Mark Bodley Scott (P'41)

In Leander's Summer Newsletter I noted the death of Scott, M.B, 1923-2013, though they gave no date for his death. They record that he joined the RNVR after leaving school, served in Sicily where he was badly wounded in a mortar bomb explosion, losing the sight in one eye and damaging the other. After the war he read architecture at the North London Polytechnic and joined Thames Rowing Club. After a successful Henley in 1948 he was asked to trial for the GB Olympic Team and was selected to race in the coxed pair.

What Leander did not record was a story told to me by Mark himself. Rowing the GB coxed pair, they had to have a cox but there was nothing in the rules of racing to demand that they had a rudder. Not wanting a young cox to slow them down by waggling the rudder and knowing they could steer perfectly well by themselves, they sawed the rudder off. No objections were raised. Did anyone notice?

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