Greetings, Alumni!

There’s lots of news from the world of UNH Rowing.

SAVE THE DATE!
UNH HOME RACE
APRIL 28, 2012

Please join us for the 2012 home race against Colby College and the University of Vermont.

High tide is not predicted until 7 p.m., so we will not be able to hold an alumni dinner afterward, as we had hoped. Due to river channel silting, the situation on the Oyster River is growing increasingly troubling. Eventually, the team may be forced to move.

For more details about the home race, visit www.unhrowing.org

The 2011 Head of the Charles
by Jan Bolland Tanner, ’88

U-N-H, U-N-H, U-N-H was heard yet once again from the banks of the Charles River. The women's alumni boat earned entry into the Alumni Eight Division and rowed to a 10th place finish out of 30 entries.

The boat of eight rowers and our token male coxswain, Scott Johnson, all sported the years of our graduations on our backs, ranging between 1981 and 1988. As we sat in the basin awaiting our call up, a Bates alumni boat commented on the numbers on our backs, questioning the significance. We laughed and said they were the years they were born. Indeed, we were a crew that could have been the parents of many of the crews in the alumni 8 event. That feeling fueled the determination that helped us to row as efficiently and strongly through the twists, turns and bridges of the Charles River, while proudly wearing our UNH colors.

The commitment to be fluid, relaxed, strong and mentally tough for this annual opportunity was not much different than the many days we all had shared at practices or races back in the day. It was actually pretty amazing how we were able to get back into the swing of balancing a boat, and stroke by stroke take us powerfully to the finish. We were able to row like we had been coached to row!

I’ll speak for myself, but I do believe we all share a common thread and that is the richness that rowing at UNH has offered to each of us in our lives. I say thank you to the crew shell set up at registration (to lure me in), the index cards used for recruiting that allowed me to lie about my height, Mark Lessard, John Squadroni and all the teammates and friends that made my rowing days fruitful. I will continue to put my bids in for this event and look forward to seeing and laughing with everyone that gets to embrace another year at the Head of the Charles. The opportunity to row at HOTC reignites the love for this sport and provides the connection to reflect upon the experiences we friends all had. I hope to see you next year!
The 2011 fall racing season for the UNH women’s crew team was successful on many levels. With twenty returning varsity members, the team was able to use the depth of the third- and fourth-year rowers to its advantage while also incorporating the skill set of the second-year rowers into the mix. Both groups were able to learn from the other and work together to get faster on the water. Within the traditional “race against the clock” setting of a head race, the team focused heavily on technique and personal accountability in order to put together the strongest fall races as possible.

One of the highlights of the fall season was the Head of the Charles Regatta. Half of the boat was made up of seniors, all of whom who have been with the program for all four years of college. The race itself was highly aggressive, with a focus on power-per-stroke. The regatta was a great platform to demonstrate the new technical changes the team has been implementing this year. UNH took 8th place in the Head of the Charles, behind the U.S. Coast Guard Academy by only six seconds. The race was put together well and all involved had a great time. With the close of the fall season, the team is getting ready for winter training.

**Women’s Fall Racing Results**

**by kerry feltner, ’12**

Textile River Regatta
Lowell, Massachusetts
October 2, 2011

- Women’s 8, A Boat placed 5th out of 18 boats with a time of 20:16.427
- Women’s 8, B Boat placed 11th out of 18 boats with a time of 20:54.069
- Women’s 4, A Boat placed 2nd out of 22 boats with a time of 20:40.189
- Women’s 4, B Boat placed 6th out of 22 boats with a time of 22:11.143
- Women’s Club 2x placed 3rd out of 5 boats with a time of 24:32.003

Quinsigamond Snake Regatta
Worcester, Massachusetts
October 15, 2011

- Women’s 8, A Boat placed 8th out of 36 boats with a time of 15:11.796
- Women’s 8, B Boat placed 15th out of 36 boats with a time of 15:58.802

Head of the Charles
Cambridge, Massachusetts
October 23, 2011

- UNH placed 8th out of 29 boats with a time of 17:49.58

Above: Women at the Snake Regatta
Right: Head of the Charles 2011

**HAPPY (ALMOST) BIRTHDAY, UNH ROWING!**
UNH ROWING TURNS 40 IN 2013!
WE WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS SOON FOR A BIRTHDAY BASH TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR!
The men’s fall is progressing nicely. For the first time in several years, the varsity will be boating a varsity eight, a 2V eight and a 3V four. All crews have been training hard, dealing with the worsening condition of the river (we’re still only able to row every other week with the heavy silting issue) and striving to make great technical progress.

The racing was brief this season, as we did not make out well in the Head of the Charles lottery. The only race was the Head of the Textile, in which the V8 finished well enough to earn a silver medal. As a substitute for racing in Boston, two-thirds of the team was able to spend a day in Franconia Notch, hiking Mount Lafayette, in a self-declared “Appreciate New Hampshire Day.” With white-out conditions along the 1.8-mile ridge, 20-mph winds and 30-degree temps, it was an adventure! The snow and sleet turned others (dressed in mountain gear!) away from the summit. However, the rowers and coxswains moved right up it – many in old-school cotton sweats and sneakers! The team has a real good attitude.

With the continued warm weather at sea-level, we’ve had the docks in for an unprecedented amount of time. The crews were able to be on the water right through Thanksgiving. All agree that the Oyster is still a great place to row at high tide and more enjoyable than the erg room. The docks only recently came out, preceded by the inter-squad madness known as “The Head of the Oyster,” with each boat containing two seats of novice women, novice men, varsity women and varsity men. Many of you will remember this event. It’s not always fast, but it is never dull!

**SPRING RACING SCHEDULE**

**MARCH 24**
UNH VS. UMASS-AMHERST @ UNH (MEN)

**MARCH 31**
YANKEE CUP @ URI (WOMEN)
UNH VS. URI @ URI (MEN)

**APRIL 7**
UNH VS. HOLY CROSS @ HOLY CROSS (WOMEN)

**APRIL 13 - 15**
KNECHT CUP @ CAMDEN, NJ (WOMEN)

**APRIL 14**
UNH VS. TUFTS, WESLEYAN & BATES @ TUFTS (MEN)

**APRIL 21**
UNH VS. WPI, TRINITY, BATES & WASHINGTON @ WPI (M & W)

**APRIL 28**
UNH VS. COLBY & UVM @ UNH (M & W) – ALUMNI WELCOME

**MAY 5**
NEW ENGLAND CHAMPS (M & W)

**MAY 13**
ECAC INVITATIONAL (M & W)

**MAY 23 - 27**
ACRA NATL. INVIT. (M & W)
The year was 1978 and I was the kid from California who had never rowed before but decided to try crew in the fall season. Whit Mitchell, the coach, said I was too small to make the team and that actually inspired me. There was a video of the crew rowing on the river at a campus assembly. I took a look at that video and was mesmerized. That was for me. I fell in love that year with the club and the events we participated in. Our team had more spirit and commitment than anything I had ever experienced. It was co-ed, which made it even better!

We traveled throughout New England and it was spectacular. We rowed at the Head of the Charles in Boston, the Head of the Connecticut and spent a week in Philly rowing on the Schuylkill River, to name a few. In the winter, we went to Dartmouth and practiced on their ergometers. In Durham, we got up early to work out indoors in the winter and waited for the river to thaw so we could return to the water.

The people I met and the experiences we shared will always be etched in my mind. It was the best of times.

A Remembrance
by Rob Hyman

L to R: Rob Hyman, Steve Puksta, Matt Sutton, Joe Martin, Sean “Spanky” Pyne, unknown, Paul Tishkevich, John Upham, cox Gary Pariseau

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