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Message From the RGCC Board

RGCC Community—

This year has been full of unexpected challenges. While we as a board did our best to project business as usual, we can now admit that behind the scenes it was an extremely stressful, time-consuming, exhausting and emotional one, with a Plan B (and sometimes C) for just about everything.

We abided by very strict rules at Hines Rowing Center, were in constant contact with RHS and stayed on top of the news—just waiting for the next shoe to drop. When it all started, who knew that we would be drafting Covid waivers, cleaning up after a flood, getting creative with the ergathon, meeting via Zoom, pricing *on-water* winter training, immersing ourselves in return-to-practice protocols, resurrecting the mulch fundraiser, tracking down live stream links, and organizing last-minute bus transportation?

Despite the added complexity, our goal was pretty simple (but not easy): to give our daughters some normalcy in a year of anything but. We think we succeeded. We hope you do, too.

After this year of “who knows?” all we want for us as a board,

too, is normalcy. We want the freshman parent carpool, in-person parent meetings, pre-regatta pasta parties. We want to wake up before dawn to set up on the muddy riverbank. We want to complain about regatta parking and to stand under a tent in the cold rain, cheering on our girls at Head of the Schuylkill (and Manny Flick 1). *Do you know that next year's senior families (and only a few of them, for that matter) are the last to have experienced a full, normal year—and it was their freshman year?*

As a board, we believe one of our responsibilities is to ensure that the RGCC traditions are transitioned to the families who follow us; however, after the year we have had, we need a little more time. We want to get 2021-22 off to a normal start. We want our newer families to experience what RGCC is truly about. We want to resurrect regatta hospitality in some way, shape or form. We want to get to know our soon-to-be sophomore and junior families even better and for you to have a better understanding of how you might want to take on a bigger role with RGCC. (And don't worry, rising senior parents—we need you, too!)

By some miracle, the entire current board except one will have a daughter in RGCC next year. This buys us time, time that we need more than ever. As such, we have agreed as a board to stay on in our current roles into next year, with the goal of “older” parents transitioning during the late fall/early spring. We believe this is best for the club and will provide the continuity that is so needed.

Typically we'd make this announcement during the year-end banquet; however, on June 3 we will spend no to minimal time on “business.” Instead, we will fully embrace the opportunity to finally gather in person, reconnect as a community and

celebrate our athletes.

With all our hearts, we wish the Class of 2021 the best as we send you off on the next step of your journey—you will be missed. To the classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024—have an amazing summer, and we'll see you in a few months!

Meghan Johnson—president (Maddie, '21, and Margot, '24)

Sarah Carroll—outgoing vice president/incoming fundraising (Ellie, '22)

Jim Ernst—treasurer (Chloe, '23)

*Kristin Van Dusen—outgoing fundraising (Avery, '21): **Thank you, KVD, for your commitment to RGCC the past four years!***

Sangeeta Purohit—recording secretary (Sonali, '23)

Lisa Enderle—communications secretary (Peyton, '22)

Hospitality and Fundraising

And speaking of soon-to-be senior parents, a big shout-out to Julie Schultz and Maryellen Dugan! Julie has volunteered to be our hospitality chair next year, and Maryellen will take on the ergathon and work with Sarah Carroll on our 25th anniversary planning. Stay tuned for more volunteering needs!

Season Results

What a spring! Congrats to all of our athletes and coaches for a strong season, which consisted of 28 entries across six regattas.

- Flick I—N8: 5/5; JV4: 3/6; Ltwt4: 3/4; Ltwt4: 2/3; V4:4/5; V8: 4/6
- Flick 2—N4: 1/5; N4: 2/5; N8: 6/6; V4: 2/4; V8: 4/4
- Flick 3—N4: 1/5; N8: 5/5; Ltwt8: 2/2; V4: 3/5; V8: 4/5
- City Champs—N4: 4/5; N8: 2/5; V4: 13/17; Ltwt8: 2/3; V8: 4/17
- Stotesbury—F8: 11/19; Ltwt4: 8/11; Ltwt8: 2/4; V4: 4/25; V8: 14/14
- SRAA—Ltwt8: 3/5; V8 12/20

From the Launch: A Message from Coach Travis

Well, we did it. Thank you to the parents and athletes who helped

get us to this point. In a difficult year, I'm proud of how well everyone rallied to get the girls back on the water and racing. I'm proud of us for providing the girls with some structure and a sense of community at a time when so many were learning virtually.

Our league, the PSRA, was the first organization of any kind in Philadelphia permitted to hold large outdoor gatherings. Many eyes were on us, and it took everyone doing their part so the athletes could race. I hope our girls, each one an ambassador for our program, feel proud as well. They approached each practice prepared to push themselves and each other to be better rowers, coxswains and teammates. This is a giving sport. I know the girls gave it their all, and that's all I can ask for. Congratulations to our graduating seniors!

Captains Corner

We are so thankful to have been your 2020-21 captains. Congrats to everyone on our amazing season, securing our spot as the No. 1 public school in Pennsylvania for sweep rowing! We'd like to give an especially big thank you to the coaches and the board, who made all of this possible. Good luck to RGCC's future captains, Ellie, Emily and Lily. We wish you all a great 2021-22 season!

Ali, Chloe, Florence and Maddie

Learn-to-Row, Preseason and Fall Registration

LTR registration is open—spread the word! We will hold four week-long sessions June 28, July 5, August 23 and August 30. Details and registration forms can be found [here](#).

RGCC will hold an optional preseason for returning athletes the weeks of August 23 and August 30. The cost will be \$250 for one week or \$400 for two weeks.

The deadline to register for the fall season is August 25, and the cost will be \$750. Registrations that come in after the deadline will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

We'll send an email when forms are available.

Mark Your Calendars

- **June 3:** Banquet (6pm, Overbrook Golf Club)
- **June 28:** LTR Week 1
- **July 5:** LTR Week 2
- **August 23:** LTR Week 3; Preseason Week 1 (optional)
- **August 25:** Fall registration deadline
- **August 30:** LTR Week 4; Preseason Week 2 (optional)
- **September 8:** First day of school

Get Social

Facebook

- **RGCC 2020-2021 Parents (soon to be updated to 2021-2022):** Request to be added to this closed group if you are not already a member (parents/guardians only).
- **Radnor Girls Crew Club:** “Like” our public page, and invite friends to like us, too. We will use this page to share registration info, news, fundraising activities, and regatta results.

Instagram: Follow radnorgirlscrew and tell your friends!

And check out our **website** at www.radnorgirlscrewclub.org.

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