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Volunteer and Boathouse Coordinator

Hi! I'm Josh, and I'm currently in my 1st year of studying Medicine. Next year will be my 9th season of competitive rowing (not that you could tell by my ergs, tech or general skill). I was the club captain of my school's boat club, which meant I had very similar responsibilities to this role. Due to staffing issues, I coordinated the coaching of all of our squads, sourced volunteers for events, managed boat and equipment repairs, and led the general running of the boat club. The club now doesn't exist, because they were unable to find a replacement (wish I was joking).

Though it's hard to believe, I'm involved in other things than just rowing. I'm an active member of the MedSoc committee, meaning I have experience in society leadership in a university setting.

Strengths:

- Getting binned by LRC Juniors
- Splashing whoever's behind me (no one's safe)
- Sub-7 2k
- Can eat petrol station samosas without getting food poisoning

Weaknesses:

- Can't erg for more than 30 seconds
- Is from Birmingham
- Pathological phobia of birds
- Perpetually injured (have no less than 4 at any given time)
- Rowing fast or with good technique

My aims as Volunteer and Boathouse Coordinator are:

- To engage as many people as possible in coaching, not just as a once-a-term chore but in as supported and enjoyable a way as possible
- Continue with coaches' meetings and seminars to ensure that members from all squads can develop their knowledge and confidence
- Build relationships with external organisations to make available new opportunities to volunteer in rowing
- Make volunteering easy, rewarding and most importantly, fun!