

To MRRA Members:

As MRRA Secretary I am gearing up to accept your renewals for the 2014 Season. A few members are just about finished with the renewal process.

I am anticipating the weather is going to warm up and once it does, members are going to want to row. (As I recall in 2013, overnight...). Please remember you are **NOT OK TO ROW** until your fees are paid, your paperwork is complete, you have watched the safety video, your swim test is current, your US Rowing waiver is signed, and I have let you know you are **OK TO ROW**.

Please review your membership data on your member page. The process has not changed from 2013!

If you are having any difficulty, please follow the steps below:

Log into your MRRA account: Go to Choices: Select your membership and programs

Next go to Billing tab: 5c. will list what you owe for the season. Pay ALL your fees.

Send a check:

To MRRA

PO BOX 1909

Lowell MA 01853 or pay with Pay Pal.

Paperwork, Section 5d. **READ**, this is clearly written, please follow the directions.

1. MRRA Renewal Addendum, read and e-sign
2. US Rowing Waiver (Please understand the importance, follow the link below)**
3. UML Boathouse member application (please print and return to me MRRA Secretary)
4. Safety Policy read and sign (I have also had this available at monthly meetings)
5. Swim Certificates have expired for several members. (You can see when your renewal is due on your member page, even color coded, green is ok, red needs renewal.)

Swim tests need to be **renewed before** you will be OK to Row this season.

Good idea to get out of the away now. YMCA and UML Pool times for tests were listed in the January minutes.

SAFETY VIDEO: You need to watch the Safety Video before each season. I have been keeping a sign in sheet for members that have attended before the monthly meetings. If you are unable to attend the scheduled showing, please contact the safety committee to schedule a time for the viewing.

****Regarding US Rowing Waiver:**

To protect the Club, we take advantage of the Club's US Rowing membership to secure liability insurance at very competitive rates.

There is a catch: the underwriter requires that each of the Club's active rowers sign a waiver that confirms his/her understanding of the inherent dangers of the sport. All members are required to sign a waiver.

US Rowing has made the process of signing their waiver a simple online effort that requires only a few minutes to complete. Here's how:

- 1) On the web go to <https://rosters.usrowing.org/>
- 2) In the box titled Athletes enter this code: 7JPJZ
- 3) Choose how you wish to enter the waiver site:
 - a) Search by last name and DoB or
 - b) US Rowing member number
 - c) Click Next
- 4) Choose your name from the list that appears;
 - If your name appears more than once, choose "Paid Membership." If there is no "Paid Membership," select one of the "waiver only" numbers.
 - If your name is not on the Club's roster - a dialogue box will appear asking you to provide a profile. Click OK. Fill out the form and submit. Be assured that in submitting your profile, you are not joining US Rowing or risking the use of your profile data for any other purpose than completing the waiver.

As the MRRA secretary I am responsible for maintaining our membership records, verifying we maintain safety standards (swim tests and safety video) and verifying we each sign our waivers. I would like to thank each member in advance for your cooperation and your attention to these details. I Look forward to every one being OK TO ROW!!

See you on the River,

Dottie Semonian
MRRA Secretary