



MARRA Equipment Committee Meeting

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(Includes Updates from Meeting in RED)

Equipment Committee (equipment@merrimackrowing.org)

Volunteer Members:

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- Joe Bernard (josephbernard@verizon.net)
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- Dennis McCarthy (dennismccarthy216@gmail.com)
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Permanent member club officers:

- President - Dottie Semonian (president@merrimackrowing.org)
- Boat Captain - Gary Styskal (boatcaptain@merrimackrowing.org)

2 New members:

- Eric Montague eric@ericmontague.com
- Marie Russo marie.f.russo@gmail.com

2024 – Shells and Rack Inventory

- 3 new active use rack spaces
 - Everyone that was on rack space waiting list at beginning of year either deferred or has a rack space
 - But 3 new requests added during year!
- Current Inventory and allocation (Rack List on web site is up to date with details):

<u>Active Use Rack Space:</u>						
Club Boats	Singles	15	(3 Zephyrs, 1 MaaS, 11 racing)			
	Kuhn Donation	1	LHS?			
	Doubles (pair)	5				
	<u>4/Quad</u>	1	Wenger & Accomac			
	Total Club	22				
Private Boats	Singles	22				
	Total Private	22	(23 available - one allocated to UML through May 2025)			
<u>Storage Rack Space:</u>						
	Club Indoor	0				
	<u>Private Indoor</u>	<u>4</u>				
	Total Storage Used	4				

Work Items - Oars

#	Items	Owner	Status	Comments
Oars:				
1	Broken Blade on sculling oars (Slot B14)	Gary	DONE	Delaminated areas epoxied by C2 - back in service
2	Broken shaft on sculling oars (Slot A1)	Committee	DEFER TO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET	<p>Non-repairable - Options:</p> <p>(1) Do Nothing</p> <p>(2) Buy single matching Ultralight oar (Ultralight shaft, med flex, Smoothie 2 Vortex blade, contour grip)</p> <p>(3) Buy new pair of oars</p> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <p>- Go with #3 and buy one-time used at next HO CR (Reduced price, no shipping).</p> <p>- If go this way maybe go with Skinny shaft, soft flex, Comp blade, contour grip?</p> <p>Pricing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ultralight New: \$560+Tax - Ultralight HO CR: \$448 +Tax - Skinny New: \$680 +Tax - Skinny HO CR: \$545 + Tax <p>(NOTE: If shipped, add \$150)</p>
3	Bad fixed length grip on oar (Slot B5)	Gary	DEFER TO NEXT YEAR	Out of service until replacement
4	Replace suede handle grips on sweep oars (Qty 8) (INSIDE GRIPS ONLY)	TBD	DEFER TO NEXT YEAR OPENING	<p>Sweep grips purchased/in hand.</p> <p>Replace at closing?</p> <p>Items Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New grips (DONE - Gary to bring) - Stretch wrap (Gary has some - will bring) - Heat gun/hair dryer for removal and pre-warm shaft/grip material (Someone TBD to bring) <p>-Instructions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxoXXjtqYGc</p>

Work Items – Shells and Racks

#	Items	Owner	Status	Comments
Shells:				
5	Missing/broken off bow ball on boat donated by Sarah Kuhn which is on second to top outside rack	Frank	DO AT CLOSING	- Replacement bow balls in cabinet - Gary to bring silicone adhesive
6	Fix/replace taped on bow ball on one of the indoor Peinerts (forget which one, purple??)	Frank	DO AT CLOSING	- Replacement bow balls in cabinet - Gary to bring silicone adhesive
7	Check and if missing replace Peinert plugs	Frank	DO AT CLOSING	- Replacement plugs in cabinet
Racks/Cradles:				
8	Replace cradle on double hanging rack in center bay, fix tackle issues	Gary + Joe/ Bob/Matt	DONE	New cradle with wider span for adjustment and greater inter-shell spacing to allow easier lower shell removal. Binding issue primarily due to deterioration of solid core/outer braid rope - twist/bump formation. Removed most of this with available extra rope on lines. Will need full replacement at some point but functional again.
9	Replace broken heel strap on Wenger and confirm all heel straps on club shells meet US Rowing requirement of ≤ 3 " from footboard		DEFER TO NEXT YEAR	
10	Misc. Rack Improvements	Gary + TBD	DEFER TO NEXT YEAR	Defer to next year/off season

Work Items – Launches

#	Items	Owner	Status	Comments
	Wintech:			
10	- Reinstall Wintech Rudder		DONE	
11	- Wintech & Engine items (see Comments)	Andy + Linas & Gary		<p>Pull boat and trailer to Marina for following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Replace Engine (25HP+?) (2) Replace Control Box and Cables (3) Replace and adjust rudder cable (NOTE: Please retain use of split ring lock nut AND Jam nut on rudder) (4) Fix inability to turn to starboard in reverse (Note: This persisted even when rudder was functional and properly turning. (5) Related to above - Increase range of engine steering if possible (6) Trade in Honda Engine being replaced (7) If possible trade in all 3 Honda Engines. Have replacement (8) Plan to have replacement done next year in advance of season (Winterize/store at boatyard)?? TBD based on cost. Having to pull boat out of Chur's during winter is a risk <p>(NOTE: Boatyard should have water access to observe/resolve reverse turning issue)</p>
12	- If Honda trade ins not possible, sell spare Honda Engines	Frank + Gary	Pending Above	
13	- Wintech Trailer - License plate/Registration Sticker (2025)	Gary	DONE	
	Carolina:			
14	- Pull Carolina, winterize Evinrude engine (change lower unit gear oil, remove props, grease and put back on, grease all fittings and steering, fog engine - Evinrude has self-fogger, pull battery) and transport to winter storage area.	Tim Silveira	In Process	Should be done and at Chur's by this weekend if all goes well
15	- Replace wheel bearing on Carolina Trailer	Tim Silveira	In Process	
16	- Purchase new tarp (Size TBD?) and assemble tent on Carolina at winter storage location: 405 Mammoth Road, Pelham, NH 03076	TBD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tarp Size = Chur to measure/provide tarp size - Bring cordless drill/screw bits, screws, paracord, tarp

Other Usual Closing Items

NOTE: First Arrivals/work will start around 7:30!!

#	Items	Owner	Status	Comments
	<u>Boat House Closing - the usual drill:</u>			
1	- Bring in and de-rig all outside boats	ALL		- Singles on outside rack - Accomac 4x and Vespoli Double on UML trailer
2	- De-rig inside boats as needed to allow outside boats to fit on racks	ALL		
3	- Remove outside boat rack and store in boathouse	ALL		
4	- General tidying up	ALL		
5	- Pull in duck rope	ALL		
6	- etc.	ALL		

- A couple people bring misc tools i.e. open end wrenches (7/16,...), cordless drill/bits for rack disassembly/misc. etc.)

THANKYOU!