

Shen Crew Weekly Newsletter

Upcoming Dates:

April 13-May 19th – Hoffman Car Wash Sales

May 1st or May 3rd – New SPAC training available

May 4th – **Steinmetz Sprints** - Modified scrimmages begin

May 7th – BC Champs Regatta

May 12th - Freshman pasta party (*Be sure to sign up to bring food item!*)

May 13th& 14th NYS Championships (Varsity & Freshman)

May 19th & 20th Stotesbury Cup Regatta (Varsity & Freshman)

May 19th – Modified Pasta Party

Saratoga Invitational

So everyone survived the warm Sat and very cold Sunday – welcome to the unpredictable weather of Spring Crew. This is why we tell the kids to bring layers in case of rain, getting wet in boat and/or just cold days. Congratulations to everyone who raced this weekend.

The following boats brought home medals:

Modified Girls A & B boats – Both earned Gold medals

Boys JV Quad & Boys Varsity Double – Both earned Bronze Medals.

Thank you to all the parents that helped at the food tent both Saturday & Sunday.

A special shout out of gratitude goes to Xun Wang, Jodi Kennedy & Donna Cuva that pitched in without being on the schedule – Thank you ladies!!

****FOOD TENT SIGN UP – Freshman & Varsity Parents - We still need workers for Sat May 13th Race!! All families must help serve one meal at one regatta!! Did you volunteer at food tent yet?!**

<http://signup.com/go/IRGQDBK>

Modified Steinmetz Sprints Begin

The Steinmetz Sprints will start on **Thursday May 4** against BHills & Nisky. This will give the mods who did not race at the Saratoga Invitational a chance to practice racing before the Junior B/Cs on Sunday. (Friday 5/5 will be practice then loading the trailer so race was moved to Thursday 5/4). We will also hold sprints on the 12th and 19th of May. Additional sprints to be scheduled to prepare for the Mod championships.

BC Champs added to schedule for May 7th:

Exciting news... BC Champs is added on the schedule for HS & Modified ages 16 and under. This race will be **Sunday 5/7** at Saratoga. The coaches will be making the line ups accordingly. Tentatively the weather is showing possible rain for Sunday so... be sure you & your child come prepared. We race in the rain so bring umbrellas and wear rain boots or appropriate shoes for muddy grounds.

Spring 2017 Race Schedule:

Steinmetz Sprints –Fridays in May Friday the 5, 12th, 19th and 26 (Modified only at practice times our boathouse) CHANGE: This week will be Thurs 5/4 instead of 5/5!

**** BC Champs – Newly added – 5/7 –** (Modified, Frosh & Varsity ages 16 & under)

NYS Championships (5/13-5/14), Saratoga Springs, Varsity, Frosh)

Stotesbury Cup Regatta (5/19-5/20, Philadelphia, PA, Varsity, Frosh) (Travel on 5/18)

SRAA Nationals (5/26-5/27), Camden, NJ, Qualifying Crews) (Travel and Practice on 5/25)

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

USRowing Youth Nationals (6/9-6/11, Sarasota, FL, Qualifying Crews only w/ Coach's Discretion)

Food Fundraiser Results

Thank you for everyone that came out last week to Chipotle. Shen Crew will receive a check from Chipotle for \$322.20, which is 50% of the sales brought in. This goes toward our equipment fund for next year's purchases. Great job everyone!

Our next food fundraiser will be at Panera in CPark on Tues, 5/23 – mark your calendars.

Hoffman Car Wash

Sales begin on April 13th and order sheets are due by Friday, May 19th. Informational sheets and order forms were emailed 4/12 to all teams and posted to Shen Crew Website. This is a great opportunity to raise money to support our team because almost everyone has heard of Hoffman's and the cost of the tickets is the same price that they would pay if they went directly to Hoffman's. And we earn 50% of the sales of all tickets sold!

Sales goals are as follows: \$150 for a 1 rower family (Buyout price – \$75) and \$225 for a 2 rower family (Buyout price – \$112.50). For the door-to-door sales and the order forms/payments collected, we will place a group order with Hoffman's shortly after the fundraiser ends on May 19. We will receive the tickets shortly after that. Ticket distribution to rowers will occur 7 – 10 days from the official end of the fundraiser.

SPAC Summer Concerts - Time to pick concerts & additional training!

Shen crew will be participating in the SPAC summer concert program again this summer (June, July, August & Sept) where parents will be manning the concession stands during live nation events and all proceeds will go towards the Shen Crew equipment fund for 2018 purchases. **WE NEED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO VOLUNTEER!**

Summer concerts are Dave Matthews, Train, The Dead, Third Eye Blind, Foreigner with Cheap Trick, Rod Stewart, Florida Georgia Line, Chicago and more!! (Note – last year Shen Crew earned over \$7,700 for the equipment fund by participating in these events. This went towards our new four boat & oars purchase that are being used this season.)

For those that are trained, you may choose as many concerts as you wish. We ask everyone trained works at least one concert but we have lots of money making opportunities this year with the large number of concerts they have offered to us so please sign up for as many as you can do. It will be first come first serve. We will need to report all names to legends by **MAY 12th** so don't delay. **Here is the link for trained or people attending training this week only to choose their concerts to work.**

<http://signup.com/go/BuNPbjd>

If you have questions, please email to Barb Moore. barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com

New SPAC Volunteer Training (2 more sessions): Monday May 1st or Wed May 3rd are two more sessions at 6:30pm. Those who had successfully completed the training last year (spring 2016) are not required to attend. Since last year was our first year only new SPAC volunteers will be required to train. There will be multiple organizations attending the training which is mandatory to work for Legends/Live Nation/SPAC. We will be backstage at SPAC for orientation. Parking will be in the Auto Museum Lot and there will be signs pointing you where to go from there. Please RSVP to barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com if you are planning on attending.

SRAA Nationals Hotel info (Varsity & Freshman):

For this race, there is no parent block as parents need to make their own reservations. Racing is Friday 5/26 & 27th. Kids will be traveling the Thursday before with Chaperones. Parents can reserve room (first come first serve) at BestWestern online or call: https://www.bestwestern.com/content/best-western/en_US/booking-path/hotel-details.31046.html?propertyCode=31046&disablenav=true&suppressSSLPopup=true&sub=P3434

Clynk bottle redemption- All season

Exciting news – Hannaford stated that Shen Crew is the #1 Clynk fundraising group in NY! Hannaford was filming Kids & parents during the parent meeting and will be highlighting Shen Crew and our success with this program. If you did not attend the meeting and need info on how to sign up for your personal account to go towards Shen Crew success, please email Barb Moore for information.

Newsletter Email

Parents: when you registered your athlete this spring in our online registration, the first email address entered is the one being used for all of our rosters (fundraising, volunteer, billing, etc.) If you wish us to use a different email address, please send your preferred email to Nancy Paulsen (treasurer/registrar) at receivables@shencrewadmin.com so we can make sure you are getting important information. If you are getting this in error – please also send an email to be removed from the distribution list and name of previous rower. Thank you!

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. Specific data with dates will come out later as it gets closer. There will be a second rower discount. We're looking forward to a great summer of competition and skills improvement!

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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