



## Committee Members 2025-2026

### **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 more than 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 the JIRR, BR Indoor Championships and Club Championships. Barbara was elected a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta in 2023.

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#### **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 Club's 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.

### **Luke Breen (Joined 2024)**

Luke is a Club Member and has served on the social committee. He has a passion for rowing and has supported the club for many years. Luke is a Chartered Surveyor and is now Head of Real Estate for a local asset management business who specialise in funding investment opportunities across the country. Luke is also a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Innholders. His other interests include travel, water sports, skiing, cooking and walking.

### **Peter Greenslade (Joined 2024)**

Chartered Accountant and Finance Director of a property company listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. Rowed for Canford School and Reading University. Was Chair of Shiplake Vikings Rowing Club for more than 10 years until 2010. Leander Committee member 2012 to 2022 including six years as Treasurer. Member of the Leander Finance Management Group and Chair of the Leander Sponsorship and Donations Committee.

### **Peter O'Hanlon (Joined 2018)**

Peter started rowing at Canford School and later represented the University of the West of England. A Full Member of Leander since 2018, he lives in central Henley and is a regular presence at the club. He has been deeply involved in Henley's regatta scene for more than 15 years, including as Chairman of Regatta Radio and a commentator at Henley Royal Regatta and the Boat Races. Since 2009, he has built an international career in rowing commentary, serving as the 'Voice of World Rowing' across Olympic, World, and European Championships — most recently at Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024. Outside rowing, Peter is Strategic Change Director in Sustainability at HSBC, co-founder of Henley-on-Thames Triathlon Club, and an active member of the endurance sport community.

### **Jack Beaumont (Joined 2012)**

Jack started rowing aged nine at Maidenhead Rowing Club. He joined Leander in 2012 feeling very inspired by the London Olympics and was captain for the years 2020 and 2021. He won Henley Royal Regatta nine times (eight times for Leander) and finished his career with silver medal in the Tokyo Olympic Games in the men's quadruple sculls. Jack works as a Sales Manager for Invesco, a global asset management firm.