

## Shen Crew Weekly Newsletter

### Important Program & Payment Dates:

- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Fall Crew Modified starts with busing after school
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting (see note at bottom of newsletter)
- Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – Second payment Varsity, Freshman
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rowathon - Var/Fresh 8:00 – 12:00, Mod 8:00 – 11:00
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> – Smash Party Fundraiser directly following Rowathon 12-2:00
- Sept 30<sup>th</sup> – Tail of Fish at Saratoga
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Final payment Modified due
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Mohawk Classic
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Final payment Varsity and Freshman due
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> – Varsity & Freshman Pasta Party

*\*Note Please also visit [www.Shencrew.com](http://www.Shencrew.com) calendar for full calendar of events.*

### Transportation to Practice

**Modified** will get their bus outside the Gowana Bus port (near the Aquatic Center). The regular school buses will fill and depart the parking lot. Then the Shen Crew bus will pull up and pick up the rowers. Please do not approach the bus until it makes a complete stop. Do not eat on the bus.

**Freshman** will get the bus at HSW. Do not eat on the bus.

**Varsity (Grades 10, 11 and 12)** will get the upstate travel bus in the back lot of HSE. The bus will leave at 2:50pm, so please hustle out of HSE at end of day. Please do not eat on the bus.

### Rowathon Fundraiser – Envelopes due this week!

The annual Row-a-thon is here! The Row-a-thon is our biggest fundraiser of the year grossing roughly \$10,000 for the annual budget. These funds go towards the general running of the club which keeps our dues to the bare minimum.

Bring 10 envelopes addressed to your family, friends, or local businesses that know you or your rower, with your return address and a stamp on it. That is all you need to do and leave the rest to us!

**If you did not drop off at the parent meeting.... Please drop off at boathouse in Rowathon box THIS WEEK! Last day is Thur 9/14! (Be sure you have your name in return address for credit)**

The Rowathon is scheduled for Sat 9/23 for all athletes. We want to get the donation letters mailed prior so the first batch of letters were already mailed after the parent meeting to get us off to a great start.

### Volunteer Jobs needing to be filled

Have you chosen your volunteer job yet? We are in need of the following jobs to be filled:

- Boathouse desk duty volunteers for Tues, Wed & Thursday coverage.
- Two co-coordinators for the Fall end of season Pizza Party.
- Two Corporate Sponsorship volunteers
- Smash party coordinator for 9/23 event after rowathon

Please use the following link to volunteer sign up for your job THIS WEEK:

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

If you have questions on any positions, please contact board member Stephanie Pidgeon at [stephaniepidgeon@shencrewadmin.com](mailto:stephaniepidgeon@shencrewadmin.com) for assistance.

### **Food Tent Reminder & open shifts**

Feeding our kids is a necessary part of crew and every family has to help with this. As a reminder, one member from every household must work one shift (breakfast or lunch) at one regatta to meet their food tent obligation.

If you did not sign up for your shift we have a few open where we need help:

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

### **Exciting News and Congratulations!**

We are pleased to announce that one of our rowers; **Joshua Freitas**, has been selected to participate in the Youth Regional Challenge at the 2017 World Rowing Championships in Sarasota, FL. Joshua is coming off an exceptionally strong spring season; having won the Stotesbury Cup, and Scholastic National Championship in the Senior 2x. He is also no stranger to the course in Sarasota, having medaled there this spring at the USRowing Youth National Championships.

The Challenge will feature 312 of the top Under-19 rowers from across the six USRowing regions. Each of the six regions – Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest – will be represented by two all-star crews in each of the four boat classes – the men's and women's eights and men's and women's quads.

Heats will take place on Saturday, September 23, following the 2017 World Rowing Championships spares' races and preceding the Opening Ceremony. Finals will take place on Sunday, September 24, immediately following the completion of the first day of heats.

Join us in congratulating Joshua and the rest of his Northeast region crew as we wish them great success in Florida.

### **Fall Season Dates**

**Saturday September 23rd:** Rowathon – All Teams Var/Fresh 8:00 – 1:00, Mod 8:00 – 11:00

**Saturday September 30th:** TAIL OF THE FISH, Saratoga Springs (Var/Frosh/Select Mods)

**Sunday October 8th:** MOHAWK FALL CLASSIC, Scotia (Jumping Jacks), (All Teams)

**Sunday October 15th:** NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS, Pembroke, NH, (Var/Frosh)

**Friday - Sunday October 19th - 22nd** - HEAD OF THE CHARLES, Boston, MA (Select Crews)

**Saturday & Sunday October 28th & 29th** - HEAD OF THE FISH, Saratoga Springs (All Teams)

**Saturday November 4th (Date TBD)** - FALL MOD CHAMPS (Location TBD, most likely Saratoga)

### **Regatta Links for directions or details**

As discussed at the parent meeting there are two main sites to get more details on the regattas. Streamline rowing is for races at Saratoga and Regatta Central is for all others. Here are the links for your convenience.

<https://streamlinerowing.com/>

<https://www.regattacentral.com/regattas>

### **Corporate Funding:**

Friends of Shenendehowa Crew - Corporate Partners

Please take time to visit and support our partners who have actively provided funding or in-kind services to the betterment of our organization. Their logos and website links will be located on [www.shencrew.com](http://www.shencrew.com).

Target

Hannaford

Belmonte Builders

Stewart's Shops (Corporate Foundation)

Dick's Sporting Goods (Community Foundation)

Frank & Son's Body Works

Additional information will be provided at the upcoming Parent Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Board Members: Barb Moore or Roger Pelham. We will continue to share with the membership as sponsorships occur and recognize all members who bring in corporate funding on behalf of the team.

### **New Hampshire Travel Regatta**

Varsity & Freshman teams will depart Saturday AM October 14 by bus from the Kohl's park & ride lot and return late Sunday PM October 15. The team will be staying at the Hampton Inn-Bow/NH.

There is a block of parent's room, must reserve by September 23: [603-224-5322](tel:603-224-5322) and use group code: SCP.

### **Pick up Reminder**

To ALL members/drivers: While Mohawk Avenue is a public road, please respect their space and their neighborhood and **ONLY use Maritime Drive for access to the boathouse.** The entry to Maritime Drive is closer to the railroad and has a large sign for the Maritime Center on the corner. Also, as a reminder, the speed

limit on Maritime Drive is 25mph. While we are all in a rush to get somewhere, please be mindful of your speed as we often have the kids running as part of their workout routine. Please do not block the sidewalk of the therapy building nor their mail box when parking.

**September BOD Meeting Note** – The Sept 19<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting is being held off site at Mohawk River Casino – 6:15pm Tour then meeting. They share the river with us and have reached out to Shen Crew with interest for possible sponsorship which is why we are holding this meeting offsite. We will have limited space for open meeting but if you have an important agenda item, please contact President Rob Partlow prior to meeting to confirm time on agenda.

### **Monthly Board of Directors Meeting**

Monthly meetings are typically held on the second or third Tuesday of each month (unless school vacation weeks) 7:00 – 9:30 pm during school year. 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. Summer meetings are held 7-9:00 at Clifton Park Town Library.

**Questions?? Please visit the website at [www.shencrew.com](http://www.shencrew.com)**

**Additionally, our New Family Liaison can answer general questions:**

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