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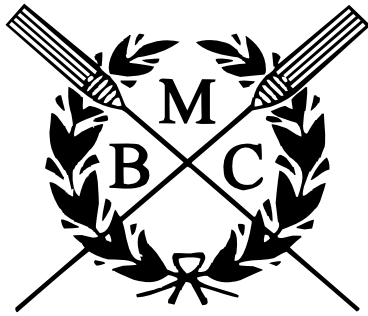
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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S DESK



Dear Members,

As my tenure as Captain of Boats draws to an end, I would like to recollect the highlights of the year. As you are aware, we had a hectic 12 months with many events being planned and executed to celebrate our Club's 150th Year. This was, of course, in addition to our usual events.

We recently held an International Invitation Regatta where teams from the UK, Austria, Sri Lanka participated, in addition to several Indian Clubs. One of our concerns when planning this event was how our foreign guests would take to the waters of the Adyar as they are used to rowing in much cleaner waters. We were pleasantly surprised to find all the teams were unconcerned about this aspect and had no complaints at all about this issue! This gives us hope that our waters are not so bad after all and that with some effort we can make it an even better place to row. It was also heartening to note that our visitors were game to row in whichever boat we provided and did not insist on a particular make of boat. I am happy to share that they were also very appreciative of all the arrangements made be it boats or accommodation or the food. It must be mentioned that the food during the International Regatta was particularly outstanding. All thanks to Mr. Abraham Kandathil and Ms. Sridevi and their catering team for their hard work and attention to detail.

For the first time at MBC we had three lane races during several of the regattas this year including the International Regatta and M,B&C Regatta. This is fairly new to many of us here. Speaking of M, B&C Regatta, we are happy that in the Club's 150th Year, we successfully revived this 100 year old tradition. I am happy to share that we have had some 10 to 15 young people continue to row after the MB&C Regatta and I look forward to seeing them improve their rowing skills and contribute to our community.

Along with reviving the Merchants & Bankers, we have for the last few years wanted to conduct a schools regatta and a mile race. Finally, this year, it has all come together and we successfully had a Schools Sculling Regatta with 14 schools participating. The mile race, Head of the Adyar too went off well. It was a different experience for our oarspersons to realize that they could not pace with the competition and had to focus on registering the best time possible for themselves. I hope we continue to keep these events alive in the years to come.

As I said, in addition to these new or revived events, we also had our usual summer camp and regattas. Madras-Calcutta Regatta was one of the first events on the calendar and though we lost to Calcutta, the junior children did well, putting in a good effort. This year, for the first time since the Regatta was started, we had events for the girls as well. Another of our regular events was Madras-Colombo Regatta that we hosted. I must mention Darshan Choudhry and Sharan Sanjay who combined very well to win the men's coxless pair and then joined Philip JJ and Saket Reddy (coxed by Sanjay Gandhi) to take the men's coxed fours. In the women's events, Aditi and Sankavi, inspite of constraints in training as Aditi was working in Bangalore, worked hard to win the ladies coxless pair. In the beginning of the year, we hosted the ARAE-FEARA Regatta and as you know Siddharth Sunil won the Macklin Scull and the men's coxed fours (Philip JJ, Saket Reddy, Tushar Bansal and Rohit Ravindra, coxed by Anirudh Sanjeev) won the silver. I am sure you will join me in congratulating these oarspersons and hope to see all of them reach even greater heights.

After losing some old boats to the floods and having to condemn some of the boats that have given us excellent service over the years, this year we received three new maiden sculls and three maiden coxed pairs which are very useful for the beginners.

Last but not the least, I take this opportunity to thank all the members who have reposed their faith in me and elected me to this post. I also would like to thank the many members and their spouses who have volunteered their time and skills to ensure that all the events went off well. None of the past year's events would have been possible, of course, without our dedicated staff, especially our lascars, Vilvanathan and Bharath.

Warm Regards,
James Joseph
Captain of Boats

MADRAS - COLOMBO REGATTA



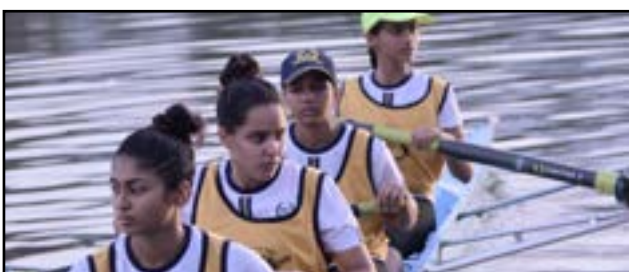
MADRAS - COLOMBO REGATTA



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EVENT	WINNERS	SECOND PLACE
Women's Single Scull	Samaakhya Gajanayake (COLOMBO)	Pooja Sankar (MBC)
Women's Double Scull	Ishara Abbey/ Nihara Weerawita (COLOMBO)	Ranjana/ Rithika V (MBC)
Women's Coxless Pair	Aditi B/ Sankavi P (MBC)	Ishara Abbey/ Davina Koch (COLOMBO)
Women's Coxed Fours	Ishara Abbey/ Nihara Weerawita/ Ashvini Subasinghe/ Davina Koch/ Lasaru Kudaligama (cox) (COLOMBO)	Mallika/ Anushka/ Sanjana/ Surabi/ Sanjay Gandhi (cox) (MBC)
Men's Single Scull A	Suhith Alexander (COLOMBO)	Karn Rao (MBC)
Men's Single Scull B	Hashen Weerakody (COLOMBO)	Siva B (MBC)
Men's Double Scull A	Suhith Alexander/ Saliya Gunasekara (COLOMBO)	Philip James/ Saketh Reddy (MBC)
Men's Double Scull B	Lasaru Kudaligama/ Hashen Weerakody (COLOMBO)	Johan Chanda/ Samay Gambhir (MBC)
Men's Coxless Pair A	Sharan Sanjay/ Darshan Choudhry (MBC)	Kaveen Rajapakse/ Praveen Weerakody (COLOMBO)
Men's Coxless Pair B	Ruven Weerasinghe/ Sajeev De Silva (COLOMBO)	Kaushik Gautham/ Siva B (MBC)
Men's Coxed Fours A	Philip James/ Saketh Reddy/ Sharan Sanjay/ Darshan Choudhry/ Sanjay Gandhi (cox) (MBC)	Suhith Alexander/ Sajeev De Silva/ Ruven Weerasinghe/ Shehan Muthugala/ Kaveen Rajapakse (cox) (COLOMBO)
Men's Coxed Fours B	Lasaru Kudaligama/ Praveen Hapugalla/ Suramba Serasinghe/ Saliya Gunasekara/ Kaveen Rajapakse (cox) (COLOMBO)	Aditya Ashok/ Aditya Menon/ Kaushik/ Sidesh Nair/ Sanjay Gandhi (cox) (MBC)
Men's Masters Fours	Satish Kumar/ Prem/ Karthik/ Vivek Dhanda/ Anirudh (cox) (MBC)	Lasantha Welikala/ Ruan Abeyratne/ Lushantha De Silva/ Chanaka Talpahewa/ Nalin Premaratne (cox) (COLOMBO)

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION REGATTA 2017



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EVENT	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP	THIRD PLACE
Women's Open Single Scull	Aishwariya Krishnan (LAKE CLUB)	Samaakhya (COLOMBO)	Pooja Sankar (MBC)
Men's Open Single Scull	Rohit Kumar (ARN)	Suhith Alexander (COLOMBO A)	Prithviraj Ray (LAKE CLUB)
Women's Open Double Scull	Ranjana/ Rithika (MBC)	Ishara Abbey/ Ashvini Subasinghe (COLOMBO)	Janet Vickers/ Fazila Hussain (SHEFFIELD)
Men's Open Double Scull	Beant Singh/ Sukhmeet Singh (ARN)	Philip James/ Saketh Reddy (MBC)	Suhith Alexander/ Saliya Gunasekara (COLOMBO)
Women's Open Coxless Pair	Anushka Kar/ Urvija Agarwal (LAKE CLUB)	Alice Kears/ Meredydd Middleton (SHEFFIELD)	
Men's Open Coxless Pair	Malkeet Singh/ Gurmeet Singh (ARN)	Sanglap Bose Md/ Rahmat Ali (BRC)	Kaveen Rajapakse/ Praveen Weerakody (COLOMBO)
Women's Open Quadruple Scull	Vanishka Tantia/Avantika Arya Agarwal/ Kasturi Roy/ Sudharshana Patra (BRC)	Ishara Abbey/Davina Koch/ Ashvini Subasinghe/ Nihara Warawita (COLOMBO)	Tulsi/ Tarishi/ Ahana/ Ayushi (MBC)
Men's Open Quadruple Scull	Rohit Kumar/ Beant Singh/ Sukhmeet Singh/Jasveer Singh (ARN)	Maximilian Lehrer/Christian Puhlinger/ Nikolaus Beer/ Clemenns Michael Obrecht (VIENNA)	Sajeev De Silva/ Kaveen Rajapakse/ Praveen Hapugalle/ Shehan Muthugala (COLOMBO)
Women's Open Coxed Fours	Mallika/Anushka/Sanjana/ Surabi/ Sanjay (cox) (MBC A)	Lavanya/Sitara/Lekha/ Sumana/ Anirudh (cox) (MBC B)	
Men's Open Coxed Fours	Jasveer Singh/ Jegan S/ Hardeep Singh/ Jagveer Singh/ Muku Kumar (cox) (ARN)	Maximilian Lehrer/Christian Puhlinger/ Nikolaus Beer/ Clemenns Michael Obrecht/ Helena Altenhuber (cox) (VIENNA)	Saliya Gunasekara/ Surumba Serasinghe/ Praveen Hapugalle/ Lasaru Kudaligama / Kaveen Rajapakse (cox) (COLOMBO)
Women's Masters Single Scull	Janet Vickers (SHEFFIELD)	Aparna C (MBC)	Lakshmi (MBC)
Men's Masters Single Scull	Timothy John Booth (HOLLINGWORTH, UK)	Chandramouli (MBC)	Nalin Premaratne (COLOMBO)
Women's Masters Double Scull	Jayashree S/ Vidya M (MBC)	Katherine Davies/ Sally Ann Booth (SHEFFIELD)	
Men's Masters Double Scull	Parimal Roy/ Santu Garai (BRC)	Srinivas/ Suneel Shankar (MBC)	Timothy John Booth/ Sally Anne Booth (HOLLINGWORTH, UK)
Men's Masters Coxless Pair	Sumit Bose/ Santanu Banerjee (BRC)	Chanaka Talpahewa/ Lasantha Welikala (COLOMBO)	Manikandan N/ Suneel Shankar (MBC)
Women's Masters Coxed Fours	Lavanya/ Sitara/ Lekha/ Sumana/ Anirudh (cox) (MBC)	Janet Vickers/ Alice Kears/ Meredydd Middleton/ Katherine Daves/ Ananya (cox) (SHEFFIELD)	
Men's Masters Coxed Fours	Satish Kumar/Karthik/Prem/ Vivek Dhanda/ Anirudh (cox) (MBC)	Sumit Bose/ Santanu Banerjee/ Parimal Roy/ Santu Garai (BRC)	

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A couple of months ago, I was in the U.S on a work trip. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to be precise. Pittsburgh is known as the ‘Steel City’ for its many steel-related businesses. But I am not going to give you the usual tourist take on the city. Since I took up rowing in our very own MBC, I have gotten into the habit of looking out for places to row whenever I travel. So, as usual, I had done my research and found a Club where I hoped to row while I was in the Steel City.

The place I had looked into was the Three Rivers Rowing Association which handles rowing sessions on the serene and sparkling Allegheny River. The day I arrived in Pittsburgh, I checked into the hotel and headed out to the Association.

I managed to meet the Junior Coach Mr. D.J. and spoke to him about our 150 year old Rowing Club and my four years of association with rowing as a sport. He was kind enough to show me around their beautiful facility and offered to fix up a rowing session for me the next morning.

The next morning, an excited self turned up bright and early by 5 a.m at the Rowing Association. I was, of course, wearing our Club’s 150th year T-shirt! I was pleasantly surprised to find that many of the rowers there knew that there was going to be a guest from India. It felt good to be welcomed and greeted with such enthusiasm!

A Quadruple Scull was assigned for our outing. Unlike our club they had no lascars to help me with the boat. It was a bit of shock to find we had to get on the boat ourselves! But I managed and we started out.

The line-up was:

4. Earl Bohn
3. Karthikeyan (Myself)
2. Chuck Criss
1. Bill Sabourin



It was a wonderful experience rowing in clean waters surrounded by lush greenery. It was also pretty exhausting too as we ended up rowing a crazy 10,000 metres! Phew! They were kind enough to invite me again for a session on Thursday. Regretfully I had to decline as I had some work meetings which were interfering with the rowing plan.

I must say, it was one of the best rowing experiences I have had thus far. After that tiring but exhilarating outing, I made sure to take a bunch of pictures including a selfie with Coach D.J. Dripping with sweat, tired but

contented, I UBER’ed back to the hotel. Even my shoes and socks were soaked! Although that was not with sweat but with river water. You see, the wooden raft got slightly submerged with the four of us on it!

The Three Rivers Rowing Association has some amazing facilities and the folks there were wonderful hosts! I am glad I had the opportunity of rowing in the Allegheny and hope that I get another chance to row there someday.

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