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- Varsity Boys Coach- Matt Stufano ('12)
- Varsity Girls Coach— Kenny Anderson
- Assistant Varsity Boys Coach— Steven Bocchino ('14)
- JV Boys Coach— Jason Miller ('13)
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Wappingers Waves

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Newsletter Kickoff: Coach Hancock

Greetings one and all...**Coach Hancock** here (still!) We hope you enjoy the inaugural issue of *Wappingers Waves*. Our goal is to keep you informed about the doings of the team, our progress, race information, important dates (like the annual BBQ), etc. You are getting this because you currently are or once were, in the dark distant past, a member of Wappingers Crew Club. I am pleased to tell those of you who graduated a long time ago that Wappingers has become one of the most accomplished teams in the boathouse as well as one of the largest teams. YOU (and your parents) MADE THAT POSSIBLE.

This communication is also part of what we hope will become an annual fund drive. We want you to remain part of the team. Like rowing organizations around the country, the more we can rely on our alums for support, the better our equipment can be. The less effort we put into fundraising, and the more effort we can put into getting **FASTER** on the water.

Over the years we have had a few boats do well at the NYS Championship and move on to Nationals. I think of a varsity girls 4, coached by Ms. Roger, a junior boys 8 coached by me, and, more recently, a boys' varsity 4 coached by Tim Malet.

All the early challenges we faced...rowing under NO roof, funding, rehabbing the trailer (we have a new one now), recruiting/training new rowers, acquiring/keeping good coaches and good parent leadership... all of these challenges, as well as training, were surmounted by you.

I Recall...

- The thrill of our first trailer (no more asking for rides, a big step toward self-sufficiency)
- Having to decide who got the "better" equipment.....boys or girls
- Sleeping at Hannah Dodge's ('08) Uncle and Aunt's house for States
- Our first medal at States (V. Girls 4 - Bronze)
- Girls' V8 come from behind win against Arlington (2013)
- Several alumni coaching for us, a trend that continues to this day
- Ells Antunes ('08) wanting to beat up FDR crew.
- The first Triangulars medal we won.
- Coaching AGAINST Jake Jordan ('08), a founding member.
- Our first Boathouse Championship in 2012
- Our first new boat purchase, the Seventh Year, in 2011
- The generosity of many people, especially George and Virginia Kolb who let us do Learn-to-row out of their back yard each Fall for many years.

Fall Learn To Row 2018-19



Back in the day you may recall doing a “learn-to-row” session on Wappingers Creek and Wappingers Lake, avoiding the devil heads, tangling in the weeds, going under Route 9, maybe getting snowed on. Some of you may remember learning on the Hudson (I recall a cold, rainy day when we all wound up at McDonald’s for hot chocolate to ward off hypothermia.)

Wappingers Lake unfortunately got too weedy to manage. Thanks to a connection through our club President Sweeney we are now doing Learn-to-Row at a Lake on Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill. No weeds, no other boat traffic, no barges, no white caps. It has been a good venue for the Novi although too small for the Varsity. This year we had nearly 40 rowers

almost equally split between boys and girls. And they caught on fast. We ended on 10/30 and most rowers had gone “all 8” at least 5 or 6 times, which bodes well for the Spring.

Coach Hancock & Coach Liz (‘13) are eager to see what their already competitive crews can do on race day.

Outlook: Varsity Boys



nately look to not only continue, but build on those accomplishments. The novice boys I coached last year had a ton of success, our novice 8 being the fastest at the Boathouse, so bringing up a couple of them to varsity will only help our chances at winning more races. With the help of fellow WCC alum, assistant coach Steven Bocchino (‘14), it should be a great year for the Varsity Boys.

is never given to you, but earned. Having a group of JV guys looking to take the seats of the varsity boys will create inter-team competition and make us faster.

Hope to see a couple of you around the Boathouse during the season, especially at the team banquet!

Coach Matt ‘Stuf’ Stufano (‘12) WCC Varsity Boys Coach

2018/19 Captains:
Daniel Sweeney (‘20)
Joseph Morgan (‘20)

We are doing something a little different this year on the varsity boys team. For the first time ever, we will be large & competitive enough to have a Junior Varsity Boys team, coached by another WCC alumni Jason Miller (‘13). We are hoping the JV team will be able to push our varsity boys to work their hardest every single day. As we all know, your seat in the boat

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Hey everyone! Stuff here! Thanks for signing up for our alum newsletter. As many of you were teammates with me back in the day, I just wanted to start by saying it is absolutely SUR-REAL coming back and coaching for Wapp. I’m hoping this season will be a good one. Last year under the direction of Coach Tim Malet, the varsity boys continued their winning ways with multiple wins at home and competitive showings at away races. I defi-

Our current fleet!
(Top to bottom – The Stangl, The Love, The Athena, The 7th Year, The Rausch, The Musco Rhuda, & the Kolb)



Outlook: Varsity Girls



We had a good showing in 2018 for the varsity girls. While having only enough girls to compete in two of the three categories we remained competitive at our local races. At States all the girls made it to some form of final. We will be fighting the good fight again

this year with lower numbers than in past years. Despite that, we have some really great rowers led this year by Captains Jenna Miller ('19) and Carly Schneider ('19). Our goals are to try to win the local races, which is sometimes tricky with the numbers we have, and make it to Sunday at states. In future seasons our goal is to get enough girls to compete in all categories at local races and be able to consistently make grand finals at States or even develop national level line ups. We are not that far off but once again

we need to get more girls to the river. **YOU CAN HELP!!!!** Spread the word to girls you know in the district that crew exists and that we are looking for athletes. Even with our novice girls 8 looking to move up to varsity next season, the more athletes we have, the better.

Coach Kenny Anderson
WCC Varsity Girls Coach

2018/19 Captains:
Carly Schneider ('19)
Jenna Miller ('19)

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Wappingers Crew Club needs YOUR help!

Our club has gone through a variety of growth phases over the years. The current challenge is to be a consistent presence in the finals of our NYS Championship, not just an occasional participant. At that level, a second or two or three makes all the difference. Hence, the need to continually upgrade our equipment with newer, lighter, faster, stiffer boats and oars. This is where *YOU* can make a lasting difference. No gift is too small (no gift is too big either!). These days new 8 boats cost

around \$35,000 oars are around \$350 each, outboard motors are about \$1,500 each, launches are a couple thousand (if we shop carefully). So if you would consider a holiday gift to the crew club or if you are doing year end tax planning (gifts to WCC, Inc. are tax deductible) or if you simply have good memories of your days on the water and want to be sure other kids get the same chance you had, we would be most appreciative. For me, our club has profoundly shaped me personally and professional-

ly. It has been one of the best activities I have given time to. I hope you can say the same and that you will give as generously as you can.

You are personally invited to our BBQ at the end of the year. It would be great to see you all again!

Thank you,

Coach Patrick Hancock

Wappingers Crew Club, Inc
Head Coach/Advisor

Hudson Valley Rowing League, President





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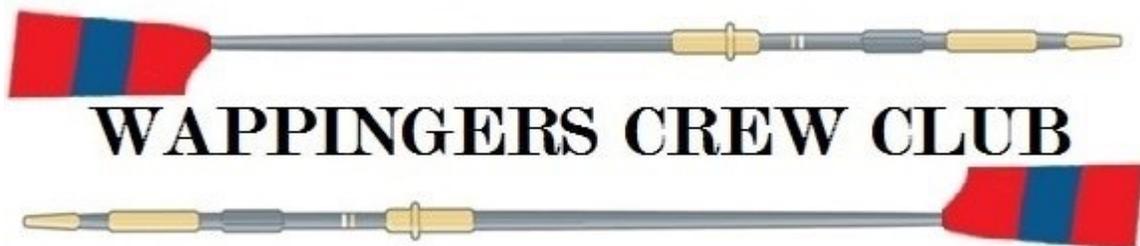
Please join us at our end of the year Banquet, June XX @ X PM at the HRRR Boathouse!

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2019 Race Schedule

- 4/27 & 4/28- Saratoga Invitational
Lee's Park, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 5/1- 4 PM- Dutchess Cup
HRRR Boathouse, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 5/3- 4 PM- Novice Triangulars
HRRR Boathouse, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 5/4- 4 PM- Triangular Regatta
HRRR Boathouse, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 5/11 & 5/12- 8 AM- NYS Championships
Lee's Park, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 5/18- 8 AM- Syracuse Invitational
Long Branch Park, Syracuse, NY
- 5/19- 8 AM- Novice Championships
Pinecliff Lake, West Milford, NJ
- 5/22- 4 PM- WARS Regatta
HRRR Boathouse, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 6/1- 8 AM- HVRL Championships
HRRR Boathouse, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 6/2- 8 AM- Row for the Cure
HRRR Boathouse, Poughkeepsie, NY



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