

Upcoming Dates:

August 31st – HS Walkthrough 11am – Recruiting team & Varsity volunteers

September 5 - Labor day-- No Practice

September 6 - Varsity/freshman practice 7am-9am

September 7 – First Day of School – Freshman & Varsity practice moves to afterschool (6:15 pm pick up)

September 10 – Varsity, Freshman and Modified practice 8:00 – 10:00am

September 10 – Parent meeting 10am – Parents of all teams (M, F & V)

September 12- Modified Fall Program Begins after school (6:30pm pick up)

September 13 – Menchies - 2-9:00pm – Equipment fund Food fundraiser

September 17– Rowathon - Mandatory all teams – Report times Fresh/Var 8:00-1:00pm and Mod 8:00-11:00

September 17 – Modified Ice Cream social directly after rowathon 11-12:30

September 24 – Tail of Fish Regatta

Spring Survey Take Aways

After reviewing the spring survey responses, we will be implementing the following recommendations for Fall Season.

1. Food Tent - The food tent will be scaled down to make regattas less labor intensive, with healthier options and lower expenses so we can shift money to equipment - More to come in detail on this.

2. Transparency - Members would like to hear more about what the board is working on so starting with the September meeting, all board meetings will be open the entire time keeping with the first 30 minutes for members to come with questions or concerns then they are invited to stay and listen if they wish.

3. Team Travel - The new team travel policy was liked by the majority. This will remain in place and we will continue to ask parents for each away "travel regatta" to volunteer to chaperone.

4. Equipment update - We have done a full year end inventory of existing equipment and have begun to identify what new equipment is on our wish list. We will be updating membership on the plan for new equipment at the fall parent meeting.

Fall Registration

Fall registration has begun! First payment and registration forms are due to Nancy Paulsen or Kim Ferraioli this week. Please reference 2016-2017 Registration email sent previously for payment schedules. The Fall regatta calendar is posted on the Shen Crew website.

Traffic reminder - Bridge work Starting July 5th - November

Traffic Reminder for getting to the boathouse - the bridge crossing the creek on Riverview Rd will be closed starting July 5th and that additional time will be required to get to the boathouse, so plan accordingly. A suggested route is Rt 146 west to 914V (continue west through 146 and Rt 110 intersection), at ~1 mile take left on Rt 29 south (Maple Ave) and then a left on Alplaus Ave and across the train tracks. Schenectady County highway department confirmed the bridge is not scheduled to be completed until November.

Buffalo Wild Wings

We have a great new opportunity to eat out and raise money with Buffalo Wild Wings from now until the end of the year! Here is how it works:

1. Bring your Teammate Card into your sponsoring restaurant, **now** until **Dec 31**. Details are on your card.
2. Show your card, on a mobile device or via printed copy, to your server and let them know you are part of the Home Team Advantage Program.
3. The server will add 10% of you total sales to Friends of Shen Crew's running total. It is that easy!
4. At the end of the season, Buffalo Wind Wings will donate the 10% of the sales that the total team generated throughout the season back to your team.

Teammate Cards will be in your fundraiser packet that is going to be given out at the parent meeting on 9/10. If you should need a replacement please contact Barb Moore at barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com.

Annual Rowathon

For those that are new: The Rowathon (scheduled for all teams to row on 9/17) is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The Freshman/Varsity teams have already done their 10 letters on first day of practice. The modified team will bring their address form (emailed last week) to the practice on,

Saturday September 10th before the parent meeting. The modified team will be filling out and stuffing the envelopes at that time so all letters can be mailed prior to the event. If you choose to not submit 10 names and addresses your rower may bring the buyout amount of \$75 to practice that day.

Our goal is to surpass last year's goal and **raise \$12,000**. This is absolutely achievable! To help the motivate the kids we have prizes for the top 3 fundraisers.

1st place- \$50 Amazon gift card

2nd place- \$25 Amazon gift card

3rd place- \$10 Amazon gift card

If you have questions regarding the rowathon or fundraising requirement, please contact Barb Moore at barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com

Questions, Comments, or Complaints?

Please use the link on our website www.shencrew.com the link is in the upper right corner of the front page under the tag "Give Rowing A Try" It's an easy way to communicate with the Shen Crew Board, Executive Director, and Head Coach.

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