

April 2009

We're still waiting for spring to show up here at the boathouse. There was ice all over the river this morning, but I don't care. It's time to row folks!

ADULT PROGRAMS

The spring has started well with the introduction of Leanne Davis, the new Adult Program director. Unfortunately, we had to tell her she couldn't fly a helicopter to work, though the ball field at City Hall was a tempting heliport.

Folks are rowing in the evenings though a brawl broke out between the Varsity Girl's 8 and the Masters Women over the *Goodyear*. One Masters lady was overheard screaming "We have to prepare for the Head of the Charles, NOW!" Unfortunately, they hadn't heard that the Head of the Charles was cancelled for 2009.

MISCELLANEOUS OVERVATIONS:

- Last week, Coop not only remembered his wallet, he bought coffee for everyone at Jimmy's
- Bill Hawkey was spotted parking his Porche on the dock. "Why walk to the water when I can drive?"
- Dave Mapely came by the office and asked us to come back to Ischoda.
- Juliet was spotted on her new treadmill powered shell. "The balance is tough but I can beat anyone on the river now!" says Brocki.
- Two new kegerators have been installed on the slab. "The demand for dark and light beers at B, B and B has pushed us to this." says Huthmaker.
- Sarah Kline was early to practice all week!

YOUTH TEAM

It was found out that all the youth regattas we have scheduled have conflicts with the social lives of the coaching staff so all the races have been cancelled. If you have a complaint, you can find them at Gingerman in SoNo.

In a surprising announcement, the coaches have declared that the kids only need to practice 30 min. a day to win the National Championships. "We love children so much, we just wanted them to hang out with us for 2-3 hours", says Youth Director, Brian Ambrette.

In a shocking display, the Rec Team Boys demolished the Varsity 8 by 2min. in a 2000 meter race. Coach Storck declares them National Champions!

MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS:

- The girl's team declared, "The boys are all cute and we wish we could, like, have an NRRA dance and hang out and text each other from across the room."
- The girl's team actually bent their legs while doing jumpies! (an oldie but goodie ☺)
- In a shocking display of maturity, the boys all waited quietly for their rides. "Why run around shouting at each other when we can sit quietly and focus on being oarsmen" quoted Captain Vergara.
- The ban on fraternizing between the genders was lifted. "We've decided that social bonding is much more important than training and winning." says Huthmaker.

ROAR

In a fit of rage, Outreach Director, Melanie Jacobi, declared, "I tell them over and over, sit up, pull hard, be quiet, keep your head in the boat, wrists flat, early rollups, legs first..... Why can't these kids just row perfectly! I can!"

WEBPAGE

There are rumors that Google has an interest in purchasing the rights to www.norwalkriverrowing.com for \$2.7 million dollars surpassing the record of \$2.3 million for pizza.com. "I'm willing to hold out for more", says Chairman Matt Labine.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The April NRRA Board meeting location has been moved. It will be held on the front steps of the AIG headquarters. “We hope to benefit from some the stimulus money dripping out of their pockets. Then maybe we can finish our boathouse.” says Finance Chair, Leslie Foale.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The staff came to the collective decision that we love our jobs so much that we’re going to work for free until this boathouse gets built. The caveat is that when it’s completed, we’ll then all move in and live upstairs together like the Brady Bunch while helping Charles finishes his renovations.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2008

Charles has declared April to be “Bring a spouse to NRRA Month”. All couples will be forced to row a double together until they “get it right”. (yes this one’s from 2008, but I liked it ☺).

TRAINING TIP OF THE MONTH- What’s the secret to winning races?

The hard and fast rule about pulling hard has been scientifically proven to be false. Studies show that a steady diet of Coors Light and Doritos along with lots of playing Wii Rowing is the best way to Olympic Gold. Dan Walsh, NRRA Alum, states, “I can’t believe I did all that training when I could have traded in my Bronze for a Gold if I had only drank more Coors!”

Happy April Fools-Charles