

# Berkshire Community Rowing

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## **Welcome to BCR!**

**Thank you for joining in the camaraderie and commitment to our community that defines Berkshire Community Rowing. We hope that you enjoy many great rows with us and that you help us to spread the word about who we are and what we do to elevate rowing in the Berkshires.**

### **Our Crew: BRASS Summer 2020 Staff (as of June 13, 2020)**

Boathouse Staff: Loren Paduano

Coaches: Head Coach; Graham Marks

General Assistants: Chloe Berg

### **General Boathouse Information**

The following information is very important and up to date as of June 2020. Conditions and situations may require changes, so please help us by remaining flexible.

The staffed hours of operation for the boathouse are 6:00am to 10:00am, Monday, Wednesday, Friday Saturday and Sunday (beginning June 22). At times, Mother Nature will dictate hours based on when the sun rises and inclement weather such as high winds, fog and storms. So, hours are subject to change. (*continued*)

Notifications of schedule changes are sent out via Remind. Scroll down a few paragraphs for instructions on how to sign up for Remind. Please know that Remind is not an obnoxious website. You won't get junk for using the app...and it's free.

Information about our history, boats, special events and club news is available at [berkshirerowing.com](http://berkshirerowing.com). You'll also find helpful videos with links and much more so check it out!

Please like us on Facebook for regular updates. Go to Berkshire Rowing and Sculling Society! (Berkshire Rowing and Sculling Society a/k/a BRASS is a venerable identity no longer in general use, though we continue to race as Team BRASS).

**Contacting:** There are several ways to connect with the boathouse. The best way is to send us an email at [berkshirerowingandsculling@gmail.com](mailto:berkshirerowingandsculling@gmail.com). Another channel is by phone: (413) 442-7769. Additionally, you can even send a message via Remind.

### **Registering for Memberships and Programs on RegattaCentral**

RegattaCentral.com is our central registration and boat reservation platform for BCR members. The following steps will help you to get started:

1. Go to [RegattaCentral](http://RegattaCentral). Log in or create an account (buttons are located in the upper right corner of the page)
2. Click the "Clubs" tab and scroll down to select—Berkshire Sculling Association (BRASS).
3. Click the drop down for the category that you wish to register for BCR. Membership categories are under the "Memberships" drop down. "Programs and Classes" is where you'll find lessons. Any free Learn to Row events are listed under "Learn to Row."
4. Click the register button for whichever item you want and you will be taken to the next screen.
5. You should see a drop down that reads "Select Participant." In most cases you will select yourself, but if you are registering an additional family member, click the "Add Participant" hyperlink and add their information.
6. Click the next button and fill out the information on the next screen. Hit the next button again.
7. On the payment page, you may pay via card or PayPal. You can also pay with cash or by check by selecting the "pay by check" option. We must receive your payment before your first row.
8. Make sure you receive a confirmation email!

## Reserving Boats on RegattaCentral

Once you have a RegattaCentral membership, you can easily reserve boats. Just follow these steps:

1. Log into your RegattaCentral account. You should be on the home screen already, but in case you aren't, you could click the "Home" tab in the navigation bar to get there.
2. There should be a box entitled "Registrations" and beneath it you should see our name. Click the "Reservations" hyperlink.
3. You will be taken to an excel-looking sheet. Click the box that corresponds to both the boat and the date you would like to reserve. (*continued next page*)
4. Fill out the requested information.
5. When making a reservation, those reserving team boats must enter in the reservation notes who they will be rowing with.
6. **PLEASE- if your plans change, cancel your reservation as soon as possible. If it is the morning of your row, please call the boathouse at 442-7769.**
7. You may simply "show up" during boathouse hours without a reservation, but we can not guarantee your shell of choice, nor can we inform you if there is an early closure. But if the mood strikes and you think the house might be open, give us a try!

## Text and Email Updates Via Remind

8. To receive notifications of closures and important events via text, text @brass787 to 81010.
9. To receive notifications via email, go to [remind.com](http://remind.com), click sign up and select the student option when asked. Enter your email and register for our class using the code @brass787.

## **Boathouse and Lake Rules**

- When arriving at the boathouse for the first time, we will have you fill out our Activity Waiver and our Covid-19 rider. If you are new to the club but have some rowing experience; prior to your first row you should take a tour of the lake with an experienced club member, as there are hazards and lake rules that we follow. Please drop us an email and we'll arrange for somebody to row along side you..
- Life jackets (provided) must be worn until May 15<sup>th</sup> and after September 15<sup>th</sup>. Those who feel unconfident may of course use them at will.
- Before any row, you must register on the sign-in sheet located at the front desk in the boat house. Information to provide is the date, your name, the boat you are rowing, start and end time of your row.
- Once you've finished your row, your boat and especially oar handles must be washed with soap, rinsed and toweled off.
- Make sure to reserve a boat. You are only guaranteed to have a boat if you reserve it. Boat reservations are for one hour. Please arrive on time as the hour starts at the time of your reservation.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

On the large whiteboard in the front of the boathouse, there is a running list of items that the club could use for day-to-day operations. We welcome and appreciate donations!

We can always use help with boats and organization at regattas. This pertains mostly to the fall, but the juniors head to competitions all the time and could likely use your help. Ask the Boathouse Manager if you might be interested in this opportunity.

National Learn to Row Day is an annual special event at BRASS with volunteer jobs for members of every skill level. Unfortunately this year we can't hold group events. But we are always looking for volunteers to help with introductions to the many who are curious and would like to check us out. You need not be fantastically skilled, simply willing!

Towels almost always need to be washed. If you could take a few at a time to be washed and bring them back when you come for your next row, it is always appreciated!

To volunteer, please send an email to [berkshirerowingandsculling@gmail.com](mailto:berkshirerowingandsculling@gmail.com). You can also indicate your interest to the Boathouse Manager.