

Radnor Boys Crew Club



Fall 2025 Parent & Rower Meeting
September 8, 2025

Meeting Agenda



- **Welcome / Opening Remarks**
- **2025 – 2026 Board Members**
- **Coaching Staff**
- **Team Captains**
- **Fall Schedule**
- **Boathouse Update**
- **Select Function Updates**
 - Membership / Dues
 - Fundraising & Merch
 - Hospitality / Sign-ups
 - Communications
- **Logistics / Sign-Up Sheets**
- **Closing**

RBCC Program Overview



- **What is the Radnor Boys Crew Club?**
 - Non-profit entity (501c3) independent from Radnor High School
 - Separate but collaborative with Radnor Girls Crew Club (RGCC)
- **RBCC is a winning program that makes an impact in rowers high school experience and beyond**
 - Top ranked public school in the Philadelphia region
 - Long list of race medals year after year (City Champs, Braxton, MidAtlantic)
 - Qualify / earn invitations to national / regional regattas
 - D1 /D3 recruiting legacy
- **Funding is on us**
 - We are self-funded; limited (but increasing!) financial support from RTSD
 - Rely heavily on athlete dues and fundraising efforts
- **We support each other and the Radnor community**
 - *We rely on parent volunteers to get the job done*
 - We collaborate closely with RGCC to support events and fundraising
 - We support each other as teammates to bring pride to the program

Board 2025-26



***RBCC program is
made possible
through a
community of
volunteers***

President – Natasha Thomas

Vice President – Michael Rowbotham

Treasurer – Colin Boyle

Secretary – Scott Piskun

Fundraising & Community – Kristen Dudley

Merchandise – Cindi Drobile

Hospitality – Julia Marchenko & Monical Bolen

**Hospitality Novice Co-Lead - OPEN*

Communications – Laura Frank

Membership – Hala Al-Yaqubi

Webmaster – Vee Marzullo

Connections & Celebrations – Vicki Browne

Board Members at Large – Eugene Marchenko, Carolyn Piskun

Advisory Council – Emily Nelson, Deane Thomas Jonathan & Jo Tyburski

Coaches



RBCC is very fortunate to have an exceptionally talented and experienced coaching staff

Ken Piree - Head Coach

Bob Lennon - Assistant Coach (Varsity)

Brian Mulholland - Assistant Coach (Lightweight)

Bill Bragdon ("BB") - Assistant Coach (Frosh/Novice)

Captains



***RBCC captains are
leaders elected by
the rowers to lead
the team to a
winning season***

Mohammed Badri - Senior

Hugo Rowbotham - Senior

Fall Schedule



Practice at the river Tues- Fri 3:40 – 6:15PM ; Sat 8:30 – 10:30/11AM

***Novice rowers will
have an
opportunity to
race at later
regattas based on
coach decision***

- Sept 9 – first day of practice
- Sept 13 – Fundraiser/Community - Porchfest
- Sept 21 – Fundraiser/Community – Radnor Fall Festival
- **Sept 28 –King’s Head (Schuylkill)**
- Oct 5 – Fundraiser – Ergathon!
- **Oct 12 – Navy Day (Schuylkill) + Parent Open House**
- **Oct 17–19 – Head of the Charles (Boston, invitation)**
- **Oct 25–26 – Head of the Schuylkill (Schuylkill)**
- **Nov 8 – Philadelphia Frostbite (Mercer Lake)**
- **Nov 9 – Bill Braxton Memorial (Mercer Lake, TBD)**
- Nov 18 – Fall Season end

Race Day Resources

Regatta Central: <https://www.regattacentral.com/>

Rowtown: <http://rowtown.org/results/>

📌 *Full year calendar downloadable on RBCC website
<https://www.radnorboyscrewclub.org>*

Boathouse Update



- Current: Villanova has agreed to let us continue practicing from the open lot next to future boathouse construction
 - Enter through Hines at 801 Washington, and make sharp right into parking lot.
 - *****IMPORTANT: PLEASE DO NOT park or wait in Hines parking lot. You may wait in the Marriot parking lot if arriving early and no room in our lot. Follow traffic flow in the busy parking lot.**



- Tent structure is being ordered (allow for erging, changing, cover from weather, etc.), conditions expected to be similar to last year.
- Future vision: sustainable home for RBCC. Several options are being explored with Villanova, Pegasus, or on our own.

Membership

Registration



- **Dues / Obligations** (covers regatta fees, coaching, equipment, rent, food for hospitality)
 - Fall \$700 / rower (6% reduction from Fall 2024 thanks to increased support from Radnor)
 - Winter training with ACAC -\$375
 - Spring \$1400 / rower (6% reduction from Spring 2025)
 - Venmo: @RadnorBoys-CrewClub with “[rower name] Fall Dues”; or check to RBCC
- **Registration forms (ASAP)** (supply to Hala and through Arbiter site (PIAA physical Eval)
 - Please fill out [Google form](#) – this is how we manage our roster and communications



Submit all forms

REQUIRED REGISTRATION PACKET

ATHLETE CODES OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

US ROWING MEMBERSHIP

PIAA PHYSICAL EVALUATION

RTSD PERMISSION TO TREAT

VILLANOVA BOATHOUSE WAIVER

Must be purchased to compete. Select “RADNOR HIGH SCHOOL” account with USRowing Championship Membership Club Code: XGT7W

Must be filled and submitted through the Radnor Township School District website

Reminder: Rower Responsibilities

Our commitment to each other



REQUIRED REGISTRATION PACKET

ATHLETE CODES OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Please read together with your athlete and sign

OUR MISSION Speed on the water; Character off the water

OUR VALUES

Discipline & Hard Work

We show up ready to train—focused, resilient, and committed. Half effort doesn't move boats. We push ourselves and each other, knowing that excellence demands serious work every day.

Respect & Integrity

We respect our coaches, teammates, equipment, family supporters and ourselves. That means using positive language, following direction, making healthy choices, and owning our actions—on and off the water.

Teamwork & Commitment

Crew is the ultimate team sport. We support each other, communicate honestly, and share responsibility in pursuit of one goal: **pull to make the boat go faster.**

Fundraising / Community / Merch

Show our spirit & support affordable dues



Events with Rower Participation – fundraising and community building; visibility in community. Save the dates

- **Sept 13** – Porchfest
- **Sept 21** – Radnor Fall Festival
- **Oct 5** – Ergathon!
- **ASK: captains will ask rowers to volunteer; parents are asked to volunteer (contact Kristen)**

Corporate sponsorships

- Keep dues affordable while supporting RBCC's future
- Opportunities with local businesses, national companies, and corporate matching programs
- Sponsors recognized at every regatta and community event
- **How you can help:** Each family is asked to reach out—workplace, orthodontist, local contacts, or other connections

CREW STORE is OPEN!!!

- **SHOW & SHARE your CREW PRIDE - Makes great gifts!**
- **Order by Sept 18 for deliver by October 3**



Hospitality

Shelter, food, community



What is Hospitality?

- Shelter & nourishment for rowers and families on long regatta days
- Parent volunteers set up the tent, food, and create community
- Builds team spirit—especially important for younger rowers

How Do We Organize?

- SignUpGenius for jobs (only way we can offer hospitality is if parents sign up for each regatta)
 - Prep (menu, shopping for ingredients, water, etc.)
 - Chuckwagon towing
 - Tent setup/breakdown
 - Grilling / prep at the river
- Shared responsibilities with RGCC
- Dues cover cost of food but parents also bring donations
- **Every family:** Sign up for at least 2 jobs (or talk with us about another way to contribute)

Still Unsure?

- “Hospitality 101” session coming soon for new parents/guardians
- Looking for **1–2 novice parent leaders**



- Website has latest information, calendar dates and any instructions:
<https://www.radnorboyscrewclub.org>
 - Send us your pictures to feature on the website
- Regular email updates will be shared with parents throughout the season – you can also always reach out to radnorboyscrewcommunications@gmail.com or anyone on the board
- Coaches and captains communicate directly with athletes through GroupMe.
 - Ask your rowers to keep you informed about times
- We ask that if parents have questions or concerns to reach out to the board (Natasha nataskrip@mac.com or 212-300-5937)
- We will set up a parent GroupMe group with the board to share any updates.
- Follow us on Insta, FB, and Youtube!

Tips for Novice Rowers & Families

Rowing is a life-long sport that transforms lives



Athlete Essentials

- **Hydration:** Bring reusable, plastic BPA-free water bottles; metal bottles can be issue around equipment
- **Gear for Practice:** Crocs (or shoes that can get wet and muddy), tigh-ish sport shirts, wicking clothes, sunglasses, sunscreen
- **Regattas:** Uniform info will come from coaches soon; arrival typically 2 hours before race; stay and cheer team after race
- **Fitness:** Stay tough—train daily (ergs, workouts, protein!)
- **Carpooling:** Novice GroupMe to coordinate rides with nearby rowers

Parent Involvement

- **Novice Parent Leaders:** Fundraising & Hospitality are the best entry points—get involved!
- **Community Service:** Opportunities throughout the season to keep RBCC visible and give back
- **Shared Learning Curve:** Most athletes (and parents!) start new in high school—we're all in the same boat

Let's have a fast, fun, and successful Fall 2025 season!