



June 2024

A word from the Board President...

Greetings all!

May was a busy, busy month for Megunticook Rowing. Here's a brief run down....

Coaches Meredith Currier and Will Schaetzke led the girls and boys high school teams to competitions every weekend. Huge congrats to the kids who participated and the parents who literally got them there. The spring regatta season wrapped up with Megunticook Rowing hosting the 5th running of the Dirigo Sprints on Memorial Day weekend in Barrett's Cove. With 200-plus athletes competing for the Sprints Trophy, Megunticook Rowing, Waynflete School, Neponset Rowing and Maine Coast Rowing Association all put in terrific efforts over the 1500 meter course. During the event we were comforted with the presence of the lake Warden, Justin Twitchell, providing safety oversight for all rowers. Our lake-side neighbor, Maxie (resident at the Start area) noted how much she enjoys our rowers taking advantage of our pristine lake waters. Always nice to hear from our neighbors on the lake.

Earlier competitions in May included a scrimmage vs. Neponset Rowing, the Mayors Cup in Malden, MA and the USRowing Youth Regionals in Lowell, MA. You can read all about them by [clicking here](#).

On the side, Meredith Currier was also lining up a summer full of rowing and finalizing our summer coaches. Week #3 of summer rowing programs is now underway. I'm confident that there is a program that will fit your schedule. [Click here to check out the programs and sign up today.](#)

As we announced in our last newsletter, Megunticook Rowing is now a membership organization. Like our many options for rowing classes, there are many levels of membership and we are listening to the needs of our membership as to what works. Check out the [levels here](#). If you have any questions about membership, shoot us an email at row@megunticookrowing.org.

Most recently our program enjoyed the completion of our successful annual fundraiser "Row the Coast". Our athletes put in more ergometer miles than the whole coastal mileage of the State o' Maine! Huzzah. Many thanks to our many supporters!

In closing: these brief notes are made possible by the outstanding support we receive from our volunteer coaches Meredith and Will; our new website and the integration of iCrew management software lead by Hugh Brock and Kim Rowe; Marnie Read, who led the recent Row the Coast event; and Eric Buck, who is leading the permitting effort with the town to improve the bridge access to our Boat Forest.

Megunticook Rowing is committed to supporting rowing for all.

Wishing all a safe summer. Come Row With Us! See you on the water!

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Sign Up for Summer Rowing! Learn to Row, Novice to Competitive Sessions are Up and Running



The rowing program for summer of 2024 is up and running and filled with coached sessions from Learn to Row, Novice, Intermediate and Competitive levels. You will be coached by experienced, enthusiastic Level 2 certified personnel on beautiful Megunticook Lake.

We super excited to have Tilghman Moyer join Megunticook Rowing as Head Coach. He's been a fleet manager for the Craftsbury Outdoor Center in Vermont and coached the u17 juniors for Crescent in 2018 and Malvern Preparatory School in 2020. He has just completed his current role as the Recruiting Coordinator and Men's Assistant Coach at Colby College. Tilghman will begin his MBA at Thomas College in the fall of 2024.

The Competitive and Intermediate rowers all report that Tilghman is an excellent addition to Megunticook Rowing. He joins returning coaches Ryan Boutote, Iselin Bratz and Devin Guptil.

Come experience this fantastic sport on beautiful Lake Megunticook! Whether you have always wanted to row, have in the past, and/or are new to the area and want to get on the water. We have a variety of programs and times to fit all schedules.

Summer is here! Come Row With Us!

**Check Out Our
Programs**



Row the Coast Huge Success! 11,000,000 Meters \$5737 Raised

Many thanks to all that joined in on Saturday June 1 on Camden's Village Green as Megunticook Rowers ergged those last meters and donated to help us reach our fundraising goal.

It's safe to say that they are excited to have that challenge behind them and have been appreciating the gorgeous weather that has meant many morning and afternoon sessions on the lake instead of on the ergs.

New gear is being ordered and will be in the hands of Megunticook Rowing high school teams before fall rowing begins.

To see how the leaderboard click button below.

Thanks again to all who supported our annual fundraiser!

Row the Coast!



Dirigo Sprints: the Finale of the High School Rowing Season

A group of parents from Massachusetts stood on the shore of Barrett's Cove on Saturday, May 25th and wondered why all high school rowing regattas were not held on Megunticook Lake. Albeit a bit breezy to start, Dirigo Sprints, the season finale for the high school rowing season was a triumph for all. Hosted by Megunticook Rowing, four teams convened to contest in 14 events, ranging from doubles, to quads, 4s and 8s. Cowbells and cheers rang out as there were plenty of close finishes on the 1500 meter course that ran right down RT 52. The day ended with most of the teams taking a celebratory dip in Megunticook Lake followed by a picnic prepared by the



parents of Megunticook rowers. Huge thank you to Erin Brainerd who led the incredible group of parents this year through the Manic May of competition. Another huge shout out to Jennifer and Fabrice Roux, of Union's Alsace restaurant, who after seeing some of the spreads at other regattas upped the game and served up delicious grilled goodies for all.

Highlights for Megunticook juniors included First Place finish in the Girls coxed 8 and the Boys double of Jake Roux and Tanner Carson. The Girls 8+ coxed by Ruth Weiss with Flora Gurdon, Adella Brainerd, Marguerite Worner, Liana Talty, Leona Bournival, Tucker Beynart, Laura Riordan, and a gracious member of Waynflete in 3 seat surged at the finish to hold on to a one second finish over Maine Coast Rowing. Second place finishes went to the Girls and Boys coxed 4s, and the Girls and Boys Quads. "These are very young teams," said Coach Meredith Currier. "We are only graduating 3 seniors so I expect these teams to continue to be more and more competitive in the coming years." At the end of the day, it was Maine Coast Rowing who successfully defended their 2023 Dirigo Sprints title. Taking 1sts in eight of the 12 events in which they participated.

On Saturday May 18th at the US Rowing New England Youth Championships, the Boys Double of Robert Wickenden and Jake Roux qualified for the Sunday finals with a time of 8:08.92. They crushed that time on Sunday with a stroke rate of 38spm and a finishing time of 7:47.20. "This effort is so impressive," said Coach Will Schaetzke. "Jake is a sophomore and Robert is in 8th grade. They were competing against Seniors."

[Click for More Regatta News](#)





Yippee! New Website is Up!

Huge shout out to Hugh Brock and Kim Rowe, this husband and wife IT powerhouse gave the website a big re-fresh and incorporated into the site the super powerful and efficient iCrew (used by the vast majority of rowing clubs) that will manage everything from memberships, sign-ups, equipment and more.

Visit Our New
Website

Membership Makes It All Possible

New!

- Family memberships start July 1
- If your child participated in the fall or spring high school rowing program, your child's membership is included in that fee
- Those participating in Learn To Row pay only \$50 for membership to graduate to Novice classes

Reminder:

- All college-age and older participants will pay an annual membership fee that will give them access to our docks, equipment, and facilities, including the Megunticook Rowing erg gym at Midcoast Recreation Center;
- The Membership dollars we collect will be used to pay our operating costs. This includes maintaining our docks and boats, safety equipment and hosting our website, and other admin site fees;
- Although we will continue fundraising aggressively, the funds we raise will be targeted for specific needs like upgrading equipment, and scholarships for all programs;

Join
Today!



Safety Tip!

With all the program happenings, the waterfront is busy!

Remember, boats coming in to the dock have priority over those launching.

Wait to bring your boat down until the docks are clear!

Ways to Support Megunticook Rowing

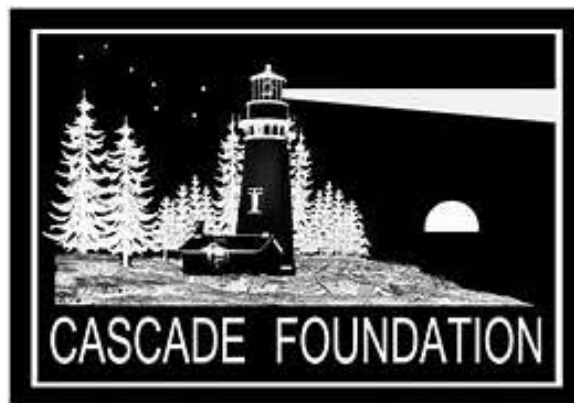
Recycle! Every Nickel Counts!

Donate your bottles and cans to Megunticook Rowing through Clynk! You can purchase Clynk bags at Hannaford and get stickers from **Sarah Kuhn!**

Become a Sponsor

As a 501(c)3 organization, donations are essential to our viability. Sponsorships range from \$12,000 to \$300 and give you a wide range of visibility throughout the year. Won't you join these fabulous sponsors?

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