

Shen Crew Weekly Newsletter

Upcoming Dates:

June 3rd – Mod Champs

June 5-9th – Free week

June 5th – HS Busing change, see note in free week

June 6th – Annual Membership meeting & board vote 6pm boathouse

June 9-11th – Youth Nationals – Boys Senior Double competing in FL

June 16th – Spring Banquet at The Vista Restaurant 6:00-9:00pm

June 26th – Summer Crew Starts (Var/Fresh 6-8:00am, Mod 9-12:00)

SRAA Nationals Results:

On May 26th and 27th the Shen Crew sent 8 boats to the Scholastic National Championships on the Cooper River in Camden, NJ, with the Boys Junior Quad, Boys Senior Double and Girls Senior Quad advancing to the finals. The Senior Double consisting of Michael Campone and Joshua Freitas captured the Gold and the National Title by 4.1 seconds over Malvern Preparatory School and the rest of the 16 boat field. Congratulations to Mike and Josh and the rest of the Shen Crew Team for their outstanding effort!

Spring 2017 Race Schedule:

Mod Champs (6/3, Mechanicville, All Modified)

USRowing Youth Nationals (6/9-6/11, Sarasota, FL, Boys Senior Double)

Spring Banquet – RSVP due by Sat 6/10

The Spring Banquet planning has begun. Mark your calendars for **June 16 at 6:00pm**. Please see the attached invitation and send in with payment to reserve your spot. The RSVP is due to The Vista on June 10th so don't delay. You will NOT be able to pay at the door. If you have group photos you'd like considered for the slide show, send to Savannah at shencrewpics2017@gmail.com. Please be sure to send your donation for coaches gifts to your appropriate Liaison THIS WEEK as a thank you for all their hard work during the season.

Free Week

Free week is planned for the week after Mod Champs. This is a time when kids can invite friends, neighbors or classmates to try crew for free. It's a great recruiting opportunity and we encourage everyone to participate. Non crew kids are NOT allowed to ride the buses, they will have to provide their own transportation. Attached is a flyer if you'd like to share with prospect.

We are aware there are field trips & moving up ceremonies coming up which may have some kids not attending one day of the week rotationally. We will continue to hold practice for all the others not affected and want to continue to have them on the water as much as possible. We are hoping some of the Varsity kids will come meet & encourage the new people and share with them their stories of how they got started in crew.

Important Note – After this week, HS busing will be reduced to the yellow school bus, students from HSW should catch the shuttle to HSE for transport to the boathouse beginning on Mon 6/5. Last day of practice for HS will be June 9.

Summer Henley interest

The coaches are asking for a parental response (Yes or No) if your Freshman or Varsity athlete will be going to the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Aug 7th-13th. Racing starts on the 8th so departure will be Monday 8/7 and returning Sat 8/12 &/or 8/13 depending on race performance and qualifications. In general, they will participate in three races each and/or more should they qualify for next level. Proof of citizenship (passport, driver's license or NYS Advanced ID) should be current and deadline to register is coming soon so a quick tally of commitment is necessary to move forward with plans. A RSVP email Yes or No with your child's name and your name confirming financial commitment should be sent to Sean O'Brien at seanobrien@shencrew.com by next Friday 6/9. We'll be able to give better price estimate after we confirm interest and will ask for first deposits by the end of June to commit and finalize plans. (preliminary cost is expected to be around \$750 for the week which includes race fees, transportation, hotel and all meals).

Lost & Found – 2 more weeks to claim before items donated

The lost & found box at the boathouse has started to fill up. Please look at the list below and ask your child to take home this week. Anything not picked up will be brought to banquet at end of season and then donated to charity if unclaimed.

From BC Champs – left at food tent – Coffee Thermos & Coffee cup
Black Tek Gear sweat pants
Black Danskin sweat pants
Blue Under Armour hoodie
Black hoodie with lime green trim
Black Mountain Hard Wear 1/4 zip pullover
Black Coldpruf crewneck base layer
Numerous water bottles (Camelback, Gatorade, Win Tech, Health Ahead, DeLuke Orthodontics, Healthy Living Market)
Black North Face jacket
Green Exersion hoody – Medium
A thermal lunch box - black with red trim

Annual Membership Meeting – We need 3 new board members!

Please join us for the annual membership meeting on **Tuesday June 6th at 6pm** at the Boathouse. Season summary, equipment update and future plans will be discussed and we will be electing our new board members. We hope you'll plan to attend before you pick up your child. We have three open seats, so anyone interested in seeking a leadership position with the board of directors should contact Mary Hanratty at maryshencrew@gmail.com for more information and to submit a short biography.

Note - no board experience necessary, just the willingness to help so our kids can do the sport they love. Board terms are two years.

Panera Fundraiser Results

Last week we held our first Food fundraiser at Panera. This was a different fundraiser than we've done before since the donation % was dictated by flyers presented. Flyers 28 were collected which means 10%. Sales \$582.96 which means Donation coming to Shen Crew for \$58.30 towards the equipment fund. Thank you to all that attended. (Due to this low donation structure we will probably not repeat this location next year but wanted to try since they reached out to us to sponsor).

Summer Freshman/Varsity Announcement

Varsity parents: Summer seems like a long time away, but we have set the price and are committed to giving you more lead time for planning purposes. It is \$510 and will be payable in two payments. Travel, hotel & meals to Philly Youth Regatta are included. Practice will run from 6:00 – 8:00 am, Monday through Friday and begins on Monday, June 26th. There will be a second rower discount. A registration link will be coming out soon and we're looking forward to a great summer of competition and skills improvement!

Summer Modified Announcement

Summer Modified Season is a skills development session for middle school rowers. It runs from 9 am to noon Monday through Friday and begins on Monday, June 26th. It is structured slightly differently this year: Price for any four weeks is \$270; additional weeks will be \$65/week. You may break up your four weeks to accommodate other camps and family vacations, but we ask that you indicate which weeks you intend to send your rower at the time you register. Summer Modified season ends on Friday, August 18th. The Registration link will be active by the end of May and will include an opportunity to select attendance weeks.

Please note that at the end of the spring season, rising 9th graders move up to the Freshman team and are no longer eligible for Modified summer programs, but will be part of the summer competitive varsity program.

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Monthly meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of each month (unless school vacation weeks) 7:00 – 9:30 pm. While the meetings are open for all to listen, Public Comment period begins promptly at 7:00, ending at 7:30. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your input is a valuable source to continue to foster a positive nurturing environment and experience the tradition of Crew. (Meetings held in Gowana Café or Library, check location on the website and/or on top of this newsletter to confirm).

Liaisons can answer general qts:

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