

MRRA June 10, 2014 Member Meeting:  
Boathouse:

Attendees:

Linas Alinskas, Barbara Sherman, Erin McLaughlin, Karen Scammell, Denise Bergeron, Daniel Ernst, Bob Lynch, Brad Vear, Jason Holden, Jody DeCarolis, Terry Freeman, Chur Thompson, Kent Springer, Dennis McCarthy, Tim Wheatley, Bob Sherman, Mary Theresa Freud, Jay Feenan, Carl Popolo, Dottie Semonian (20).

7:04 Pm

Meeting called to order:

**Safety:** Reminder to shut the gates at the dock when leaving to row.

Especially important on the weekends, have seen young children on dock with parents  
Reminder to close bay doors of the boathouse.

Reminder of traffic pattern on the river: Should travel in the 1/3 width of river up 1/3 down, middle is "no man's land." Should not be rowing in this area.

**UML Kayak Rental:** Early Morning rowers be aware, Kayaks are out 6 AM - 9AM  
review of the traffic pattern. Kayaks quiet on the water, may not be aware of their presence.

**Member Concern:**

Denise Bergeron and Erin McLaughlin were rowing 2X coming past the boat ramp  
Students not following the traffic pattern

Karen Scammell, did boathouse orientation for about 12 students

Per Denise and Erin, Large group was rowing the whole width of the river.

Karen will review with student members importance of following the traffic pattern.

PX25: Denise went to remove almost dropped, hull full of water, shoes wet, must have flipped

Logbook showed name of prior rower, will notify the Student Member.

**Meeting Minutes:** May Meeting minutes accepted, approved  
2 members abstaining

Two Regattas in June: **US Rowing Masters Regional and Festival Regatta:**

Members can race, more than once, need to work event around your volunteering obligation.

Members need to reserve equipment and confirm your work, volunteer slot

Use Boat Reservation Log, with a buffer, time need the boat, 30 min before and 15 min after the race time, may need to discuss hot seating with other MRRA Members.

CBC asking to use 4X event 31, expect to have more requests, ask that members reserve

Event registration closes 2 weeks prior to Regattas.

### **Learn To Row Day:**

Thank you to Jody DeCarlois and Terry Freeman. Well organized and well attended

Had 26 interested individuals participate

Coach KC worked with groups on The Barge

Coaching was offered by Mark Romanowsky on the Erg's

A few individuals had 4X rows

Jody and Terry, now in the process of contacting those interested, most Sweep Program

Offering \$99 for 4 weeks.

Will need to confirm the coach

**Learn To Scull:** Chur Thompson has been contacting individuals

Chur sent out invitations to 8 has about 5 confirmed-capacity has been 8 max

Plan to start after July 4th break

Chur will be contacting MRRA members to help with the program

May have enough interest in Learn To Scull to add a New session in August

Discussion about delaying start of programs by one week

Interested individual need to get swim certificates and paperwork ready, takes time.

Need to discuss availability with coaches: Jody, Terry to contact John Cotter

Mark Lewis may be available

### **Equipment Committee:**

New Oars are painted and ready

Daniel Ernst: Brings concern about need for white stern lights

Karen Scammell suggests purchase of head light

BJ's sells a package of 3 head lamps at reasonable price

To purchase (6), Dan was not sure if this was safety or equipment committee

Told OK to Purchase

### **US Rowing Masters National and Festival Regatta:**

Barbara Sherman working on volunteer list, members that don't have shifts should contact Barbara for an assignment.

Need for afternoon shifts for the Festival Regatta, MRRA Open Sweep Members racing, weak spot in the schedule

David Morley has been arranging to borrow Launches: Need (6-8)  
Needs will be addressed, more drivers, starting platform driver, Karen has called some Alumni to drive. Contact Alex Gavriel

Jay Feenan: Saturday US Rowing Masters all 1 K races, Sunday Festival Regatta 1K and 2 K races, plan 2 starts, maintain one finish line, will need to have floating start for some races on Sunday.

**Starting platforms are at the 2K**

Problem is platforms are held by 1/4 inch cable across the river, cannot move, \$1000 for the cable, doesn't make sense to purchase and install second.

US Rowing Regatta requires starting platforms and not floating start. Jay to look at and ask LHS to use Jon boats and other metal boats for start platforms at 1K. These can be anchored.

**Festival Regatta:** More referees to reduce the driving up and down course which should reduce wakes  
Will contact all members that are experienced launch drivers.

**Finish line:** Needs more volunteers

Will need more volunteers, those qualified at the finish are being pulled for the water, launch drivers ie: (Ken Hickey, Terry Freeman)

**Stake Boat Holders:** Dave Cormier will coordinate with UML students, (that are MRRA Student Members) to schedule.

**Venders:** Awaiting US Rowing deadline so areas can be marked, Dottie Semonian will coordinate.

No Team Tents have registered yet for either day, per Carl Popolo

**Festival Regatta: US Rowing is the home page for the MRRA**

**Communication:** Bob Lynch getting list together for # bull horns, radios

**Course:** Linas Alinskas will be looking for help Tuesday and Wednesday for the course  
Needs 2 boats 2 people each to put lines in, mark the course. Contact Linas or Barbara Sherman.

**Friday Practice times:** Need Volunteers 2 boats, 2 hours Friday afternoon  
Dan Ernst may be able to help

Jay Feenan: Need help arranging buoy's for the course. Member not available on the weekend of the regattas, could volunteer to help ahead with this task.

Motion to adjourn: Adjourned 8 PM.

