

## **Upcoming Dates:**

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 18 – Board meeting 7pm

September 24 – Tail of Fish Regatta

## **Chattercox Fall Coxing Clinic**

An invitation from BH & Niskayuna -- Shen Crew coxswains are invited to attend a specialized training clinic Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at BH boathouse 11-4:00pm (immediately following our practice & parent meeting).

Please see the attached flyer to register!

## **Parent meeting**

The Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> is the parent meeting at the boathouse. We will have fundraiser handouts and topics of discussion will be expectations for the fall practice & regatta for fall season, the changes implemented for food tent, fundraising overview, announcement of our new policy/procedure manual and more! We look forward to seeing everyone at 10:00am.

Reminder – Modified team needs to bring their Rowathon address form to Sat 9/10 practice! The kids will be filling out their envelopes then.

## **Transportation to Practice**

**Modified** will get their bus outside the Gowana Bus port (near the Aquatic Center). The regular school buses will fill and depart the parking lot. Then the Shen Crew bus will pull up and pick up the rowers. Please do not approach the bus until it makes a complete stop. Do not eat on the bus.

**Freshman** will get the bus at HSW. Do not eat on the bus.

**Varsity (Grades 10, 11 and 12)** will get the upstate travel bus in the back lot of HSE. The bus will leave at 2:50pm, so please hustle out of HSE at end of day. Please do not eat on the bus.

### **Fall Season Volunteer Job – sign up now!**

Fall season has begun...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; please sign up prior to September 10th parent meeting. Please note some positions are required of Modified and/or Var/Freshman parents only while others are open to any level parent. Registration will stay open until September 20th then after that you will be assigned a responsibility or a charge will be added to your account. For people that are new or wanting to take on a new job. There are descriptions within each Volunteer Spot link giving you information on what is involved and a new section on the Shen Crew Website called "Volunteer Job Descriptions" contains information on some of the bigger jobs and will be added to throughout the year. There are a range of jobs to include: Working at the boathouse every other week, towing the food trailer, helping at the banquet, finding new corporate sponsors, bringing a food item to each regatta and more. If you have questions on any positions, please contact Mary Hanratty for assistance. **Sign ups are done on a first come, first served basis.**

We are looking for our Freshman/Varsity, experienced parents to act as Food Tent captains, you've seen how to set up & break down tents, help lead the workers for the breakfast or lunch shift for two regattas.

Here is the link for fall season, please take a look and sign up as soon as possible so you get the job that fits you. It's open NOW for job choices.

<http://signup.com/go/VAPbpH>

### **For those that still need to Register**

**All Rowers:** Print out a copy of the 2016-2017 registration form from the website. Fill out and return to Kim Ferraioli 29 West Sky Lane, Clifton Park NY 12065 or bring to the boathouse.

**New Rowers:** No payment is due until the completion of the two week trial period. A mandatory **Swim test** will be scheduled at the Shen Pool. We will let you know when the date is confirmed. If qts, please contact Kim at [Shencrewkim@gmail.com](mailto:Shencrewkim@gmail.com)

### **Traffic reminder - Bridge work Starting July 5<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:barbmoore@shencrewadmin.com)

### **Questions, Comments, or Complaints?**

Please use the link on our website [www.shencrew.com](http://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.

### **Liaisons can answer general qts:**

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