



## **Elected 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. Governor of Shiplake College. Chairman and founder of Leander Investment Club.

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

Oxford Blue and GB International, competing in 1996 Olympics. Rowed for Leander for 6 years in 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. Justin chairs the Finance and Management Group.

### **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, Women's Head and the BR Offshore and Beach Sprint Championships.

### **Committee:**

#### **Marcus Bateman (Joined 2018) Retiring 2024**

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) Retiring 2024**

A UL Purple and Oxford Blue who stroked the GB U23 VIII to gold in 1993. Member of The Boat Race Umpires Panel. Career as a strategy consultant, entrepreneur (mobile ticketing; email marketing) and digital/mobile expert. Currently Rob is a consultant to start up on behalf of Venture Capital companies.

#### **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. Peter runs his own company within sports marketing and sponsorship.

#### **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.

**Monica Relph (Joined 2020)**

Monica started rowing through the World Class Start programme whilst at school 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 Lane4, 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 GB Lightweight Women's Squad. Currently a Multi Lane Umpire and acts as Rowing Safety Advisor for the Thames Regional Rowing Council. Runs an IT company providing support for small businesses.

**Elise Cope (Joined 2023)**

Started rowing at Wallingford Rowing Club becoming Women's Squad Captain and Chairman in 2006, graduating from site manager for Wallingford Regatta. An active member at UTRC, helping with the Autumn Heads and Henley Masters Regatta. Started managing the Trade Stands for Henley Women's Regatta, joining the Committee in 2014 with responsibility for sponsorship. An active rower, competing at HRR in 2023. Partnership Director for a Henley based business, working with global HR directors to help identify and develop talent, ensuring each individual achieves their potential.

**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.