

## ***MRRA Safety Committee Agenda and Notes from Meeting held on April 9, 2013***

Meeting called to order at 6 PM and adjourned 6:45 PM.

In attendance: Mark Romanowski, Roland Meijer, and Bob Lynch

Safety Video shown at 6:20 pm

***Signage at the dock:*** R. Lynch presented draft of sign to be posted at entry to the dock area. Those present approved content. Several modifications in format were suggested: Use of bulleted lists with justified margins recommended rather than 'centered' format. Sign dimensions of 3'x4' with landscape orientation should be easily read by rowers and passersby. Changes will be made and submitted to Safety members for consideration

***Implementation of rower classification system:*** It was decided that we should not distribute the rower self-classification system membership wide until some revisions are made:

- A statement should be added advising members that those requesting an "Advanced" rating may be asked to demonstrate their proficiency with some, or all, of the following specific skills to the Boat Captain (or her/his) designee:
  - Navigation skills in a 1x and bow seat of a team boat (includes ability to "toe" ) e.g. around 3 buoys (M. Romanowski)
  - Backing, with confidence, to the dock and/or a specific target (buoy)
  - Launching and landing 1x and team boats (bow certification) on either side of dock
- Carl, Joe L. and Roland will develop a system that allows members to submit their rating request on-line and which facilitates Safety Committee review and action on those requests

***Flag system alerting all user-groups that rower is on water:*** Objective: To prevent boathouse from being inadvertently locked up while rower is "on the water".

Recommendation is that MRRA, have a colored flag or sign reading "MRRA ROWER ON WATER DO NOT LOCK". Ideally, when in place, it would ***physically prevent latch from being placed in 'lock position'*** (no ideas offered on how to do this!). All MRRA members will be instructed to check log, before leaving for the day. If an MRRA rower is on the water, the flag remains in place otherwise it is removed and the latch placed in locked position.

It was suggested that LHS and UML adopt a similar system---with exception---that responsibility for placing or removing their flag be in the hands of the respective coaches who may, in turn, delegate this task to a reliable student.

In theory, assuming no errors, the last person, from any user-group, leaving the boathouse, locks all bay doors lacking posted flags.