



General Membership Meeting
March 12, 2025 7:30pm



Agenda

- Welcome - Sherry Noud
- Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsor Recognition – Sherry Noud
- Introduction of Board Members – Sherry Noud
- Carpool Updates – Jeanette Sonner, Carpool Coordinator
- Program Director's Updates – Coach Vargas
- What to Expect at Regattas – Captains
- Spring Regatta Schedule
- VASRA Updates – Carla Bissonnette, VASRA Rep
- Snack Tent Updates – Megan Salyer, Coordinator
- Budget Update – Brandon Booher
- Membership Obligation & Volunteer Needs - Ellen Valentine
- President's Updates
- Questions



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Board Member Introductions

Sherry Noud, President

Brandon Booher, Treasurer

Micaela Williamson, Secretary

Anh Nguyen, VP for Membership

Paige Wroble, VP for Ways and Means

Rob Graveline, VP for Operations #1

Frank Stuyvesant, VP for Operations #2

Ellen Valentine, VP for Administration

Neil Shull, At-Large

John Stevenson, At-Large Finance



Carpool Coordinator

Jeanette Sonner

Carpool Reminders:

- Thank you to all the drivers and rowers in carpool!!
- Rowers and drivers use Slack for communication but keep my number on your phone for emergencies: 703 328 9148
- Use your Google calendar
- Drivers, if your pod can't cover a leg, make the request in the main carpool channel.
- Have an empty seat? Announce that that in the main carpool channel.
- Rowers please communicate in your pod channel if you won't be at practice.
- When in doubt, check with an adult



Program Director Updates

Coach Vargas, Program Director

Regattas

The whens, wheres, and whats



What should I bring?

Rowers:

- Bag/Crew Duffel
- Two water bottles
- **UNI (robinson tank top, long sleeve shirt, compression shorts)**
- **SPLASH JACKET**
- Sweatpants/Lounge pants
- Sweatshirt
- Two pairs of socks
- Easy to slip on and off shoes
- Walking shoes
- Hats/Sunglasses/Sunscreen
- Snacks
- Tape (if needed)
- Medication (if needed)
- Spending money for food or souvenirs (optional)
 - Each regatta has its own unique shirt
- Change of clothes (optional)
- Hammock (optional)

***All rowers are
REQUIRED to be
in uniform***



Suggested Parents/Spectators List:

- Cash for Sandy Run goods and services (shuttles)
- Folding chairs, stadium seat cushions, or a blanket to sit on (the grandstands are concrete)
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, & hat
- Cowbells
- Binoculars & a camera
- Snacks & water
- Weather appropriate clothes
 - Layers recommended
- A ramtastic attitude to cheer on your rower!

What should I expect?

Rowers:

T-2 hours till race: Arrive at the boathouse and remove boat from racks

T-1.5 hours till race: Check the boat making sure everything is in order

T-1 hour till race: Start warming up

T-45 - 30 min till race: Launch, quick warm up, and head down to the starting platform

Race time!



Parents/Spectators:

- Plan for extra travel time before your rower's race (about 1 hour)
 - Parking to Sandy Run
 - Sandy Run to Grandstands
 - 20 minute walk* OR a \$5 shuttle ride
- **No spectators in the boathouse**
- Lots of fun and exciting races

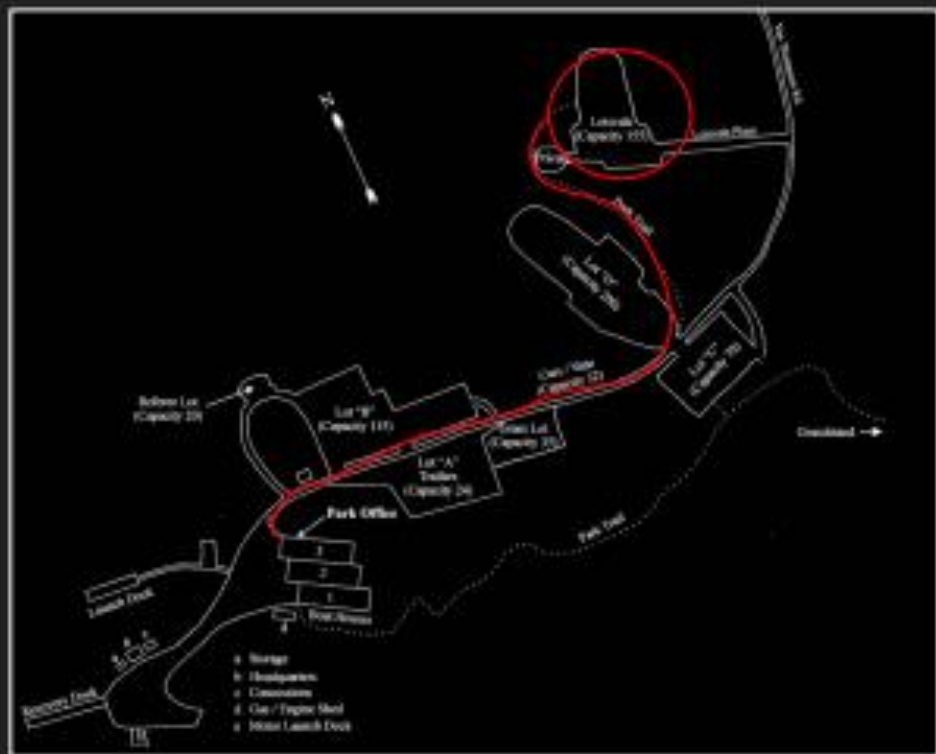
* The walk to the Grandstands is a dirt path with steep ups and downs. Tennis shoes or proper footwear is heavily encouraged. The path may also be muddy after rain.

Parking

Rowers:

There is **limited** parking in the Loivale lot. If parking is not available, you will have to either be dropped off or take the shuttle to the park.

- Plan accordingly to make sure you arrive at the boathouse **ON TIME**



Parents/Spectators:

NO PARKING FOR SPECTATORS AT SANDY RUN!

Parking is available at an offsite location. Spectators must take a shuttle to Sandy Run.

South County High School:

- 8501 Silverbrook Rd, Lorton

OR

Commuter Lot:

- 1325 Old Bridge Rd, Woodbridge

Important shuttle information:

- The shuttle could be a 30-45 minute wait
- There is a \$20 fee (\$10 each way) for the shuttle that covers the round trip cost (**Cash only**)
- The shuttle typically begins 1.5 hours before the first race and concludes running from Sandy Run no later than 1 hour after the last race.

Check <https://www.vasra.org/regattas/parking> for the most up to date information!

Understanding the heat sheet

Regatta Name

Lane number

Lane 1 (Prince William Side)
Lane 6 (Grandstand Side)

Regatta Boat Designations on VASRA Heat Sheets:
(These can differ across platforms)

Event number

Time of race

Race Name

Example: M-N-4+

“Mens Novice Four (coxed)”

*Note: This is heat one of two.
Therefore, top three move on to a final

School seed

School name

Virginia State Rowing Championship (VSRC) Day 1 Results - May 6, 2023								
Price William County				Boathouse/Grandstand				
#	Race	Race Name	Lane 1	Lane 2	Lane 3	Lane 4	Lane 5	Lane 6
1	8:00	W - N - 4+ Heat 1 2 to Finals	Woodbridge (19)	Rock Ridge (8)	Madison (1)	Woodson (7)	Riverside (15)	
		Place	5	3	1	4	2	
		Split	00:53.8	00:42.4	00:00.0	00:50.7	00:04.6	
		Time	07:22.7	07:11.3	06:28.9	07:19.6	06:33.5	
2	8:08	W - N - 4+ Heat 2 2 to Finals	Independence	Battlefield (9)	Yorktown (3)	Wash-Liberty (6)	Osborn Park (14)	S. County
		Place	5	3	2	DNS	4	1
		Split	01:23.4	00:25.3	00:04.6		00:44.9	00:00.0
		Time	08:21.6	07:23.5	07:02.8		07:43.1	06:58.2
3	8:16	W - N - 4+ Heat 3 2 to Finals	Alexandria	St. John Paul (10)	Granby (4)	Briar Woods (5)	Broad Run (13)	Langley
		Place	3	5	1	4	6	2
		Split	00:10.4	00:21.2	00:00.0	00:19.2	00:52.1	00:03.7
		Time	06:58.7	07:09.5	06:48.3	07:07.5	07:40.4	06:52.0
4	8:24	M - N - 4+ Heat 1 3 to Finals	Hylton (13)	Madison (7)	S. County (1)	W. Potomac (5)	Riverside (11)	
		Place	5	1	2	3	4	
		Split	01:22.3	00:00.0	00:07.7	00:14.9	00:32.1	

Boat Terminology:
Pair (sweep) - Double (skulled)
Four (sweep) - Quad (skulled)
Eight (sweep) - Octuple (skulled)

These are live documents that are subject to change and will be updated throughout the regatta

- x → sculling entry
 - Example: 4x means a Quad (4 rowers, 8 oars) No 'x' means a coxed Four or a straight Four (4 rowers, 4 oars)
 - *Memory hint:* think of 'x' as 'times 2' or crossed oars
- + → coxed entry (the '+' is not always included on sheets, especially for 8s since they all have a coxswain)
 - All 8's are sweep and have a coxswain in stern
- JR → no seniors on the boat, even coxswain
- LT → Lightweight entry
- FR → all high school freshmen on the boat
- N → Novice - all first-year rowers on the boat
- Women (W) and Men (M).
 - There are no mixed categories for VASRA regattas.
- Flight - Heat (Top boats proceed to final)

VASRA Heat Sheets can be found here prior to regattas: <https://www.vasra.org/regattas/results>



Take lots of photos,
make lots of memories,
and earn lots of metals!



Questions / More information



More information:

- US Rowing's Viewer's Guide
 - https://usrowing.org/sports/2016/6/28/5264_132107073154143476
- VASRA Regattas 101 Page
 - <https://www.vasra.org/regattas/regatta-101>



2025 Regatta Season with Parking Information

ROBINSON CREW REGATTA SCHEDULE



Sandy Run Regional Park

10450 Van Thompson Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

3/22/25	Polar Bear
3/29/25	Walter Mess
4/5/25	Darrell Winslow
4/12/25	Ted Phoenix
4/19/25	Ryz Obuchowicz
4/26/25	Al Urquia
5/3/25	VA Scholastic Rowing Championships (States) Day 1
5/10/25	VA Scholastic Rowing Championships (States) Day 2
5/16-5/17/25	Stotesbury Cup ("Stotes") Regatta
5/23-5/24/25	Scholastic Rowing Association of America (SRAA) (Nationals)

PARKING NOTE FOR THIS YEAR: Parking will be at South County High School for every regatta EXCEPT the Ted Phoenix on April 12.
Parking for the Ted Phoenix will be at the Commuter Lot (addresses below).

South County High School	8501 Silverbrook Rd, Lorton, VA
Commuter Lot	1325 Old Bridge Rd, Woodbridge, VA

Find this information in the "Quick Catch" Newsletter!



VASRA Updates

VASRA - Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association - www.vasra.org

2025 Regatta Season Volunteer Requirements:

- VASRA Representative - Carla Bissonnette
- 2 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) positions - Karena Carlson (referee candidate) & Emily Fabrycky (Finish Line)
- Launch boats – Rob Graveline, Frank Stuyvesant
- 55 volunteer shifts, 1 point per shift
- Positions must be filled by March 11 to meet our obligation to VASRA.
- All assigned shifts must be covered. Contact Carla as soon as possible in the event you are not able to work your shift. We must provide a sub.



VASRA Representative

Carla Bissonnette

VASRA Regatta Volunteers:

- Review the job description prior to arriving.
- Volunteers park for free at Sandy Run (Lot C).
- Volunteers must sign in at the VASRA desk 1 hour prior to shift start time. We use the sign in sheet to assign points. Exception: 6am shifts - arrive 10 minutes prior to shift start.
- Volunteers must sign VASRA statement regarding protection of minors.
- Dress appropriately based on the weather conditions.
- Do not wear red out on the water.
- Please wear Robinson gear if you have it.



Regatta Snack Tent

Megan Salyer

- Snack tent volunteers needed to set up snack tent before 7am and take down snack tent at end of every regatta. Earn 1 point per shift. See SignUpGenius in Slack.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DAEAA2AA6F4C43-55616637-robinson#/>

- Snack tent donations needed. See SignUpGenius to donate food, water and/or money for the purchase of these items.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DAEAA2AA6F4C43-55459108-robinson#/>

Robinson Crew Boosters Club, Inc. Approved Budget for 2024-2025 Season		March Update
Budget Categories	Budgeted	To Date
Revenue		
4000 Registration Fees	\$ 90,000	\$ 99,888
4003 Regatta Participation Fees	\$ 25,500	\$ -
4004 Volunteer Points Shortfall	\$ 1,000	\$ -
4200 Fundraising Income	\$ 48,000	\$ 55,118
4400 Donations & Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,400
4500 Interest Income	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,020
4600 Proceeds from Sale of Assets	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,400
4900 Income for Capital Fund	\$ 2,000	\$ 100
49900 Uncategorized Income	\$ -	\$ 119
Total Revenue	\$ 180,500	\$ 173,045
Expenditures		
6005-7 Bank/Quickbooks Fees	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,258
6010 Board/Administrative	\$ 1,000	\$ 576
6020 Insurance	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,968
6032 Legal & Accounting	\$ 4,300	\$ -
6034 License & Registration	\$ 100	\$ 25
6035 Membership Dues & Registrations	\$ 350	\$ 200
6040 Miscellaneous	\$ 500	\$ -
6050 Office Supplies	\$ 50	\$ -
6055 Storage	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,019
6060 Swim Test	\$ 200	\$ 54
6065 Team Events	\$ 4,000	\$ -
6150 Payroll Expenses	\$ 50,000	\$ 28,660
6200 Fundraising Expense	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,565
6300 Equipment	\$ 31,500	\$ 12,454
6400 Coach Expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,982
6500 Regatta Expense	\$ 50,000	\$ 650
Total Expenditures	\$ 179,000	\$ 68,720
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 1,500	\$ 104,325

Budget Update

Brandon Booher

Fundraising Details			
	Income	Profit To Date	% Budget
Corporate Sponsorships	\$13,400	\$13,017	130%
Tag Day	\$23,299	\$21,782	95%
Ergathon	\$23,118	\$22,295	223%
Restaurant Fundraisers	\$940	\$940	31%
Nothing Bundt Cakes	\$3,629	\$1,116	37%
RaiseRight	\$1,654	\$1,654	83%
Bridal Show	\$329	\$329	-%
Car Wash	\$1,001	\$1,001	-%
Spirit Wear Sales	\$1,546	\$216	-%
	\$68,916	\$62,134	122%

Fundraising is mainly over, but the majority of our expenses are yet to come.



VP Administration

Ellen Valentine

Seven & Two For Our Crew

To keep Robinson Crew an elite Virginia Scholastic Rowing organization, we need every team member to contribute the following each season:

Accumulate 7 Volunteer Points

Raise \$200 In Fundraising

Current Volunteer Needs:

- Regatta Food Tent - 1 point (per set up / take down)
- Nominating Committee - 1 point
- Statesbury Planning Committee – 2 points

Raise at least \$200 profit through these:

- Sponsorships
- Nothing Bundt Cake Sales
- Givebutter Campaign & Ergathon
- RaiseRight



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Membership Obligation

What happens if I don't meet my obligation?

Volunteering

If you don't earn at least 7 points/rower, you will be assessed a fee of \$50/ unearned point.

There is no option to "buy out" of volunteering as the team needs your time and effort in these areas.

Fundraising

If you don't raise at least \$200/rower in profit from various fundraisers, you will be assessed a fee equal to the \$200 minus the amount raised.

You have the option to "buy out" of your fundraising obligation in part or in full if you are unable or don't wish to participate in fundraising.



Ways & Means

Paige Wroble

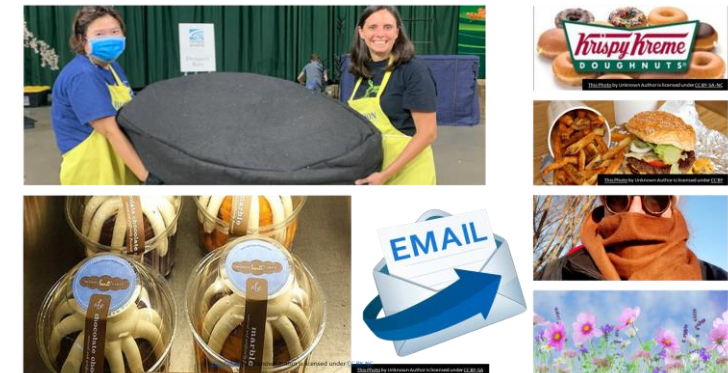
Past Fundraising Events:

- Tag Days
- Ergathon campaign
- Five Guys



Upcoming Events:

- Taco Bamba - 3/31 (tentative)
- Chipotle Benefit Night - 4/26
- RaiseRight - ongoing





**President
Sherry Noud**

Please return signed Code of Conduct from the Handbook to me (president@robinsoncrew.org).

Nominating Committee Members needed to prepare slate of officers to be sent to members prior to 4/2.



Upcoming Events

- 3/15 – VASRA Work Day #4 (course installation) – check Slack for SUG
- 3/22 – Polar Bear Regatta
- 3/28 – Pasta party
- 3/29 – Walter Mess Regatta
- 4/1 – April Board Meeting
- 4/5 – Darrell Winslow Regatta
- 4/9 – April General Membership Meeting (virtual)
- 4/12 – Ted Phoenix Regatta
- 4/19 – Ryz Obuchowicz Regatta
- 4/26 – Al Urquia Regatta
- 4/29 – May Board Meeting



Upcoming Events

- 5/2 – May General Membership Meeting with Elections & Senior Night/Pasta Party - RSS
- 5/3 – Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships (VSRC) aka States - Day 1
- 5/6 – Board Meeting
- 5/10 – Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships (VSRC) aka States - Day 2
- 5/15-5/17 – Stotesbury Regatta, Philadelphia, PA (post-season)
- 5/23-5/24 – Scholastic Rowing Association of America (SRAA) for qualifying boats
- 6/3 – Board Meeting
- 5/TBD – Stotes Parent Info Meeting



Questions?