implemented and want to continue with this (e.g. going to HiFi, Old Red Bus, Mint, etc.). However we want to make room for a few more Mischiefs per term as it is a necessity for the Leeds sports experience! There will obviously always be a fun pre-social so people will never feel obliged to go to Mischief if they don't want to.
- Let's mix up the pub nights. Packhorse, fenton, RPP, even (dare I say) Old Bar? We'd also like to book private spaces in pubs, e.g. the upstairs of the Library, Fenton, RPP and others all have private rooms which would create the sense of a united rowers front.

- As has been implied, we'd like to make pres a bit more organised as it can be hard for shy rowers to meet new people when often everyone understandably gravitates towards the people they know.
- To give back to the community and to help support current, global issues we would also like to implement more charity socials (at least twice a term) as we feel the Boat Club should be striving to support local and global communities more.
- We'd also like to implement feedback from socials eg. via google forms for people to share their ideas for socials. After all, socials are for YOU, so you should have your say as to what you want.

Safety:

Safety on nights out is obviously a huge necessity, not just within Boat Club socials but throughout your whole time at university. We want to ensure everyone feels safe and comfortable within socials, especially non-sober ones!! To allow this we will:

- Keep having at least two sober members at every social
- Introduce the use of Life 360 during socials on nights out to allow people to locate other members of the Boat Club via their location. This will obviously be optional and those who do not wish to share their location with others should not feel obliged to.

Cost:

To allow our socials to be as accessible as possible we will try to keep the costs of socials as low as possible allowing for anyone to attend if they wish to. We will:

- Try and get the cheaper club tickets for events
- Make sure any themed nights are easy to participate in eg. using items of clothing you already have/ using charity shops.
- Using people's houses more for pres, rather than the expensive Library, to reduce the amount of spending on nights out