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## THREE RIVERS ROWING ASSOCIATION

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Rowing  
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#### **1. MEMBER SURVEY**

The Board of Directors is looking for your feedback to help us continue to grow TRRA. Your feedback is important to us so please take the time to complete this survey. It should take you about 10-15 minutes and please consider the past 12 months when completing the [survey](#).

The information you provide will help us understand our opportunities for the next year.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison Richards at [alison.richards@us.hjheinz.com](mailto:alison.richards@us.hjheinz.com).

Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

Regards,

Alison Richards and Donald Webber-Plank

#### **2. HISTORY OF TRRA NOW POSTED ON WEBSITE**

The Three Rivers Rowing Association [History Project](#) is now live and ready for viewing on the TRRA website.

This is a work in progress. We welcome any additions, which could take the form of words, photos and video images. Coordinating the history project is TRRA member Tom Buell. Any questions, comments, submissions or information can be directed to him at [tcbuell@versopartners.com](mailto:tcbuell@versopartners.com) or by calling him at 412-720-2218.

Highlights of the History Project include:

- Profiles of key figures in TRRA (more will be added in the future)
- Links to past articles and documents of interest
- Timeline of important dates in TRRA history (this will continue to grow)
- Interactive map of 20+ Pittsburgh rowing clubs from the 1870s, when rowing was a professional sport

- Media Archive of photos, documents and other electronic media (this will continue to grow).

### **3. NEW EQUIPMENT**

Thanks to the hard work of the Equipment Committee, there has been a lot that has been going on with the equipment we all use. Along with all of the projects to improve existing equipment and services, the club has purchased two new sets of sweep oars and two new cox boxes that are downstairs already in use. A new Vespoli 4+ will be in the boathouse within the next two weeks. It is Vespoli's new hull design, the Advantage. For more info about the boat, please visit the [Vespoli website](#).

Our two Peinerts look (and row) brand new after their refurbishing and we have another almost brand new Peinert purchased and on its way into the single's bay soon.

Please be on the lookout for the Policies and Procedures that are currently in the process of being redone.

We also plan to roll out a new computerized reservation system for our smaller boats that will also include a place for our bigger boats to be tracked in terms of how much use they receive. Thanks for your patience while this is completed.

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

#### **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!**