

# GB November trials 2024

On the weekend of the 9/10th of November, ULBC sent nine athletes to Boston for the season's first U23/FISU/Senior trial.

On the Saturday trialists completed their 2k ergo tests in Boston whilst the rest of the ULBC squad did the same at home. With 30+ PBs across the squad, this was the start of a successful weekend!

The trialists then faced the Sunday water trial; 5k in small boats down the river Witham. ULBC boated four women's singles, two men's singles, and three men in pairs (one in composite with CUBC). All crews placed well in their age group categories, most notably captain Jessie Martin placing 4th U23, and David Wallace placing 10th U23 strokeside. It was also great to see so many recent ULBC alumni racing at this trial.

These trialists (and a handful with medical exemptions from this trial) are hoping to gain selection in U23, FISU, and senior GB crews in the summer.



# Tyrian 2024

The 2023/24 season saw a few new faces pull up their dubious checkered all-in-ones for the first time, and even more very familiar faces continue their racing careers under the UL Tyrian banner.

Our masters F group kicked off 2024 with Quintin Head, with the crew of Jeremy Page, Peter Brett, Ralph Humphrey, Salih Hassan, Farrell Mossop, Chris Andrews, Julian Rodd, Simon Harris & Theodora Robinson winning the Masters F category! The majority of this crew (with Stewart Harries instead of Simon Harris) raced again at Hammersmith Head a few weeks later, recording the fastest time but relegated to 2nd on handicap.

The same crew, with another swap of Graham Faultless for Simon Harris, went on to again race on the Tideway at Vets Head, placing 2nd in Masters F.

Turning to regatta season, the masters F Tyrian crew won at both Henley Masters Regatta and the British Rowing Masters Championship. Many of the younger Tyrian cohort raced at Molesey Regatta in summer alongside current ULBC athletes, picking up a number of event wins.

This October, our US-based contingent raced at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. The crew of Andy Baker, Graham Smith, Dai Ellis, Matt Stares and Emily Jardine placed 11th in masters 40+ coxed fours, critically beating ex-Nemo (Harvard alumni) in the process. With an average age of 49.25, this crew will move up to the 50+ category next year!

As always, if you are keen to get involved with Tyrian racing please get in contact with Flora Blake-Parsons, Tyrian Captain, on [ultyrian@gmail.com](mailto:ultyrian@gmail.com)

If you are after Tyrian racing kit this is still available to purchase through rival – <https://rivalkit.com/collections/tyrian-rowing-club>



# Wingfield Sculls

On the 27th October Women's Captain Jessie Martin raced the Wingfield Sculls, this year raced from UL to London RC.

Fresh off the back of a World Championship title and a new U23 world record in the 4-, Jessie took on the 'Championship of the Thames' for her first time, racing the likes of Imogen Grant (LW2x Olympic Champion) amongst other international scullers.

After a tough race out the blocks, Jessie showed a huge amount of grit and determination over the whole course, and finished 5th overall. This was the third year in a row ULBC has been represented in the Wingfield Sculls.



# Trial Eights and Annual Dinner 2024

On the 6th of December the ULBC squad raced the annual 'trial eights' races on the Championship Course ahead of the ULBC Annual Dinner in the evening.

The men's race was first, with crews 'Mark' and 'Jeremy' (Peep Show) putting on a gruelling and exciting race which saw the lead exchanging hands and blows traded multiple times. After 12 minutes side-by-side, 'Mark' edged out a lead, and claimed victory over 'Jeremy'.

The Women's race saw artists of the summer 'Sabrina Carpenter' take on 'Charlie XCX'. After a close race to Hammersmith, 'Sabrina' emerged victorious.



The day then ended with a celebration of ULBC in 2024, and of ULBC Olympians throughout the years. The highlight of the dinner was the keynote speech from ULBC's Olympic Champion Emily Craig, in which she spoke about the support the club has provided over the years, especially following her narrow 4th at the Tokyo Games, and her journey to turn that result around to have an unbeaten Olympiad and to be crowned Olympic Champion forever. Emily's speech was recorded- you can watch it [here](#).



A huge thank you to alumni Selena Jones and Tom Cross for umpiring the trial eights, Emily Craig for her moving speech, and Amanda Talboys for organising yet another spectacular club dinner.

# Quintin Head 2025

The past weekend, the ULBC squad raced at Quintin Head- the first full-squad race of the season, following numerous cancellations thus far. We boated three women's eights and two men's eights.

The women's first and second eights won their categories, with the first taking the Championship pennant and the second the Senior pennant. The men also had great success, with the second eight claiming the Intermediate pennant and the first placing fourth amongst other top local crews.

The squad are currently ramping up to Hammersmith Head (23rd Feb) and then WEHORR (8th March) and HORR (22nd March).

