

## **MRRA July 9th Monthly Meeting:**

Attendees: (33) Helene Bushness, Barbara Sherman, Rebecca Ruvido, Kathy McGowen, Mary Theresa Freud, Steven Freud, Tim Cotreau, Harry Finch, Jon Dwyer, Anna Yammanoto, Jennifer Lown, Bob Bowen, Joe Bernard, Mark Romanowsky, Joe LaFreniere, Dennis McCarthy, Lisa Doucett, Brad Veer, Elizabeth Flood, Victoria Flood, Mike Poreba, Holly Roberts, Colleen Irby, Dave Cormier, Linas Alinskas, David Morley, David Grigglesstone, Jay Feenan, Bob Lynch, Chur Masors, Karen Scammell, Dottie Semonian

**Safety Message:** Joe La Freniere

**Launch** pointing up stream head to starboard shore North

Row thru first Arch of Roarke Bridge

1/3 center open

Row down stream far 1/3 one of the two out side arches of bridge, center two should be open as travel lanes.

Awareness of power boat traffic

Learn to Scull Program in session, be alert, often by the bridge

Common sense

Gate closed when out or off the water

Set of slings to be left at gate Be mindful of Safety and Security

**Flip Clinic** Saturday, August 3rd 9 AM

Send e-mail to [safety@merrimackrowing](mailto:safety@merrimackrowing)

Karen Scammell:

Approve minutes from June:

Motion to approve minute minutes

Light Refreshments, social hour on the deck

**MRRA: Welcome** David Cormier

UML Coordinator or Rowing and Boathouse activities

Welcome new Member Brad Veer, Recent Graduates from LTScull 1

Elizabeth Flood, Victoria Flood

**Festival Regatta** went smoothly

Final moneys being collected, Regatta Central, monies spent, tallied

John Ballentine will have breakdown available, once complete

**Textile River Regatta:** Sunday October 6th this year  
Jay Feenan: Past and Present Regatta Director

**Need** at least one to two Regatta Directors and other Chairs to coordinate  
\*\* Jay intends to step down from position, first announced his decision Spring 2012  
TRR is the Largest fundraiser For MRRA, UML, LHS  
MRRA has successfully managed and run the Regatta for the past 20+ years  
All Members to consider "Apprentice positions to follow the progress and introject their ideas."  
Members to also consider Chairing Committees

TRR Profits do not go into the MRRA operating budget  
Typically makes \$15 K for MRRA on the one day  
Funds also support UML, to LHS

**Please contact:**

[textilerverregatta.org](http://textilerverregatta.org) or [info@merrimackrowing.org](mailto:info@merrimackrowing.org)

**Boat Captain:** Bird Deterrent Keep line taught  
When installed properly working well

Doors to house need to be closed when on the water  
Gate to the dock need to be closed  
Expensive equipment- 2 Kayaks stolen from UML  
All Members should keep safety and security in mind.

**Equipment Committee:**

Wintech on loan for trial Will buy a HW , this is midweight, try and see.  
Extension on Loan sold as Demo, will be available until the Weekend  
[equipment@merrimackrowing.org](mailto:equipment@merrimackrowing.org)

Bob Bowen picking up **2 new Pinerts** by the end of the week MW boats  
Still looking for 4 X 4  
Plan to Demo Wintech contact Mike or [equipment@merrimackrowing.org](mailto:equipment@merrimackrowing.org)  
If you have interest in going for the Demo

**MRRA Open Sweep Members Competed:**

**Royal Henley Regatta** in Henley on the Thames, Oxfordshire England  
Michael Poreba, Rich Connell, Jon Dwyer, and Tim Cotreau  
Group Congratulated, gave an informative description about their race experience

Carl Popolo: Posted a **PayPal site** to donate and help defer the costs, on the MRRA Web site  
Asking members to consider making individual contributions.

**Safety:** Discussion about No Wake Buoys

Dangerous to use make shift buoys, consider real nautical style, but expensive

Hazard buoys for the rocks budgeted \$1000 has spent a few hundred so far this season

Fluid 2X coming back, Repaired

**Masters Sweep** mopped the Boat House, lobby floor, Thank You

Colleen Irby Gave update on the Junior Sweep1, Sweep 2 starting, still room

Adjourn 8 pm

Submitted Dottie Semonian