

Friends of University of New Hampshire Crew



Dear Friends of UNH Rowing,

We certainly hope that this letter finds you enjoying the Holiday Season. The Friends community had a busy fall. Getting the Friends up and running again has really shown what a fun, hard working and uniquely cool group of people make up the decades of UNH Crew. We had a number of events, including the alumni/homecoming day, an alumni gathering in celebration of the life of Gordon Barker, and an alumni race at the Head of the Charles.

The Friends are taking the spirit of the fall events, into competitive winter training. No, we aren't asking anyone to run any stairs or do any body circuits. What we are doing is combining the alumni gatherings with the alumni racing, to have a seat race challenge for raising money to replace the two, twenty-five year old safety/coaching launches. The total cost of the two launches is thirty thousand dollars (fifteen thousand apiece). Through the passionate generosity of the Alums from the 70's and early 80's, the launch fund has received approximately \$10,000. Success is certainly within reach for one fifteen thousand dollar boat. The 70's/early-80's alumni have thrown down the gauntlet, and challenged the mid-to-late-80's, 90's and 00's to match their power giving and take on the challenge of raising the fifteen thousand for launch number two. The alumni from the 00's, 90's and mid-80's are in a "race" to give to successfully cross the fifteen thousand finish line. So, the "race" really is to see if the more recent alumni can go the distance set by the early alumni. The challenge is to finish, and like all races these days, this race can be followed on-line. There'll be a couple oars on the website, representing each group, and the goal will be for the larger group of alumni to have the same success as the early alumni. Although the early alumni have a big lead, here's the special attraction from the leaders: if the rest of the alumni successfully cross the finish line with fifteen thousand dollars raised, the early alums will raise half that amount again. This would result in the current team getting the first new ergs in 10 years, and new oars. It's the spirit of UNH racing - giving a lot, and getting more!

Here are the giving levels:

Oars Out: The amount of your choice

Start: \$100-249

Middle Thousand: \$250-499

Sprint: \$500-999

De-rigged and back on the trailer, Victorious: \$1,000+

There are two ways of contributing to the race:

- 1) By check, to UNH Rowing; sent to UNH Rowing, 128 Main Street, Durham, 03824
- 2) Through the "ON-LINE Donations" link at www.unhrowing.org

The Friends of UNH Rowing is a re-invigorated community, and all (the board, alumni, parents and general supporters) are making things happen! Please continue the success, and contribute to the seat racing. Make this racing powerful and successful by giving strongly to the race, in the true New Hampshire way!

Warm regards and happy holidays,
The Friends of UNH Rowing Board