

Spackenkill Rowing Club

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020 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, HERRA usage fees, and one quarter of the HERRA 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, cox boxes, launches, launch motors, safety equipment, boat trailer, and food trailer.

With the help of fundraising and sponsors, the club has not raised dues in 7 years. Dues for the 2020 rowing season are:

- \$550 for rowers and coxswains (for families with more than one rower, dues are \$250 for additional rowers)
- \$250 for a first-year rower in High School.
- \$100 for a first-year rower in Middle School.

There is **no bus transportation to away regattas**. The district has agreed to apply this portion of the budget to pay the full cost of the HERRA user fee and US rowing membership.

Registration for Spackenkill Rowing Club

1. **Register with the Athletic Department** FamilyID system.
2. **Join USRowing and Sign the Waiver.** Individual Basic Membership, there is a \$9.75 admin fee, and Club Code JGURG is required to join the Spackenkill Rowing Club roster. Must complete before any HERRA activity.
3. **Pay Dues.** Check payable to "Spackenkill Rowing Club". Payment may be given to the club Treasurer or mailed to the PO Box. Please do not give any checks or money to the coaches. Due before March 23rd.

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.

The club is only able to accomplish all that we do with the support and help of the parents and the community. Your involvement and ideas are critical to the success of our club and we hope that you will join us.

The club website www.spackenkillrowingclub.org has links for registration, announcements, forms, and information. Sign up for the newsletter (link at the bottom of the website). Join us on Facebook and Instagram.

Thank you,

Spackenkill Rowing Club Board

Joe Gagliardi, President

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