

NRRA Newsletter

March 2011

News & Events

NRRA Clothing Store – The webstore was another success this year! The store garnered \$6,452 in sales. Boathouse Sports donates 25% of that back to NRRA so we will be receiving a check for \$1,613. Many thanks to every one who supported us. Wear your gear with pride!

Docks – The docks went in the water without a hitch on March 5th. Many hands made light work and we were able to accomplish much. It was fantastic to have so many masters, youth athletes and parents, and the crew from Fairfield University on site. Thank you! Please see Jim Cooper's report and appreciation below.

Bow Ball – The annual Bow Ball party for Masters rowers is this Saturday. Please RSVP to Laura Case as soon as possible if you plan to attend!

Spring Programs

Youth – The Youth Racing Team began practices on March 7th. Their first regatta is the Greenwich Invitational on April 9th. The Recreational and Middle School programs begin next week – there is still space, so get your registrations in!

Adults – The masters programs are training indoors due to the cold and dark in the mornings. The first official outdoor practices are scheduled to begin on or about April 15th. Stay tuned for details.

Calendar

Upcoming Events and Dates

March 19	Bow Ball for Masters Rowers (please contact Laura Case for details)
March 21	Youth Recreational and Middle School Programs Begin
April 9	Greenwich Invitational Regatta – Greenwich, CT (Youth)
April 16	Mercer Sprints Regatta – Mercer County Park, NJ (Youth)
April 30-May1	Saratoga Invitational Regatta – Saratoga Springs, NY (Youth, overnight)

The Coaches' Megaphone

From Jim Cooper: We had two VERY successful and well-attended work parties to get the site operational again. We much appreciate the individual and collective efforts, and wish to thank everyone involved for the hard work. Old tent structure removed and discarded, racks re-secured, slab cleaned, all docks and ramp installed, launches and engines working, boats rigged and ready, oars painted, athletes already on the water. What a change from only two weeks ago! I have been involved in getting plans and prices for a LARGE, STRONG covered structure to cover the entire slab. We think this is a smart alternative for the immediate and short-term (5-7years?) future. More news will be imminent, and I will assure you this will not be a cheapo collapsing tent like we had. I am privileged to be working with the Novice Boys team once again, and my squad this season looks as promising as ever. Exciting times!

Jim Cooper -- Equipment and Facilities / Novice Boys Coach