



Junior Crew Booster Club
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Dear Rowers, Coxswains and Parents,

Welcome to the 2006-2007 RCRC Junior Crew rowing season! We are looking forward to another year of great rowing, good competition and the growth and development of River City athletes and the Jr. Crew. The Jr. Crew is actively recruiting new members so that our team can field multiple boats during competition. If you know of other families with middle/high school aged children, please extend an invitation to them to check out our club. Coaches Jeanne Bartkiewicz, Carolyn McCormick and Adam Donovan are returning after their successful inaugural seasons and we're looking at another great year. Our team is currently recruiting a new coach for the novice men. We hope to have that candidate in position prior to the start of the season.

Volunteers – Our club relies on the rower's parents and families for their help to ensure that the club can provide all of the necessary ancillary support to run the regattas and to run the club. Each family is requested to contribute a minimum of 20 hours (food and participation) to the club. The club needs assistance whether it is at home hosting a regatta or on the road competing outside of the area. We ask that all families contribute some time to make our season a success for our children. A great deal of the volunteer time can be done at your convenience and in the comfort of your office or home. This season we have included a Parent Participation Form so that each family can keep track of the required 20 hours of participation. I am in the process of creating a parent handbook that will outline the different ways that families can help their rower and the club. The handbook will explain what a parent should expect regarding their child's activities as the season progresses. If you are new to the club this handbook should answer many of your questions. I hope to have this valuable resource available before the start of the season.

Team Parent Meetings - Each coach will schedule a team parents' meeting early in the season. This is an important meeting. It will provide parents with an opportunity to meet the coach and other team parents, ask questions about practices, competitions, etc. - even about rowing! Please be sure to attend this meeting.

Registration Packet – The team has posted this packet on the junior crew website: www.rcrcjuniors.org for download. We will also have some packets at the preseason barbecue on Sat. Sept 9th. The packet provides several items that have useful information and forms that must be turned in before an athlete can participate in Jr. Crew activities. The checklist sheet enumerates the “what, when and where” of what you need to turn in. Note that most items are due the second day of practice. Fall dues are to be paid no later than October 1, 2006.

Dues – Our Treasurer, Elizabeth Huerta, has prepared information on dues and payments on the following page. Your Board believes that our dues are still very reasonable and a real bargain for the wonderful benefits that our athletes receive. Elizabeth has prepared a Dues Payment Voucher which should be included with your payment. She may be contacted for additional information about dues or financial arrangements and scholarships.

If you have any questions regarding this packet or anything related to the club, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (916.383.4346) or by email (rdagang@sbcglobal.net). I look forward to an exciting season and seeing each of you at many RCRC Jr. Crew events.

Sincerely,
Rafael Dagang, President