

# **SPLASH!**

## **THREE RIVERS ROWING ASSOCIATION**

**Newsletter for Members and Friends**

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#### **1. FEEDBACK**

In an effort to enhance communication at the boathouses we are introducing a new reporting system for Facility Maintenance and Cleaning. We have new forms outside the locker rooms at both buildings. These forms are to record cleaning and maintenance issues, concerns and suggestions you may have. From Rick Brown, Interim Executive Director – “I would like all your suggestions recorded in written form. These forms do not replace equipment repair or incident reporting forms. If you feel there is a matter that needs to be discussed I am also happy to set up an appointment. If I haven’t met you yet I look forward to that chance.”

#### **2. BOATHOUSE CLEANLINESS**

We now have a new cleaning crew in full swing, but that does not mean we don’t all have to pitch in. Please clean up after yourself and your teams. It is a hazard to leave gym bags all over the locker room floors. Please use the lockers or put them on top of the lockers. Please respect your boathouses. The above feedback forms will be passed on to the cleaning company if they are about items they have missed or could improve.

#### **3. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Thank you to everyone for all the volunteer efforts recently. The boathouse cleanup at Lambert went very well in March. The equipment committee has worked hard on many projects. It’s amazing how many members have stepped in to help with different projects in the last month or so. If anyone else would like a project we’ll be providing many more soon! Please remember how important volunteers are to our community. We really have a dedicated group of members so please keep up the great work on AND off the water.

#### **4. MILLVALE CLEAN-SWEEP – APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Part of a day to clean all of Millvale, but a great chance for members to show their support of our community. There will be a live blues, food and beer at the end of the cleanup.

One of our members, John Kelly has volunteered to manage our volunteers. Feel free to contact him:

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## **5. TRRA JUNIOR GIRLS INVITED TO USROWING JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM CAMPS**

Katie Trovato was invited to the Junior B (16 and under) camp, and Sarah Trovato was invited to the Selection Camp. The selection camp invited about 40 of the top 17 and 18 year olds in the nation and the Junior B Camp invited about 30 of the top 16 year old athletes to Connecticut this summer. Both girls (sisters) row for our Three Rivers Rowing Juniors Team during the school year. Congrats to the girls! Sarah has a chance to make a boat to race in France, Germany or Mexico this summer!

## **EVENT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR**

### **Pittsburgh Scholastic Sprints – May 3rd**

The race is teaming up with *A Glimmer of Hope*, a local Pittsburgh foundation, to support Breast Cancer Research.

### **Great Outdoors Week – May 15th**

We will again do a free Learn to Row at Millvale on this Friday to kick off the Venture Outdoors Great Outdoors Week.

### **Heinz Challenge – July 25th**

Corporate Rowing Scrimmage will take place between the two sessions of corporate rowing.

### **Major Bass Tournament – July 30-August 2**

Not a TRRA event, but it will bring some action to our rivers that everyone should be aware of.

### **Head of the Ohio – October 3rd**

The race is officially moving back to the first Saturday in October this year.

### **Route 28 - ???**

Keep your ears open for new construction announcements. Traffic will only get worse around the 31st St. Bridge before it (hopefully) gets better. PennDOT has plenty of work planned for 28, but no exact dates for that work. The last we heard were that closings of 28 won't happen until 2010...

**ROW HARD! STAY SAFE!**