

# Friends of Concord Crew

## Notes Off The Water Fall 2023



It is quiet in the boathouse. The boats are all de-rigged, the launches moved inside, the inventory done. It feels quiet and settled, if only for a bit.

To any of you that participated in the funding of the new solar lighting system...THANK YOU! Those fall evenings when the darkness comes early or those fall mornings when it takes a while for the skies to lighten up are so much easier to open or close the boathouse....and it is quiet. The coaches still comment on the ease of switching on the lights vs running the generator. They are tickled pink. In looking forward to Summer 2025 and the redevelopment of the Kiwanis Waterfront Park, we welcome any additional donations as we would like to add new security cameras to the boathouse before then, please use my email address at the end of this letter to find out more.

### *Fall Season Updates*

We welcomed back (2) previous Concord Crew rowers to coach youth with us this fall, Giselle Spalding and Luke Lowne. They made the transition from rower to coach easily and we are happy they have added to the number of youth alumni that circle back and participate in Concord crew.

Jim Jensen has joined the board as our new Treasurer and has proven himself to be very good with numbers. Both Jim's kids went through Concord Crew and he has returned to the boathouse as a darn good rower along with his wife, Wendy. We really appreciate that he has joined us for the next 3 years.

The youth had a full season of regattas with boys 2x, an 8+ and the girls with a 4+ and an 8+ boats attending Head of the Charles and Saratoga notably living up to its infamous reputation. NH Champs/George Dirth Regatta turned out to be another fabulous fall day on the water racing. There were over 400 boats racing in it this year. Notable finishes for Concord Crew were 1st in Mens Jr 2x, 1st in Mens Jr 4+, 3rd Mens Jr Novice 8+, 4th in Womens Jr 8+ and 5th in Womens Jr 4+. We are still working on bringing the youth numbers back from

the COVID downturn and are focusing on getting the word out. **You are our best way to get the word out by Concord Crew, help us by telling your friends, neighbors !**

The master's program remains strong and is steadily growing. With practice being only 2 mornings a week and there being a choice to race in regattas or not, it is a very feasible schedule for adults. Master's spring season starts in May next year, after the water has warmed a bit. The masters sent multiple boats to Head of the Charles, a womens 4+ and an 8+ while the men raced an 8+. There were masters who had been to HOCA as collegiate rowers or coxswains and were able to relive those moments and along with other masters who were racing it for their first time.

For those interested, our winter erging will start Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at Concord Parks & Rec on Canterbury Street in Concord. **Don't wait to register!** The erging sessions have become quite popular with yoga and stretching warmups and technic help from our coaches. Visit the Concord Crew Website to find out more on it. If the registration fills up, there are options for erging from home like

<https://www.concept2.com/news/join-virtual-rowing-class>

## *Wreaths*

To all who purchased a Concord Crew wreath...THANK YOU. Our wreath committee was able to get the wreaths here early this year so if you haven't seen yours yet, it will be coming shortly. Your participation in this program really helps keep us going. If you would like to be notified next fall so you can order, let us know by sending an email to [info@concordcrew.org](mailto:info@concordcrew.org) or if you didn't order one this year, send an email and we will contact you if we have extras.

## *Boys in the Boat - Red River Theatre*

**Concord Crew is partnering with Red River Theatres in Concord for the showing of "The Boys in the Boat"!** Opening night is Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, running for 2-3 weeks (subject to change as the movie industry can fluctuate). Concord Crew "Maroon" carpet night is Dec 26th, details to follow in the coming weeks. Put it on your calendar! (Or get your rower/cox a stocking stuffer Red River ticket, ticket & a movie -check the Red River website).

**To this year's graduating High School Seniors – send us a favorite picture of you (rowing preferably)! Email is below.**

After some down time from the season, the board will resume with planning for next year. We have fundraisers to run, rowers to recruit and equipment to replace. Keep abreast of what we are up to by visiting the Concord Crew Website or Facebook page and look for an Alumni Day cookout next Memorial Day weekend. We would love to see what our Alumni have been doing and welcome you back to get in a boat!

Hoorah!

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