

Equipment Meeting 8/30/23

Attendees: Gary Styskal, Kathy McGowan, Liz Albert, Dennis McCarthy, Peg Landry, Tim Wheatley, Matt O'Brien

Agenda:

- Refer to agenda and designs submitted prior to meeting
- Launch and trailer status/issues/plans
- Shoe replacement/sizing/allocation plan for sweep/4x and 2x boats
- 2x brought back from LRA
- Proposal for increasing private rack space
- Club shell and oar items

Launches have off season items to be taken care of. Westford boat repair place by Forge Pond was mediocre in terms of quality/service - there was a lot of back and forth, best to find a better option. Bob Bowen suggested possibly trying Irwin Marine in Hudson

A set of C2 Skinnies have differing collar positioning - one is about 3 cm longer. No known reason for this, so will adjust to matching inboard/outboard lengths.

Another oar has a loose silicone handle Dennis offered to repair or work on this handle

Linus thinks that one oar is off with pitch. Dennis/Linus will look into this? Can take to HoC if C2 for potential help if worthwhile...

There was a shell seat on the trash can? Not sure of reason – but remove to prevent accidental discarding (Dennis?)

Rack space discussion (Refer to detailed drawings and design specs disseminated before meeting):

- Brief history review discussed
- Hanging racks need to go as high as possible as these can interfere with accessing 8s.
- Suggest designing any new hanging rack differently (see shared specifics) for more clearance, new rigging. 6x advantage and one line - would need more line, yet less force required to pull per presentation. Apply changes to any new rack or subset (if rigging reuse) to specific racks identified per presentation
- Dennis let us know the RFP should be out this September looking at ballpark + 6 years on a new boathouse
- How to grow the club long term? 2 more club shells than private (excluding storage). currently – Historical Private <= club. Differs if you calculate by shells or seats, (doubles, 4x etc. adds community access). With sharing equipment right now (w/UML) this agreement is effectively a way we are also satisfying the community access vision/charter. Where is the charter on the website (not in bylaws)? We seem to be honoring the requirements in terms of a balance of community and private.
- New agreement after this current one expires June 2024, predicting rate change.
- Goal: Not have anyone on the current rack space wait list
- Equipment committee supports proposal and expenditure per plan
- Bring up proposal at next Board meeting for guidance

Shoes:

- Some are in need of replacement – discussed status of 2's/4's only
- We have 3 Vsp Smalls available - but concern that this would limit usability. There have been no real complaints about shoe size, just quality
- Those on the call agreed to propose moving forward with purchase of 2 Medium size and 2 Large size shoes to replace poor condition shoes and roughly match current configurations.

Vespoli 2x (the one we retrieved back from GLR)

- Leave it outside unriggered for now/ High storage?/Usage plans?

Erin's question as to bullhorns:

- TRR buys and makes available
- Not in the TRR closet, maybe in the upper closet? Suggest checking there

Reliability issues with launches problematic with running programs. Open to talking with UML renting if not working per Erin's suggestion for future with an economically feasible arrangement. Board issue.