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THE HILLIARD ROWING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

March 2020

Bye-bye Winter! Hello Spring Maintenance!



Is anyone as happy as I am that Winter weather is over? Yes, I said it, and I don't fear the jinx. And now that it is our thoughts turn to the shape our boathouse, storage racks and trailers are in.

During the week of Spring Break (3/21-3/27) we'll expect all help available to clean out webs, nests and trash, scrape and sand off

rust, repair and power wash and paint these structures. A signup genius will go out so we can track who is available to help on what days. Some tools and materials will be provided but if you have anything you can bring to assist (grinders, scrapers, generators, rollers or brushes, etc.) please note that in the signup as well. An electrician is in the process of working up the plan that the City of Columbus wants in order to make those repairs, which will be submitted this week for approval. Since we'll have electric out there, a small cooler or fridge will be scrounged up for water storage on site for the rowers. We need to have a lot of hands in on this as we're scheduled to host Gem City Crew for a Scrimgatta on the 28th and want the place looking good. There will be volunteer help needed for that event as well, details to come out shortly.



Hotel Arrangements for Regattas

For the regatta schedule we have we really only need hotel accommodations for two events, the Junior Sprints in Indy and the Junior Championships in Bethel. A block of rooms has been reserved for both those events. Details are:

- Indianapolis
 - We'll be staying at the Quality Inn Indianapolis North, 9251 Wesleyan Rd. Their phone is 317-876-8151. <https://www.choicehotels.com/indiana/indianapolis/quality-inn-hotels/in209>
 - The room rate is \$80 per night. Since we're only competing on Sunday May 3rd, the block is reserved for Saturday, May 2nd. When you contact them please mention that you're booking in the block for Hilliard Rowing Association. This block rate is guaranteed through Saturday, April 25th. On Sunday the 26th the rooms are released to market rate booking.
 - There is a Texas Roadhouse across the street from the Quality Inn where a team dinner will be scheduled.

- Bethel
 - We'll be staying at the Red Roof Inn Cincinnati East, 4035 Mount Carmel-Tobasco Rd. Their phone is 513-528-2741. <https://www.redroof.com/property/OH/Cincinnati/RR1080>
 - The room rate is \$78 per night. We will be competing both days at this event so the block is reserved for both Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th. When you contact them please



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mention that you're booking in the block for Hilliard Rowing Association. This block rate is guaranteed through Wednesday, April 15th. On Thursday the 16th the rooms are released to market rate booking.

- There are a few team dinner options nearby and something will be scheduled shortly.

A couple of notes on the arrangements – if you're not partial to any of those locations or brands, both hotel and restaurants, please feel free to make whatever arrangements you'd prefer. Be advised that both those hotels have 25 rooms reserved but, at this time, each have about ½ that have two double beds and ½ that have one king bed. This may change as rooms that others book get cancelled or otherwise made available, but the sooner you book the sooner you'll have the option of a double room if that's your preference.

New Boats – Bad and Good News

The holdup in shipping from China due to the Coronavirus has the boats that we ordered sitting at the factory in Hangzhou, and they won't be here in time for us to use them to compete. However, prior to the outbreak, the company made a large import of boats, and these are higher quality 'A' boats. So the upshot is that they're going to honor their commitment on a delivery date and give us two better boats than we ordered for no extra cost! Bret and Mac will be heading east on March 8th to pick them up.



Varsity Splash Jackets

Delivery date is expected this week.

Spirit Wear

Brooke is meeting with Powell Prints on Wednesday to set up the online store dates.

Winter Workouts

Winter conditioning will continue for two more weeks, after which we expect to be on the water. We'll need to pay Crossfit Hilliard for those two weeks so please have your rower bring \$40 (cash or check to Hilliard Rowing) to the coaches at the next workout for that fee.

Finally, please join in a loud WELCOME ABOARD to Ben Niswonger, who joined us this week from Central Ohio Rowing! Ben is a very nice young man and he's excited to be here. Please introduce yourself to Ben and his family if you've not yet had a chance to meet them!

The next Board meeting is March 12th at the Davidson Rd. Firehouse Community Room. We'll have the usual Board meeting from 6-7 and the Parents meeting from 7-8.