

2020 COACHING
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2020 Season

Greetings all, first and foremost we hope this finds you as well as you can be under the circumstances. While we had looked forward to another great season, unfortunately that was unable to occur. School continues from a distance, but crew has grinded to a halt, with the exception of individual training at home. The Varsity/JV guys looked to defend their HVRL Championship and make some noise at States, the young Varsity Girls team wanted to continue their success as novices on the varsity level, and our new 2020 Novice wanted to start their rowing careers. Before the Coronavirus paused our progress, we were able to compete at the HRRRA Indoor Sprints, where our rowers performed well. Look on page 2 to see our team's results.

Second, we thought it time to share some thoughts with you, the larger Wappingers Crew family, about the remainder of the school year and also what next year might look like. Clearly, this is all dependent on what the virus does and how our state government and school district respond. But we also want you to know that we are thinking ahead about the team and various contingencies. *WE WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!*

REMAINING YEAR: With Governor Cuomo's announcement on May 1st that schools would remain closed for the remainder of the academic year, our season effectively ended. The schools will not sanction any large gatherings or athletic events and the boathouse is closed. Although the docks were in early this year, we never did get on the water. We are still holding out hope that perhaps, during the summer, we might get out for some water time. We feel strongly about this, especially for our 14 seniors. If at all possible, we would like to give them a few more outings with their high school team for which they have shown so much dedication.

NEXT YEAR: How next year looks depends on the status of the virus and on the rowers' skill level. If the boathouse opens over the summer, we have encouraged all rowers to seek the program that matches their skill level to remain engaged in the sport and improve their skills.

Typically, we would start with a new batch of rowers in the Fall by recruiting at the various school orientations and by word-of-mouth. At present, we do not know if schools will be open in the Fall or if Sharpe Reservation will be available for Learn to Row. If not, we will have to get creative in the acquisition and development of new rowers.

One thing is clear, it will be **more important than ever for current rowers & ALUMS to get the word out. Let newcomers know why you love the sport.** A STRONG INFLUX OF NEW ROWERS IS CRITICAL FOR THE ONGOING VIABILITY OF THE PROGRAM.

While Spring 2020 was disrupted by the COVID-19 virus, we want to position ourselves to open up strongly when the time comes and resume our winning ways.

So there you have it. At present, our usual end of year BBQ is NOT scheduled. However, if that happens, we will let you know. We would love to see you.

- Coach Hancock



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2020 Erg Race Results

Middle School Girls

Bronze

Coxswain Men

Bronze

Coxswain Women

Bronze

Lightweight Women—Heat 2

Silver

Bronze

Lightweight Men—Heat 2

Gold

Silver

Lightweight Men—Heat 1

Bronze

Junior Men—Heat 3

Gold

Junior Men—Heat 2

Silver

Bronze

Junior Men—Heat 1

Silver

Other Winter Training Highlights

Two Varsity Guys pulled Sub 7 2ks

6:53

6:59

Personal Records (PRs) on 2ks

42/75 Athletes

2020 Captains

Alexander Hicks

Annabelle Quimby

Meagan Reilly

Daniel Sweeney

