

## Shen Crew Weekly Newsletter

### Upcoming Dates:

**April 1- 28<sup>th</sup>** – Flower Fundraiser sales

**April 10-28<sup>th</sup>** – Hoffman Car Wash Sales

**April 10** – Mod Spring Season begins - **Online Registration Last Call!**

**April 10** – SPAC Summer Concert training for new volunteers

**April 11** – Board meeting at Gowana Café

**April 21** – US Rowing Waivers deadline

**April 17-21** – Spring Break Practice – All teams will practice 8-12

**April 26** – Chipolte Food Fundraiser 4:00 – 8:00

**April 29& 30** – Saratoga Invitational Regatta

### US Rowing Waivers – Due by 4/21

As discussed at parent meeting, All online US Rowing Waivers must be completed prior to first race. Click this link: <https://membership.usrowing.org> ; Under individuals, choose member option and then sign waiver. You should have received an email with your child's member #. If not please contact Barb Brownhill for assistance at [bbrownhill@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bbrownhill@nycap.rr.com)

### Swim Test

All new members must complete a swim test at the beginning of the season. We are awaiting a final date & time where we can get use of the Shen swimming pool and will follow up to new members as soon as it's confirmed. In the meantime, please complete your US Rowing waiver and we'll use that as initial approval. Stay tuned for details.

### Spring 2017 Race Schedule:

**Saratoga Invitational** (4/29-4/30, Saratoga Springs, Varsity, Frosh, Select Modified)

**Steinmetz Sprints** – Fridays in May Friday the 5, 12th, 19th and 26 (All Modified at practice times our boathouse, other teams will travel to us)

**NYS Championships** (5/13-5/14), Saratoga Springs, Varsity, Frosh)

**Stotesbury Cup Regatta** (5/19-5/20, Philadelphia, PA, Varsity, Frosh) (Travel on 5/18)

**SRAA Nationals** (5/26-5/27), Camden, NJ, Qualifying Crews) (Travel and Practice on 5/25)

**Mod Champs** (6/3, Mechanicville, All Modified )

**USRowing Youth Nationals** (6/9-6/11, Sarasota, FL, Qualifying Crews only w/ Coach's Discretion)

### Spring 2017 Season Volunteer Link – We need more helpers:

Spring season has begun for Freshman/Varsity and Modified practice will begin on April 10th! Therefore...It's time to choose your volunteer job for the season. Each family is required to volunteer at least once during the season. Volunteering is mandatory.

For Freshman & Varsity parents – we ask you to consider taking a food tent job (bringing food or a leadership role) since you'll be attending all regattas so we can provide food correctly for the kids. These must get filled in order for food tent to run.

**We are still in need of the following jobs to be filled – WE NEED HELP FILLING:**

- **Varsity Pasta Party 4/28/17 (date can be moved if needed)**
- **Regatta Food wraps/sandwiches (2 out of 3 spots open)**
- **Food Tent Set up Leader**
- **Food tent AM captain for Saratoga Invitational &/or NYS Championships**
- **Boathouse duty 4-6:15 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays**

Registration will stay open until April 8th then after that you will be assigned a responsibility or a charge will be added to your account. Here is the link for spring season, please take a look and sign up as soon as possible so you get the job that fits you. If you have questions, please email Mary Hanratty [maryhshencrew@gmail.com](mailto:maryhshencrew@gmail.com) It's open NOW for job choices and is first come first serve. <http://signup.com/go/UGuCyr>

### **Modified Season Begins on Monday 4/10**

Modified athletes will get their bus in front of the Gowana Bus Port. The school buses will depart and then the crew bus will pull up. Please talk to your rowers about waiting for the bus to stop before they walk towards it. There is no eating on the bus, and once seated, rowers should remain in their seats. Coaches will meet the bus at the boathouse to make sure the ride was problem free. Respecting our teammates, the bus driver, and our coaches is all part of our sport. The kids will need a water bottle and sneakers every day and should bring layers of non cotton attire to accommodate weather. For those with asthma, please always have an inhaler. Pick up begins at 6:30pm, please let Freshman & Varsity teams clear out before arriving.

### **Flower Fundraising packets**

Flower Fundraising Packets for varsity parents unable to attend this past Saturday's Parent meeting were taken to the boathouse by Coach Mike, who will distribute them to your rowers. New or returning Modified parents who couldn't attend can pick up their Flower Packets from a Shen Crew box on the porch of the Crew Treasurer's house at 8 Gleneagles Blvd, Round Lake, off exit 11 of the Northway. Otherwise, any Modified Flower Fundraiser packets uncollected this week will be moved to the boathouse at the start of Modified training next week. Look for your labeled Flower Fundraiser packet inside a Shen Crew Flower Sale box left on the boathouse desk. This is also where all parents will leave their completed order forms. (Documents are also on website)

### **Spring Break Practice Schedule- Yes both teams are practicing**

Spring break is the week of April 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school nor busing but due to the late start on the water the coaches would like to still hold practice. (If your child will not be attending, please have him/her tell their coach ahead of time for planning.)

Varsity, Freshman & Modified teams will practice Mon-Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

### **Call for Chaperones**

If you are interested in being a Chaperone for the Stotesbury Regatta and/or the SRAA Nationals please contact Jon Slepski ASAP. Chaperones will help coordinate the lunches on site and help the coaches keep the kids organized at the races. All meals, bus ride and hotel room will be paid for by the team for those willing to chaperone.

[jonslepski@shencrewadmin.com](mailto:jonslepski@shencrewadmin.com)

## **SPAC Summer Concerts 2<sup>nd</sup> training date 4/10**

Shen crew will be participating in the SPAC summer concert program again this summer (June, July, August & Sept) where parents will be manning the concession stands during live nation events and all proceeds will go towards the Shen Crew equipment fund for 2018 purchases. The club receives a percentage of the total sales from our registers plus a tips from the tent. It's a great deal for us and for SPAC, who not only get reasonable labor but also a tax break for working with non-profit groups, a true win-win scenario. A full list of concerts and sign up will come later this season. **WE NEED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO VOLUNTEER!**

Summer concerts are Dave Matthews, Train, The Dead, Third Eye Blind, Foreigner with Cheap Trick, Rod Stewart, Florida Georgia Line, Chicago and more!! (Note – last year Shen Crew earned over \$7,700 for the equipment fund by participating in these events.)

**New SPAC Volunteer Training (2<sup>nd</sup> session) is on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.**

Those who had successfully completed the training last year (spring 2016) are not required to attend. Since last year was our first year only new SPAC volunteers will be required to train. There will be multiple organizations attending the training which is mandatory to work for Legends/Live Nation/SPAC. We will be backstage at SPAC for orientation. Parking will be in the Auto Museum Lot and there will be signs pointing you where to go from there. Please RSVP by April 7th to [barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com](mailto:barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com)

## **Stotesbury Regatta (Varsity & Freshman) Due by 4/27:**

The Varsity & Freshman teams will be traveling to the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia May 18-20. Parents who are interested in reserving rooms may use the following link to obtain the Shen Crew Link for price \$109/night (Must book by 4/27/17 then rooms will be released): [Book your group rate for Shen Crew Parents](#)

## **SRAA Nationals Hotel info**

For this race, there is no parent block as parents need to make their own reservations. Racing is Friday 5/26 & 27<sup>th</sup>. Kids will be traveling the Thursday before with Chaperones. Parents can reserve online or call:

[https://www.bestwestern.com/content/best-western/en\\_US/booking-path/hotel-details.31046.html?propertyCode=31046&disablenav=true&suppressSSLPopup=true&sob=P3434](https://www.bestwestern.com/content/best-western/en_US/booking-path/hotel-details.31046.html?propertyCode=31046&disablenav=true&suppressSSLPopup=true&sob=P3434)

## **Clynk bottle redemption- All season**

Exciting news – Hannaford stated that Shen Crew is the #1 Clynk fundraising group in NY! Hannaford was filming Kids & parents during the parent meeting and will be highlighting Shen Crew and our success with this program. If you did not attend the meeting and need info on how to sign up for your personal account to go towards Shen Crew success, please email Barb Moore for information. [barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com](mailto:barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com)

## **Monthly Board of Directors Meeting**

Monthly meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of each month (unless school vacation weeks) 7:00 – 9:30 pm. While the meetings are open for all to listen, Public Comment period begins promptly at 7:00, ending at 7:30. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your input is a valuable source to continue to foster a positive nurturing environment and experience the tradition of Crew. (Meetings held in Gowana Café or Library, check location on the website and/or on top of this newsletter to confirm).

**Liaisons can answer general qts:**

Modified: Gwen Friesen [gfriesen@hotmail.com](mailto:gfriesen@hotmail.com)

Varsity & Freshman : Jane Neidhart [jfndvm@earthlink.net](mailto:jfndvm@earthlink.net)

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