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Dear Rowperfect community

Lots of new things to tell you about – proof that our ‘radio silence’ just concealed frantic paddling below the water – a cygnet turning into a fine swan!

First to announce is that we have **guest bloggers** who will help bring you ‘inside track’ news and information in the lead up to Beijing. **Jen Goldsack** is a Brit now sculling for the USA in the Women’s Lwt 2x and **Duncan Holland**, international coach who has written his first post about the results from Luzern World Cup. Please contribute to the discussion by writing comments back to them on the news blog under each article.

New products this month include an innovative **scull and oar hanging rack** the “Space Saver” – available for the first time in the UK. It enables you to hang 8 pairs of sculls or 8 oars in a space the width of an oar spoon and 1 meter deep. We are taking early orders for this now. And a rear-view **mirror** for coxless boats from the creative folk at Coxmate.

New **Dreher owners** include members at Cambridge 99, Upper Thames, Wadham College Oxford, Portsmouth RC and Oundle Town RC. We have a set of 8 Sweep Apex ex demonstration oars for sale. And we’ve just dropped the price of Stampfli grips to £12 per pair. Buy online here.

Magik have redesigned their oarlock and we have a [review](#) posted by **James Beechinor** of Bedford RC who raced successfully at National Schools Regatta and he says the gates helped him to overcome the rough conditions. And one from Burton Leander Captain, Rob Jephcote

Thank you and happy rowing!

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Guest Bloggers at Rowperfect

Getting excited about the build up to Beijing, Rowperfect has recruited some expert outside commentators to give their views about the international crews who will be racing at the Olympic Games.

Duncan Holland is an international coach who has won Olympic and World medals with his crews, former Cambridge University Boat Club head coach and a rowing international himself, he offers us a unique perspective having coached athletes who are now representing Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands and Canada.

Jen Goldsack is a lightweight sculler, born in Britain to an American mother, she won a Silver medal at the World Championships in 2007 in LW1x for the USA. She has just qualified a double scull for the Olympics.

Duncan has posted up his first article [“Was Luzern a missed opportunity for the GB Men?”](#). You can subscribe to receive an RSS feed of Rowperfect’s blog [here](#)

Magik Review by Burton Leander RC

We found the new Magik oarlocks a great improvements over the original version. Before we always had a little trouble with the gate on wing rigged boats where the gate would catch the wing as you came away from the finish. The new marker to indicate that the gate is locked is also an improvement making it much easier to see that the gate is ‘locked’ shut. The change to the tensioning elastic band also helped to reduce the problem of catching the rigger on the recovery however we did find that the new elastics did make it a little harder to change them for the different bands.

Feedback I received from rowers and scullers at the club was all very positive and they all liked the much more positive feel that you get from the reduced slippage at the catch. Feedback from novice rowers was also very positive and they found they made it much

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easier to square and feather the blade using the magik oarlock Overall we were very happy with the gates during testing and would recommend them to all.

New Products we are selling

A Scullers Mirror – this large mirror mounts onto the brim of a cap enabling a 'rear view' to be maintained while sculling or rowing coxless boats.

This natty addition to your equipment is 48 mm diameter and made from scratch-proof glass. The angle and pitch can be adjusted by bending the wire - it is designed to be bent.

We are looking for volunteer testers to write reviews of this – get in touch!

Price £7 each.



Beautifully modeled by Jo Milborne of Oundle Town Rowing Club

Space Saver is a wall-mounted bracket that allows you to store 16 oars that you can retrieve easily. The left hand picture shows Tideway Scullers School's new racking.



A “boathouse pack” of 4 oar or scull storage brackets will store 64 oars in an efficient 2m long x 1.2m deep wall space.

It is designed with a clever off-set enabling spoons to inter-leaf when hanging. Space saver also offers a wing rigger bracket for either sweep or sculling wing riggers.

Price £270 each or £1,000 for four brackets. **We are taking orders now.**

For Sale

A visiting US crew is selling its brand new Dreher Apex sculls (288:88, medium stiffness / handle) after the regatta. 5 pairs available. £280 each pair. Contact us for more information.

We also have 8 **Apex Sweeps**, ex-demo £200 each. 2 Coxmate **SR Cox Boxes** ex-demo £200 each.

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