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THREE RIVERS ROWING ASSOCIATION

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1. IMPORTANT DATES

- **FALL MANDATORY SAFETY MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

All coaches and anyone responsible for steering a boat (coxswains, DB steerers, OC1 paddlers, and scullers) are responsible for attending. We will have sign in sheets (with names already listed) at the meetings and will be following up with those who do not attend. Another reminder will come separately from this email.

Both meetings will be at the Lambert Boathouse (Washington's Landing):

Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 **AM**

Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 **PM**

- **PITTSBURGH INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The date is set. More information will be available closer to the race:

Saturday, January 30th

- **CLINICS BY THE FOUNDATION FOR ROWING EDUCATION AT TRRA**

Saturday, September 12th

- Coxswain Clinic from 9:00 – 2:00
- Trailer Clinic from 1:30 – 5:00
- RowCoach (they may not offer this clinic only but if it happens it will be from 8:00 – 12:00)

Sunday, September 13th

- Launch Driving Clinic from 8:00 – 4:00
- You can sign up for all clinics on [Regatta Central](#).

- **HEAD OF THE OHIO**

Please let this be one of many reminders that we need all the volunteers we can get for our October 3rd event! You can [sign up now](#).

2. RIVER CLOSURE – G20 SUMMIT

Sections of the river will be off-limits for the G20 Summit Thursday and Friday, September 24th and 25th. It is not official yet, but it sounds like from just upstream of the 16th St. Bridge down to the Point will be closed. This should mean that our normal traffic pattern will work around the island, but you will not be allowed to row downtown. I will let you know when the closure area is official. TRRA will be open regular hours, but please listen for road closures and traffic issues getting to the boathouses.

3. PROGRAM DATES – PLEASE ADVERTISE

- Dragon Boat Recreation League - Our dragon boat members are offering a Recreation League on Saturdays in September and October. We encourage those who haven't tried dragon boating before (members or not) to come and give it a shot. Our home page has the link to the information: www.threeriversrowing.org.
- Three Rivers Junior Team – The team will continue to grow this year as it begins the season in September. Please spread the word that the team is available to any junior high or high school student you might know! More info can be found: <http://www.threeriversrowing.org/r-trrayouth.html>.

4. DEVIN FAY MOVES ON

Devin will be attending Smith College for a Masters that not only allows him to go to school, but also coach next year. Devin helped to teach thousands of people how to row in his 3+ years in Pittsburgh and with Three Rivers Rowing. He has touched the lives of many adults and high school rowers with his coaching and we will definitely miss him. He will only continue to grow as a coach with his next step in life. If you would like to reach Devin himself, he has left his email: devin_fay@yahoo.com.

We may be able to entice him back for some of our beautiful summer rowing, but until we see him again, I would like to express my gratitude for all he has done for Three Rivers Rowing and the rowing community in Pittsburgh. **A letter from Devin is included below.**

5. MORE TRRA IN THE NEWS

Another great article about our two TRRA Junior girls that rowed with USRowing Junior National Team Camps this summer:

<http://www.yoursewickley.com/sewickleyherald/article/sisters-showing-strength-water>

From Devin:

Pittsburgh is the closest thing to a home I have had since I lived in my parents' house. I spent almost 4 years here and 3 and a half at TRRA. In those years I have seen it develop into a much stronger organization than when I found it. I would like to think that I helped in a small way to bring the club to where it is now. I truly hope that it keeps on moving in that direction and I have no doubt that under the present leadership it will.

I met many friends at TRRA and learned a whole lot too. There are people that I wish I could've said goodbye to and let them know where I was headed, but I didn't have the chance to get everyone. I am going to Smith College in western Massachusetts to pursue a Masters degree in Exercise & Sport Studies. I will be coaching the rowing team as part of my degree. It is a great program and I am incredibly excited about getting started.

To all the people that I forgot to say goodbye to or didn't have the chance, I say it now. Hopefully our paths will cross again in the future.

ROW HARD! STAY SAFE!