

Spackenkill Rowing Club

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2019 Spackenkill rowing season!

The function of the Spackenkill Rowing Club (SRC) is to support the Spackenkill Rowing Team. SRC is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, separate from the school and district. Crew is a club sport and is not fully funded by the school district. The athletic department awards Varsity letters to athletes that practice and participate in varsity regattas. The Spackenkill School district pays coaches' salaries, team transportation to practices, regatta entrance fees, league fees, USRowing membership fees, HRRRA usage fees, and one quarter of the HRRRA lease fees. The Spackenkill Rowing Club provides everything else that is necessary to put the team on the water. We purchase, own, and maintain and insure the boats, oars, launches, launch motors, safety equipment, boat trailer, and food trailer.

Dues for the 2019 rowing season have changed to lower the cost for first-year rowers. Dues are \$550 for rowers and coxswains. For families with more than one rower, dues are \$250 for the second rower. Dues for a first-year rower in High School are \$250. Dues for a first-year rower in Middle School are \$100. This is the 6th year in a row that we have not raised dues! The wreath sale and erg-thon are fund raisers that provide an opportunity to help offset the cost of dues.

New this year, there will be **no bus transportation to away regattas**. The district has agreed to apply this portion of the budget to pay the full cost of the HRRRA user fee and US rowing membership.

Registration for Spackenkill Rowing Club

- The Athletic Department FamilyID system is used for registration.
- Each participant will need to have a USRowing Basic Membership and sign the waiver (\$9.75 processing fee). This must be completed before first practice at HRRRA (insurance requirement).
- Payment of Dues must be completed no later than March 25, 2019. Payment may be given to the SCR Treasurer (or other Board Member) or mailed to the PO Box. Please do not give any checks or money to the coaches.

Swim Test – All first-time rowers must pass a swim test. Swim a short distance underwater, swim the rest of the length of the pool plus 3 more laps. Put a sweatshirt on, tread water for 5 minutes and put on a life vest in the water.

Racing Shirts – Required (except Novice who will wear team tee shirt). Shirt will be same as last year (JL Racing) details on fitting, order and cost to follow.

SRC is only able to accomplish all that we do with the support and help of the parents and the community. A newsletter is sent out using a system called ConstantContact, there is a link at the bottom of the website to **sign up for the newsletter**. The newsletter has important announcements including information on Parent Meetings. Your involvement and ideas are critical to the success of our club and we hope that you will join us.

Join us on Facebook and Instagram. Our website contains forms, links, information, and announcements:

www.spackenkillrowingclub.org

Thank you,

SRC Board

Joe Gagliardi, President

Claudia Ackerman, Vice President

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