

Welcome to SHEN CREW VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Suddenly you find your son or daughter is:

- a. gone
- b. tired
- c. getting up at dawn... without complaining
- d. eating like a horse, or eating only salad
- e. producing sweaty, wet piles of clothing
- f. talking a strange language
- g. all of the above

Congratulations! You have a rower in the family

Your child has been captured by a wonderful, lifelong sport. He or she will build muscles and endurance... and character, by learning the value of persistence, dedication and teamwork. This handout will help you get a handle on what happens outside of practice to keep the club going. **As a rowing family, you will be involved with a wide assortment of Volunteer Activities.**

One of the most important aspects of the success of the Shen Crew program involves volunteer support from parents, rowers, friends, other family members and our community. *Shen Crew has enjoyed tremendous support from all these participants in the past and must have willing, energetic support in the future to sustain a viable program.*

All Shen Crew families must participate in both fundraising and service efforts throughout the year. By doing so, we establish a bond and share unique experiences which are an uncommon occurrence between teens and parents today.

- **Friend Raising** – *To build general acceptance for Shen Crew among all community organizations, including: alumni, parents, athletes, coaches, neighbors, businesses and foundations. The “Friend Raising” activities happen when we are visible to our community – Open Houses, Learn to Row, Competitions and Service Projects.*
- **Fund Raising** – *To secure financial means for Shen Crew’s equipment and facilities maintenance, repair and replacement. The “Fund Raising” activities are neighborhood and community events. But, they may also be large scale. **There are many opportunities for individuals and corporations to get involved and support Shen Crew. For more information on naming opportunities, partnerships and donations, please contact the Board of Directors.***

How you help:

Volunteer for a committee...

The success of our club depends on the support of volunteer parents/families. Parents need to assess their skills/interests and help out on a committee where they can best contribute. We need at least one parent volunteer from every family (more volunteers are always welcome!) in order to accomplish all the behind the scenes tasks that keep our club running smoothly, providing the best possible experience for our rowers.

Help is needed to maintain equipment, coordinating food preparation at regattas, making travel arrangements, organizing fundraising efforts, transporting rowers to and from practices and regattas, and support the club in a multitude of other ways..

Call or email the board member or committee chair responsible for the type of work you're interested in - they'll be thrilled to hear from you! Many of the adults involved in leadership roles this year are the parents of seniors who will be leaving the club at the end of the year, so please start thinking now about which roles you might be interested in filling next year as well.

If you have questions about volunteer opportunities – please call Leslie Neely, cell: 269-2618 or home: 373-5741.

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NAME: _____ Rower Level: _____

• **Club Fundraising Activities: (Individual Family involvement)**

Every family is expected to participate in the Erg-a-thon, Candle Sale and Flower Sale fundraisers. Additionally, all rowers + 1 adult per family are expected to participate in Bottle Drives – in support of recycling, community service and fundraising – in the Spring & Fall Seasons.

Because these are major fundraisers for our club, a buy-out option is offered in lieu of participation, varying from \$40-\$75, depending on the activity.

• **Club Volunteer Activity (Each Family must chose at least one)**

Parents or other adults can volunteer for volunteer positions by:

- Signing up at General Meetings.
- Contacting the Volunteer Coordinator. (Leslie Neely, 269-2618 or 373-5741 or lesneely@nycap.rr.com)

FUNDRAISING

Chair: Donna Zavery & ?

Bottle Drives – 2 families needed per season – Fall - Blakes & ? 1 more needed. _____
Spring _____
Summer (Henley rowers only) _____

Plan & coordinate the bottle drive(s). We gather from neighborhoods, sort and get \$.07 per piece!

Ergathon – 3 families needed for Committee Winter _____

Plan & coordinate the event. The rowers get sponsorships and spend hours erg-ing at the Mall for the Public to see and appreciate. It is possible for this event to take different directions – your plans!

Candle Sale – (Fall) Chair: Dale Hartmann Committee _____

Yankee Candles – gotta luv ‘em! Sell them for gifts & others. The sorting is done at the factory. Dale needs help counting and getting the orders in. Envelopes are in the rowers hands at this time. Go, GO!

Flower Sale – (Spring) Committee _____

Chair: _____

Gorgeous flowers (annuals) in flats, pots & hanging baskets. The repeat customers will tell you that they actually call to re-order year after year! Chair needed, and volunteers to help organize the sorting at the boathouse when the flowers are delivered. Families pick up their orders from the boathouse.

NEW IDEA – Committee is forming. May take place in Spring. Committee _____

Coach Matt, Leslie Neely, ? , ? , ? ... please help plan

ORGANIZATION

Board Member: (June-June commitment) Wish to be considered: Current Year: _____

Future Nomination: May 2009: _____

Registrar: Terri Benway USRowing Registry: Pam Allers Web-site: Terri Benway

Liaison: Modified: Suzy Ballantyne Novice: Susan Miranda Varsity: Melissa Ehler

Photographer: Suzy & Pat Ballantyne

Publicity: _____ & Mark Wilson Historian: Linda LeBlanc Education: _____
(1st Aid, USRowing Safety, Coxswain)

RECRUITING & NEW ROWER

Chair: _____

Recruiting new rowers: High School: _____ Middle School: _____ Community: _____

Swim Tests: _____ Open House: Fall done Early Spring _____ June _____

REGATTA & CLUB ACTIVITES

“Foodies” High School Regattas: Committee _____ Chair: _____ (High School ONLY)
(McKay, Gemitti, Ehler, Seidl)

Modified Race Days: Food Organizer _____ (Modified ONLY)

“Home Site” Fun (Barbecues, Pizza Parties, “Movie Nights”) _____
(whole club activities at our boathouse)

End-of-Season Banquets: Chairs: Sue Boudreau, Stephanie Gemitti

Away-Regatta Hotels: (research and make group reservation) Zoeb Zavery, Peter Gemitti

Food Trailer & Tent Equipment: (prepare, load, clean upon return) _____

Fall Social Event: Chair: Stephanie Gemitti Committee _____
Plan a fun club-wide event for the parents, and maybe the kids, too. But, maybe not!

Scull of the Duck Regatta: Chair (Head Duck) _____ Committee _____

BOATHOUSE – EQUIPMENT

Bulletin Board _____ Fridge clean-out _____ First Aid Kit Review _____

ERG Maintenance _____ Shell Maintenance _____ Oar Maintenance _____

New Construction _____ (boat slings, racks, award displays, etc.)

Dock Launch & Motors _____ (Helping Mike Fisher, Charlie Charbonneau)

Gas purchase _____ (Fall – Mark Feldhousen & 1 more)
_____ (Spring – 2 needed)

Launch Driver _____ willing to drive, and I have had training NAME: _____
Able to help if needed during the week: _____
week-end only: _____

_____ want to learn, and will take training NAME: _____

Please check off where you see blank lines. We need every blank line to have a volunteer. With everyone participating in a big way, this will be the best year yet for Shen Crew.

Questions? Contact: Leslie Neely, Volunteer Coordinator 269-2618 or 373-5741 or lesneely@nycap.rr.com

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