



Vintage Full Length Rowing Oar, Merton College 1898

Sold



REF: 29555

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:

1898

Bow. T.H. Walker 10 st 10 lb

2. F.H. Melland 11 st 4 lb

3. R.H. Tompson 11 st 9 lb

4. E.T. Master 11 st 1 lb

5. F.H. Lewin 11 st 4 lb

6. W.R. Parr 11 st 8 lb

7. WG King-Peirce 12 st 1 lb

Str. J.G. Craik 11 st 11 lb

Cox. J.R. Hammond 8 st 11 lb

Bumps, MAY

19 C.C.C

20 Jesus

21 Pembroke

23 Keble

24 St. Johns, Exeter

25 Queens

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.