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ROWING ON THE HUDSON SINCE 1950

Greetings FDR Crew Alumni and Friends



Remember the joy of a crisp early morning row on the magnificent Hudson River in autumn? The river is at its finest this time of year, as the fall foliage brightens our beautiful Hudson Valley. What better time to send out this second edition of our FDR Crew Alumni Newsletter? Our annual fall edition will include information about our rowing program, the boathouse, alumni, and the topic you've all been waiting for...<u>fundraising</u>! Rowing has always been associated with a financial cost, but prior to 2006 FDR rowers did not pay to row. In 2006 the current boathouse, which houses most of the school districts in the area, was built and came with a steep price. The beautiful new facility not only houses shells, it also has a tank room, a small gym, and indoor space for erg workouts. As a result, the Hyde Park Rowing Association (HPRA) and our rowers spend an exorbitant amount of time fundraising every year, and this is your chance to help. Our fall newsletter will provide an overview of our annual budget along with a wide variety of ways to support our program and our rowers. Thank you, in advance, and we wish you a happy, festive season doing what you love, as we prepare and plan for another season doing what we love–rowing!



There are 71 pennants hanging on the wall in the tank room. They represent the schools attended by local crew athletes who continued with crew in college. We are still trying to obtain a Brock University pennant to add to the wall.

At the Boathouse:



If you rowed for FDR since the team moved into the new boathouse, your senior team picture is in our bay on our wall of seniors.

Friendly Faces

This spring we were happy alumni stopped by to watch our current team.



Jeff Knakal and his wife visited during the Triangular Race in May. Jeff rowed for FDR 1975-1978.



Melissa Leuken Short stopped by during the Race for the Cure in June. Melissa rowed for FDR 1985-1988.

Our Yearly Expenses:

Boathouse Fees/Tank Usage	\$19, 325
Ergs/Misc Equipment/Parts/Repairs	6,500
Race Related Expenses	4,500
Admin/Operating Expenses*	<u>4,500</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$34,825

*insurance, dues, scholarships, etc

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Looking to donate?

You could make a general donation or specify an item from our wish list below.

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Estimated cost

Double/Pair Sweep oars (8) Sculling oars (2 sets of 2) Coxswain box- NK

Ergs- Concept 2 Model D Stroke Coach GPS- NK Sponsor athletes \$17000 \$450 each \$700 per pair \$900 each \$1000 \$450 Any donations to this will be distributed to athletes at the discretion of the

Donations can be made by check payable to HPRA PO Box 135 Staatsburg, NY 12580 or yia PayPal



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HPRA board

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