



Vintage Full Length Rowing Oar, Merton College 1892

Sold



REF: 29554

Height: 365 cm (143.7")

Description

Rowing Oar, Merton College.

The full length 12' oar is a traditional Merton College (Oxford University) presentation rowing oar with calligraphy and college insignia. The writing on the trophy blade is in very good condition giving the names and weights of the crew and the colleges they 'Bumped'.

The trophy blade reads:-

Merton Coll: Torpid, 1892

4 Bumps

Bow. H.U. Gilbert 10 st 6 lb

2. G.H. Hemsley 10 st 0 lb

3. W.H. Drage 10 st 6 lb

4. A.B. Burney 12 st 0 lb

5. C.W. Harriott 11 st 5 lb

6. B. Foley 10 st 13 lb

7. H. Welch-Thornton 11 st 1 lb

Str. L.C.R. Messel 10 st 6 lb

Cox. E.F. Glynn 8 st 4 lb

Exeter. Keble 1st. Ch.Ch. IInd. Corpus

This oar is a later adaptation of an original. The oar itself is made by Ailing and is from the 1940s. It must have been painted any time after that, maybe the 1960 or 70ies.

We have four oars and the work is well and professionally done, and we guess that the original oars have probably been damaged or they were done for decorative purposes as they all came from the Randolph Hotel in Oxford.