

Team Saquish Rowing Education Society, Inc

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Board of directors (BOD): President Mike Jenness, VP Tim Snow, Treasurer Cathy Jenness, Secretary Tony Ruocco, Members Dennis Reddy, Lauren Chartier and Peter Oberto.

We have been doing some major work on the boats. The Interceptor and Jenness have been completed. Thanks to all for the help! The Tucker is now undergoing some much needed TLC. During sanding it was discovered that three of the four oars have significant blade damage. As soon as you notice any damage to equipment please let Mike know sooner rather than later. This helps us get small fixes done before they become major repairs. Stay tuned for “ALL HANDS” messages about repairing the Tucker, and then the Saquish down the road.

Jenness and Saquish have new covers. At over \$500.00 a pop, we need to be careful with putting them on and removing them from the gigs. Also remember the covers have to be removed before the gigs can be towed! Speaking of towing, we want to thank all those who have towed boats all up and down the south shore so that we can row.

We continue to meet at Cordage prior to heading out to Plymouth for launching. This helps ensure we bring the correct number of boats over to the launch ramp.

Upcoming Events

We have been amazingly active since the last newsletter. We have been to the Plymouth Blessing of the fleet, Blackburn, Belfast, and are ready for Gloucester Harbor Days on 8 August. The Blackburn deserves special mentioning as we started out the beginning of the year debating participating in the Blackburn and ended up with 3 full gigs!

The list of events has been updated with folks committing. Thanks for responding to those messages as it helps out with organizing for events.

East Coast Open Rowing Championship

We are getting ramped up for the East Coast Open Water Rowing Championship – it is our home event! We will be asking for folks to help with all sorts of things as the time gets near. Everyone wants to row – we all agree that’s why we joined. But, we will need a dedicated few to work the shore requirements.

Need for Cox’n

We all love rowing. But since we face backwards, someone needs to steer the boat! If anyone is interested in working on becoming a cox for competitive events let the BOD know. If you know someone who might like coxing, even if they don’t row, let us know as well! Sometimes we need to share the coxing duties during a row. If so, please do so as fairly as possible. That way the same folks aren’t giving up the chance to row so that others may. Also, since we are a social as well as a competitive group, be patient with

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our cox'n. Not everyone is comfortable in providing training comments rather than simply steering the gigs.

What else...

Lauren continues to head up the logo for the club. She and Mike are working on getting a digitized format that can then be used for mass producing the t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.

If anyone has experience with requesting grants please contact the board – we are looking for grants to help support the organization in any way we can.

If you know of anyone interested in rowing bring them on the social rows.

Please continue to respond to emails, it really does make a difference!

The next Board meeting will be in August. We are trying to standardize them to the 3rd Sunday of each month, but that is not always a firm date. Board meetings are open – organization members can express ideas, concerns, suggestions, but only board members can vote on decisions.

If you have any topics you would like added, feel free to contact the BOD. Any comments can be sent to our editorial staff, we love feedback!

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Anthony S. Ruocco, Secretary