



RADNOR GIRLS CREW

Parents Newsletter

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President's Message

The RGCC board has been incredibly active this summer on behalf of our athletes and families.

What's happening at the boathouse? The RGCC Learn to Row Camp was successful! It brought approximately \$5,500 to the club and 10 new rowers to our program. Equipment has been scrutinized, and lockers have been cleaned out and reorganized. We are making immediate capital changes to our launches, looking at two new sets of oars, upgrading coxswain equipment, and obtaining quotes for a new four boat. **Read below about our preseason summer developmental camp!**

Fall registration forms are available [here](#). They have been revamped, so please take the time to read through them, even if you are a seasoned RGCC family. You will notice that if your daughter rows all year, you will need to register only once, although you will need to provide an updated PIAA form for the spring. **IMPORTANT** After thorough analysis and careful consideration, the RGCC board has decided to increase dues. There has not been a dues increase in more than five years, despite increased operating expenses that are necessary to run our club responsibly. We will have more on this topic during our first parents meeting in September, but I want to be fully transparent with our families. **NEW THIS YEAR** We will offer a discount to families who pay for the full year (fall and spring dues) by August 22.

What else has the RGCC board been up to? We are enhancing club communications, including this newsletter—which we will send in the off-season when we have updates and regularly once we are in-season—along with a more intuitive website (coming soon). **You are receiving this issue because you are in our database as a parent/guardian of a rising RHS freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior athlete who participated in the 2018-19 season or in 2019 Learn to Row. If your daughter will not be a member of RGCC in 2019-20 and you wish to be removed from our contacts database, please reply [here](#) with "Unsubscribe" in the Subject line.**

We have set **aggressive fundraising goals** that solicit support **from the community** to ease the burden of RGCC parents and to set up RGCC for success in 2019-20 and beyond. A dedicated board member will orient incoming Novice families to RGCC, and we will appoint a liaison to the boys team to further our collaboration. We are already planning events like our parent social for maximum engagement. I assure you that every board member has read every single parent and athlete survey, and we are responding with action. Thank you for your comments.

As a reminder, **RGCC is a parent-run and parent/community funded club within RHS.** Our club encourages girls to love the sport of rowing and fosters an environment for them to grow into empathetic, responsible, and strong women through teamwork and the commitment they make to crew. Please remember this as our year starts. It takes **all** parents working together to help our team be successful. While the board sets the direction of the club, all of **you** contribute to the team culture and community that is truly the heart of RGCC. Please say **yes!** and continue to volunteer.

Laura Getty, President
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RGCC Head Coach Search

The search for a new head coach and director is a **top priority** of the RGCC board. We have had some amazing, positive conversations; however, there is no announcement yet. Stay tuned!

Meet Our New Assistant Coach: Joe Malone

Joe Malone joined the coaching staff in early summer, in time for Learn to Row. He comes to RGCC with high school coaching experience (Arlington High School in Poughkeepsie) as well as collegiate (Marist College) and high school (St. Joe's Prep) rowing experience. He was part of the 2008 team that swept all boy's sweep races at Stotesbury.

NEW for August 2019: RGCC Preseason Summer Developmental Camp

Other sports have preseason, so why can't we? Coach and Joe will conduct this camp for returning 2018-19 athletes (rowers and coxswains) only. It is not mandatory but an opportunity for our girls to get back on the water.

- Weeks of August 19 and 26, Monday through Thursday, 8-10:30 a.m.
- \$235 for one week or \$290 for both weeks
- Click [here](#) for registration forms

Ergathon: September 15, 12-4 p.m.

Get ready for our annual, biggest fundraising event of the year! We are starting early and have set a lofty goal of \$15,000. Captains will reach out to rowers soon with information so they can begin to raise money, which will be used to purchase a **new wakeless launch!** (If you don't know what a wakeless launch is, ask your rower.) Rowers will be given templates and encouraged to solicit funds from our community. While they may find it easier to simply ask their parents for a check, fundraising is an important piece of being an RGCC athlete and something we want all girls to take part in. We will have prizes for the girls who raise the most money!

- **August 19-22:** Week 1, Technical Training Camp
- **August 26-29:** Week 2, Technical Training Camp
- **August 22:** Meet & Greet @ the Getty residence—207 Landsdowne Avenue, Wayne
- **August 22:** Early bird registration deadline—last day to register with full year (fall and spring) dues paid in full in order to receive a \$100 discount
- **August 29:** Standard registration deadline—last day to register with fall dues paid in full in order to be placed in a carpool (upperclassmen)
- **September 7:** First day of practice, returning rowers
- **September 14:** First day of practice, Novice rowers
- **September 15:** Ergathon
- **Second Tuesday of each month, starting in September:** Parents meetings—RHS Black Box

The RGCC coaching staff has been busy this summer helping the board evaluate equipment needs, run Learn to Row, design our new summer developmental camp, and assist the girls with summer training plans.

The coaches are in close contact with the board to keep everything running smoothly.

Hi RGCC! We hope you are having a great summer. Only two months away is the fall season, and we are so excited for it to start. We can't wait to see everyone, meet the new freshman, and get back on the water! We also want to remind everyone to keep working out over the summer. It will give us a head start as we enter into our 4k season. In addition, get ready for the ergathon! Keep raising your money, as every penny will help get our new launch!

Courtney, Jill, and Kylie

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