



## **Committee Members 2023-2024**

### **President: Richard Lester (Joined 2022)**

Won Thames and Grand for Leander in 1970 and 1975 respectively. 1976 Olympic silver stroking GB eight in Montreal. Commercial property lawyer currently a Consultant at Wedlake Bell LLP in the City. Has acted for ARA, Sport England and other sporting organisations. A Henley Royal Regatta Steward since 1979 and on the Committee of Management for much of that time. A Governor of Shiplake College. Chairman, and founder, of Leander Investment Club.

### **Chairman: Pete Bridge (Joined in 2019)**

Oxford Blue and GB International, competing in the 1996 Olympics. Rowed for Leander for six years in the 1990s and won two Henley medals for the club. Was chairman of Oxford University Boat Club for 10 years until 2018 and umpired the Boat Race prior to that. Formerly a lawyer and management consultant, now a banker with Barclays Bank in London.

### **Hon. Treasurer: Justin Hodges (Joined 2020)**

Justin rowed for Isis twice and the GB U23s as well as Leander in the Wyfolds. He started his career at Goldman Sachs International before moving to Vodafone. He is currently the Bursar at Abingdon School.

### **Hon Secretary: Barbara Wilson (Joined 2020)**

Barbara has been involved in the sport for over 35 years. She began rowing at City of Oxford Rowing Club and quickly became involved with the club committee and the regatta. Barbara was the administrator for OUBC for 14 years, continuing as a volunteer after retirement. She is still actively involved in a number of national events including JIRR and the BR Offshore and Beach Sprint Championships.

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### **Marcus Bateman (Joined 2018)**

Marcus is a GB International and Henley winner having started rowing through the World Class Start programme at Bath University. He works as the Membership Manager at Wentworth Golf and Country Club.

**Rob Clegg (Joined 2018)**

A UL Purple and Oxford Blue and Henley winner who stroked the GB U23 VIII to gold in 1993. Member of The Boat Race Umpires Panel and OUBC Committee. Career as a strategy consultant with McKinsey, entrepreneur (mobile ticketing; email marketing) and digital/mobile expert including a stint in HSBC's Digital Transformation. Currently Rob is the CEO of a technology business focussed on the monitoring and maintenance of strategy infrastructure.

**Peter Gostling (Joined 2019)**

Peter has been a member of Leander since 2000 and is a three-time Henley winner having started rowing at Sudbury Rowing Club in Suffolk.

**Joe Michels, Ph.D. (Joined 2021)**

Joe is a four-time Oxford Blue and long-time member of Leander having rowed for the club in the 1990s, a stint which included a Henley win and rowing with Pete Bridge in various GB selection trials. He was president of the OUBC in 1992 and elected a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta in 2001. Joe is Trustee of the US National Rowing Foundation and a long-time investor and technology entrepreneur.

**Monica Relph (Joined 2020)**

Monica started rowing through the World Class Start programme whilst at school in Cambridge and gained her first GB vest whilst at Loughborough University. Monica joined Leander Club in 2011 and raced multiple times at both Henley Royal and Henley Women's Regatta. She is now actively involved in Leander Clubs Athlete Transition Initiative. Monica works in the business development team at Lane 4, a Global Management Consultancy.

**Anthony Reynolds (Joined 2022)**

Started rowing at Queens Park High School. Henley winner, Cambridge Blue and GB International. Rowed for Leander in the 1980s. Coached the GB Lightweight Women's Squad. Currently a Multi Lane Umpire and acts as the Rowing Safety Adviser for the Thames Regional Rowing Council. Runs an IT company providing support for small businesses.

**Felicity Rutland (Joined 2020)**

Felicity has lived in Remenham (behind Leander) for 40 years; landlady for Cambridge Women's Boat Club 38 Boat Races; regattas and rowing have been a large part of her life and her family's. Cambridge Blue (hockey!). Careers in investment banking then independent education. Experienced non-executive director and school governor; involved in local community, committees and fundraising events. Berkshire Deputy Lieutenant.

**Elise Cope (Joined 2023)**

Started rowing at Wallingford Rowing Club and became Women's Squad Captain and Chairman in 2006, graduating from site manager for Wallingford Regatta. As an active member at UTRC, Elise helps with the Autumn Heads and Henley Masters regattas. Henley Women's Regatta committee member since 2014. Competed at HRR in 2023. Partnership Director for a Henley-based HR consultancy.

**Vicky Thornley (Joined 2023)**

Started rowing through the World Class Start in 2007, winning Gold in the 2009 U23 World Championships. She joined Leander in 2010 becoming Captain in 2018 and 2019. Competed multiple times in European and World Championships and three Olympic Games, winning a Silver medal in Rio in the double sculls. Manages the family caravan park business.