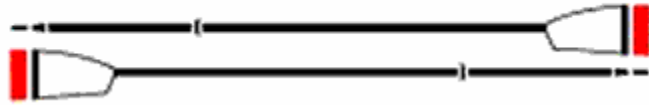




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Board Update

At the September 26th Indy Rowing Board meeting the following slate of officers were elected:

Dave Carter, Chairman

Paula Baldwin, VP

Shawn Dresser, VP

Courtney Chan, Treasurer

Sheila Cornelius, Secretary

Watch the Web site for a message from our new Chairman. Bios of the board will also be added shortly.

Juniors Update

The juniors are halfway through their fall season, with the first race slated for October 1 in Dayton. The boathouse is a busy place each afternoon, with about 80 high-school rowers from 12 area schools. The fall has brought 35 new rowers to the Junior Crew, and we would like to extend a welcome to them and their families.

The coaching ranks have undergone a change. A hectic and overloaded work schedule has led varsity girls coach Sarah Jackman to cut back on her commitments and resign as coach. Eric Stoll, who was coaching the boys varsity with Courtney Chan, has taken over as varsity girls coach. Tony Summers, who had been helping Whitney with the novices, is now helping Courtney with the boys on the days that Courtney cannot come to practice. We all wish Sarah well and hope to see her at the boathouse to cheer us on.

Fall Race Update

Juniors will be racing at Dayton 10/01/2006, Columbus 10/07/2006, home for the Head of the Eagle 10/21/2006 and the varsity crews will wrap up their season in Philadelphia at the Head of the Schuylkill on 10/28/2006.

Masters rowers will be representing Indy Rowing at Dayton's Five Rivers Regatta, Columbus Crew Classic and Head of the Eagle. For Dayton and Columbus, Indy Rowing masters plan to race a women's eight, women's quad, mixed double, women's double and singles. For the Eagle, masters will be adding a mens eight and more singles and doubles to this line-up.

Indy Rowing Wear

The fall orders will be distributed Wednesday; many thanks to all who ordered. The highlight is the new sweatshirts sported by most of the Juniors. Watch this space for the debut of the new Indy Rowing online store, where you will be able to order in-stock items, and place your Holiday orders! In-stock items will also be available at the Dayton race.

Head of the Eagle Presented by Brightpoint

We are very pleased to announce that this year's Head of the Eagle is being sponsored by Brightpoint. We are pleased to welcome them to the Indy Rowing family.

In a previous issue, the possibility of changing the Head of the Eagle course and staging area was discussed. Unfortunately, those plans are on hold. The Eagle Creek Park boat ramps where we were considering staging the regatta will be busy during regatta weekend. Park officials were interested in the idea of staging the regatta in the south pool near Rick's Boatyard and suggested we discuss the possibility early in the year before the boat-ramp schedule is published.

Junior Parents Meeting

We had a terrific turnout at our parents meeting on 12 September and saw many new faces. We had more parents offer to drive and grocery-shop than we have ever had in the past. We are overwhelmed and excited, since it makes less work and more fun for everyone involved. We can't thank you enough.

We also requested donations for our fund-raiser this season (Kippie Liddle Safety Kits). Due to your generosity, we raised enough money to purchase four kits. Safety for our rowers is so important, and we are thrilled with being able to make this purchase. Our Dayton regatta is coming up in a few weeks and we are looking forward to getting to know you.

Indy Rowing at the Zionsville Fall Festival

On September 9 & 10 Indy Rowing had a booth, complete with erg, oars, slideshow, recruiting video, and pictures, at the Zionsville Fall Festival. Our purpose in participating in this event was to raise community awareness and to recruit new club members. Thirty

volunteers, including junior & master rowers, coaches and board members, shared information with festival attendees about Indy Rowing programs and the health benefits of rowing. We had 60 individuals request additional information about our junior rowing and learn-to-row programs for the 2007-2008 season. Several people who stopped by the booth had rowed in the past, mostly in collegiate programs, and we hope to see them out on the water in the spring. All will receive an invitation to the Head of the Eagle. A big thank you to the volunteers who did such a great job! Check out the photos.

Labor Day Picnic, Open House & Pick-up Races - Monday September 4

Over 50 people attended our end of Summer Labor Day picnic. In addition to delicious burgers, dogs, chicken and numerous salads and snack foods, there was a lot of fun rowing. Sweep rowers got to try sculling and vice versa. The highlights of the morning were the tough-fought eights races made up of masters rowers and members of the junior men's crew. After lunch, a large group stayed around, to try the quadruple sculls and learn rowing basics in the Learn-to-Row boats. Many thanks to all who brought food, helped cook and to everyone who came and made the summer's final event at the boathouse such a big success.

Butler Crew Rent-a-Rower - October 8 or 22

The Butler Crew will be hosting its first Rent-a-Rower of the season this Fall on Sunday, October 8th in order to raise money for the purchase of new equipment. For just \$100, you will get FOUR hours of service from two of our rowers. Have a big job? Need three or four workers? No problem. We can send rowers to your home to do anything from yard work, to painting, to cleaning the garage. Whatever you need done, we can help!

Registration is fast and simple. Just log on to <http://www.butlercrew.org/>, click on the Rent-a-Rower tab at the top of the page, and then click on the "Register Now" link. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

In the News - Cynthia Adams - Concept2

Check out this article on masters rower and junior alumni mom [Cynthia Adams](#). Cynthia has ergged her way to better health! If you have news to share please forward it on the Catch!

College Search for Rower

Fall brings a busy time for our high-school seniors completing their college search process. Rowing can distinguish our students as a part of the admissions process, or lead to scholarships in some special cases. Row2k has a [list of all the college teams who have registered](#). Check these links to get in touch with college coaches to learn more about their programs. There is also a file of college rowing info at the Boathouse.

We have Indy Rowing Junior Alumni at many colleges across the country. (Florida Tech, Hobart, IU, Marquette, MIT, Mt. Holyoke, North Carolina, Penn, Purdue & St. Joes) to the

Catch if you are interested in one of these schools, and we will put you in touch with the Alum for the inside scoop.

Interesting Links on [USRowing](#)

The Parents and New to Rowing sections have some great articles. Check out the Viewer's Guide, Rowing Quick Facts, Glossary of Rowing Terms and lots of other good info.