

LRC NEWSLETTER

ENJOYING THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER WITH LOUISVILLE ROWING CLUB

Welcome to the August edition of the Louisville Rowing Club newsletter! Although the days are getting shorter plenty of opportunities to get on the water are still on the horizon. Enjoy the Ohio, and look out for some turtles!

The boathouse has been getting ready for this back-to-school season, with the official kick-off of the Juniors Fall season and welcoming many new rowers from Masters and Juniors Learn-to-Row. Check iCrew for a full calendar of scheduled rows with new and returning club members, it will surely be a busy and exciting season.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Tuesday, September 1st - Board Meeting
- Saturday, October 10 - The Derby City Head Race
- Saturday, October 19 - Boathouse Closing



In this newsletter, you'll learn about upcoming events, recaps from our summer, and all the exciting happenings around the boathouse. Be sure to check out our calendar for everything coming down the line as we gear up for another great season of camaraderie and competition!

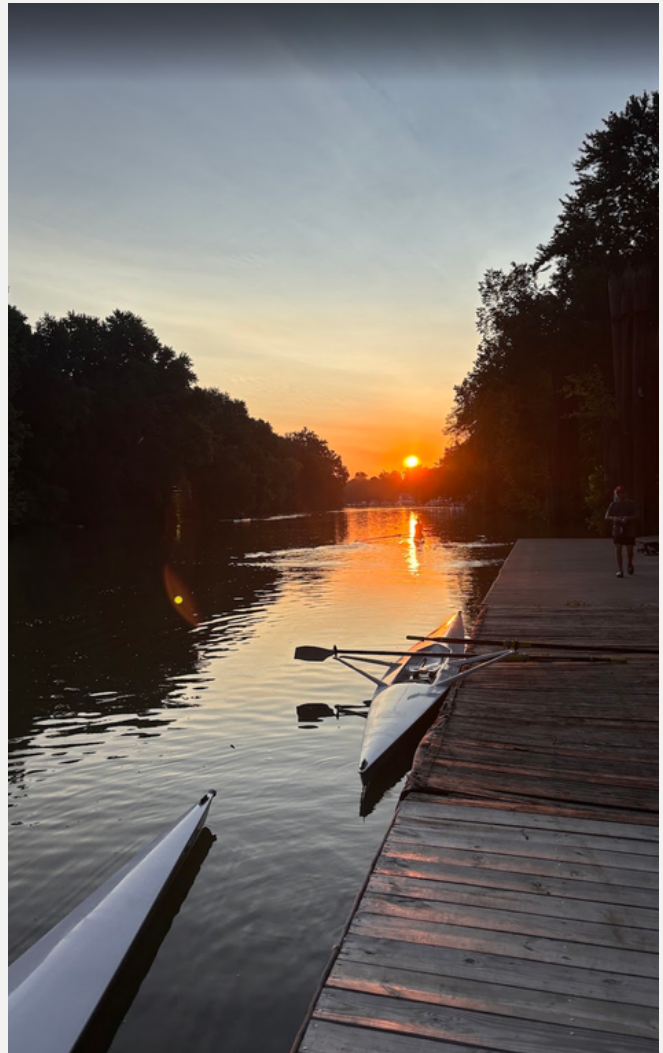
Ready all, Row!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next Saturday, **August 22nd** at **11am** (after the Juniors' practice) the Boosters will be making pancakes for everyone.

In addition to pancakes, there will be a discounted clothing sale. The juniors received a large donation of lightly used generic rowing clothes (trou, quarter zips, long sleeve layers, etc.). Additionally, any attendees are encouraged to bring LRC clothes that they don't use or wear anymore. Those who bring items will get a discount on getting new (to them) items. Fuel up your Saturday, purchase some discounted gear, and contribute to the fundraising for the Derby City Head Race!



TIME TO PACK!

Do you have 60-minutes? Stay after the pancake breakfast on August 22nd and help us kick start the move!

Load a car or truck at the boathouse (after eating pancakes) and help to move some non essential items into a large basement.

Bring large cars or trucks. The plan is to triage inventory that day and take anything that is not necessary for rowing or erging. Additionally, we will need some containers for loose items around the boathouse.

UPCOMING EVENTS



THE LAST HURRAH A.K.A. THE END-OF-SUMMER POTLUCK

Join us as we celebrate another fantastic summer at LRC! The festivities will take place at the boathouse on Sunday, **September 20th, from 5-7 pm.**

The Plan Our Parties (POP) Committee has instructed attendees with the last name A-M to bring entrees and side dishes, and N-Z is instructed to provide desserts and snackie hors d'oeuvre options.

Take note that the event will be BYOB, and Juniors parents please be advised that alcoholic products will be present, but not served. Please RSVP with Joan by **September 15th** via email or text, mizveel031@aol.com or 502-475-9384. And don't forget your lawn chairs!

THE GREAT MIGRATION: A CLOSER LOOK

Earlier this month, we received more details regarding The Community Boathouse Closure of Fall 2026. Please note the date change from our previous newsletter. Construction for this project will officially begin **Monday, October 19th**. Starting that day, there will be **NO ACCESS** to the boathouse until the following season.

That being said, all equipment must be moved from the building to our secure storage area in the parking lot, and we will have a limited window of time to do so. **Wednesday, October 14th - Sunday, October 18th** will be **CRUNCH TIME**, so mark your calendars and be ready to lend a helping hand.

Also keep your ears open for any preceding cleaning days, and let Riley Kerber or Denis Roux know if you have any extra storage space in your home. (Just in case!) Many hands make light work!



UPCOMING EVENTS

REGATTA TIME - GREAT SCOTT!

What's that on the horizon??? Great Scott! It's the **Derby City Head Race**, coming at us full throttle! It's upon us, people! LRC's first official regatta is less than **TWO MONTHS AWAY**.

Remember, the big day is **Saturday, October 10, 2026**. Many pieces are falling into place— a new bubble dock has been secured, teams are starting to form, we have acquired several amazing sponsors, etc.—but there are plenty of tasks that still need to be checked off. Listen closely...



SPONSORS

If anyone you know is interested in sponsoring or donating to the regatta, send them our way! They can visit our revamped website and hit that big red button! Also, feel free to leave a shameless plug on your social media, inviting those Far Away Aunties and Childhood Besties to support you and the club. It's like those PTA Fundraisers from grade school, but better!



VOLUNTEERS

We have loads of volunteer opportunities still open and available for this regatta. (Seriously. We're talking about over 100 awesome opportunities here!) If you haven't investigated SignUpGenius yet, give it a gander. Multiple time slots are available across Friday and Saturday, and another call for volunteers to help build the dock will be going out soon.

Volunteers are a vital part of the success of this operation. Talk to your favorite boat buddy, your teenagers, your parents and grandparents, your neighbors, etc. Sign up together and be a part of the action! Signup Sheet Here: [SignUp Genius](#)

Contact Brittany Harper at volunteersdchr@gmail.com if you have any questions.

RACING

Don't forget that LRC members can race in this regatta too! Early registration is open and can be found on RegattaCentral

Coached practice sessions will be provided every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:30 pm and every Saturday from 11 am - 1 pm. Contact Coach Paul Tomkiewicz (CoachPaul@LouisvilleRowingClub.org) for further details.

If you know anyone from another club interested in racing, send them to the website, as well as Riley's way (CoachRileyRowing@gmail.com).

MASTERS RECAP



SUMMER LEARN-TO-ROW

Everyone welcome the graduating class of 2026 Learn-to-Row and new favorite Crew Mates,

Rand H, George, Molly W, Austin B, Chia-Yi, Steve P, Kiera B, Christopher T, Katie H, Heather C, Shan C, Glenda F, Ashley W, Daniel H, Nathan B, Kurtis M, Angela H, Stacy W, Karla G, Katerina M, Cristina K, Marissa C, Anne B, Teresa F, Kristen E, William B

Welcome to LRC! and a big Thank You to Coach Paul and all our amazing volunteers.

LAST SUMMER - SCULL AND SUDS

Coach Lew will offer light coaching for Masters that want to gain more confidence in small boat sculling in singles & doubles. Reserve a shell in iCrew & join the fun on Monday nights.

Monday, August 24th & Monday, August 31st



JUNIORS RECAP



JUNIORS FALL SEASON

Juniors practice schedule is Monday through Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

- Foundations - 7th-9th grade students, recreational.
- Novice - 9th-12th grade students, first year with LRC.
- Varsity - 9th-12th grade students who have completed their novice year.

Make sure to mark your calendar with upcoming events.



JUNIORS SUMMER ROWING

- Juniors season officially kicked-off on Saturday August 15th
- Juniors LTR had 30 new rowers through the boathouse this summer!! It was a GREAT summer that is going to lead us into another great year.
- Derby City Head Race is 2 months away!! We need SPONSORS and VOLUNTEERS



FUNDRAISING - THANK YOU!

The Community Foundation of Southern Indiana (CFSI) made a donation to the LRC. The big check was presented last Saturday August 15 at the boathouse.

Thank you to CFSI and Tori!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATCH THE REGATTA FROM THE VIP TENT!

This is the perfect spot for friends and family of LRC rowers to watch the Derby City Head Race.

There will be food, shade, and BATHROOMS! Rowers will be stopping by the tent to say hello and explain the ins and out of a regatta to guests. Your ticket will also help LRC raise money to purchase newer, lighter, racing boats for the kids. \$80 per person for all-day entry.

Reserve
your
Spot!



NOTE - current LRC families will be provided the opportunity to purchase two tickets at a discount using a separate invoice



MAKING WAVES

- Niki arranged an order of Club rowing shoes focusing on medium and small sizing, along with privately owned shoes. From our rowers (of all sizes), thank you!
- Tori has added name labels to the quick release straps on our Club and Private rowing shoes. They are the bee's knees!

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US ROWING AND YOU

Have you checked your US Rowing account? Make sure it is up-to-date!

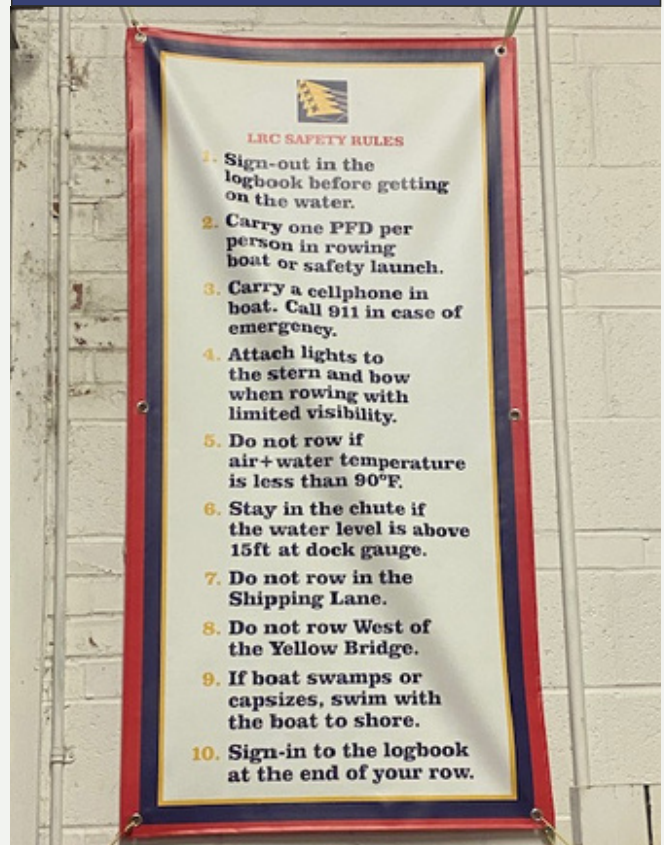
Verify that your US Rowing membership is in good standing.

Sign their waiver, attest that SafeSport training is required ("Relevant Adult Participant" since there are minors in the clubhouse), and complete the SafeSport training each year.



SAFETY FIRST!

- Always keep in mind the boathouse safety rules. Posted above the door for quick reference
- Make sure make boat reservations are logged on iCrew.
- Remember to put safety first while you navigate the river.



GIVE FOR GOOD LOUISVILLE

Hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville, Give for Good is the biggest online giving day in the Kentuckiana region.

Mark your calendar for the 2026 edition Thursday, September 10.

SAVE THE DATES

CALENDAR

August 15-November 9 - Fall Practices for Varsity and Novice

August 22 - Pancake Breakfast

August 31-November 4 - Foundation Practices

September 1 - Board Meeting - Open to All

September 10 - Give for Good Louisville

September 20 - End-of-Summer Potluck

September 26 - Head of the Cuyahoga, Cleveland, OH
(Varsity Only)

October 10 - Derby City Head Race, Louisville, KY

October 19 - Boathouse Closing

October 24 - Blake Haxton Fall Regatta, Columbus, OH

October 31 - Music City Head Race, Nashville, TN

November 7 and 8 - Head of the Hooch, Chattanooga, TN

