

# NEWSLETTER

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## ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

It is almost time to get back out on the water! In preparation for that exciting time of year, we need to have our Annual Meeting. Although we miss seeing everyone in person, hopefully can have a cookout later this summer... in the meantime, we will see you via Zoom!

As a reminder, members are required to attend the annual meeting, but we've extended this invitation to our whole rowing community in case you'd like to come to see what we are up to!

### ZOOM CONNECTION INFO

[Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 829 1041 6537

Passcode: 415368

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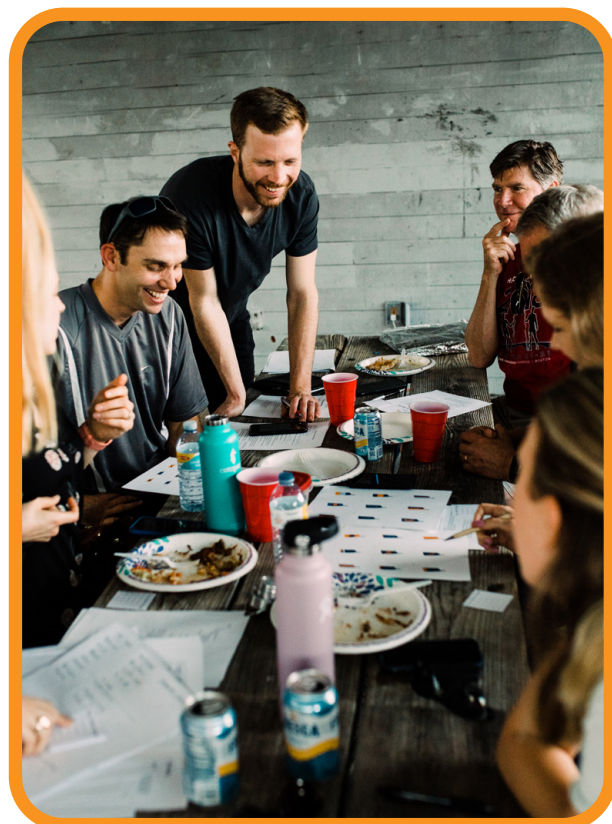
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# NEW USROWING WAIVER

USRowing is adding a valuable new component to its release of liability waiver. Beginning immediately, our waiver will include language pertaining to the risk and prevention of communicable diseases. As we work together on a safe return to rowing across the United States, we will be asking members to acknowledge they are aware of local, state and federal guidelines for the prevention of the spread of diseases like the one commonly known as Covid-19 and that they are not knowingly risking the health of others.

To ensure that everyone is familiar with this addition, we are asking all members to sign the waiver and membership agreement again – including those of you who signed the previous version of the waiver already. If you have an active membership, you do not have to renew to sign the new waiver. The waiver and membership agreement will be valid for the remainder of your current membership.

We understand that if you recently signed your waiver, being asked to log in a second time to sign it once more is a brief inconvenience and for that we apologize. But more than anything, we hope you recognize this step as part of our ongoing efforts to get everyone rowing and racing as soon as we safely can. For more Covid-19 guidelines and information, please visit our USRowing Coronavirus Updates and Information Webpage.

## ATTENTION

We all **MUST** sign in and agree to the new USRA Waiver because it is a requirement for our club insurance (even if you have recently signed, USRowing is requiring all rowers to sign this new updated waiver).

We can send you your USRA Member # if you need it to login, just email Liz at [lizblakely@yahoo.com](mailto:lizblakely@yahoo.com).

PLEASE COMPLETE  
THE UPDATED  
WAIVER BY  
MARCH 18, 2021

## THE FASTEST WAY TO SIGN YOUR WAIVER:

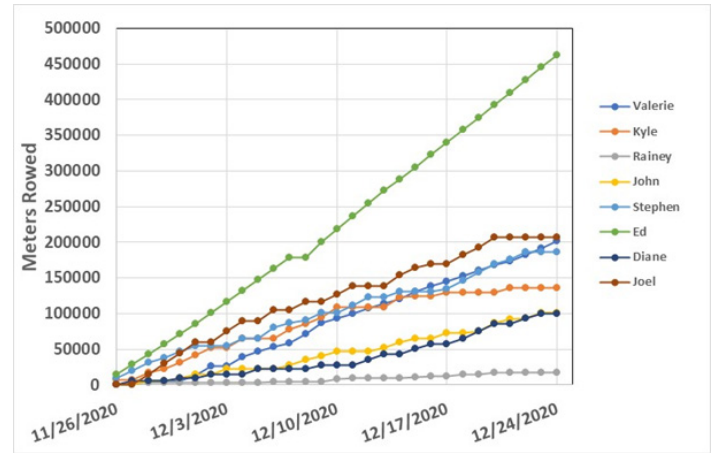
1. Go to <https://membership.usrowing.org>
2. Click on Log In under Individuals and log in using your member number and password
3. On your profile page, click the blue button “Sign Agreement & Waiver” and follow the steps on screen
4. Done! Thank you for signing the latest version of the waiver

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at [members@usrowing.org](mailto:members@usrowing.org). We look forward to seeing you all out on the water soon!

# 2020 HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Eight brave souls signed up for the 2020 Concept 2 Holiday Challenge and we had a blast! As a club we rowed 1.4 million meters, 7 of us hit the 100K mark and 3 of us hit the 200K mark. Fabulous job to everyone that participated! What a great way to say goodbye to 2020 and kick off 2021! For all those of you jealous folks who missed out on the fun, 2021 Holiday Challenge will be here before you know it and there are lots of other challenges throughout the year. Can't wait!

	Valerie	Kyle	Rainey	John	Stephen	Ed	Diane	Joel	Total Club
HC Goal:	200,000	200,000	50,000	100,000	200,000	260,000	100,000	200,000	1,310,000
Current HC Meters:	201,462	136,116	17,630	100,923	186,039	462,600	100,407	207,391	1,412,568
Current %:	101%	68%	35%	101%	93%	178%	100%	104%	108%

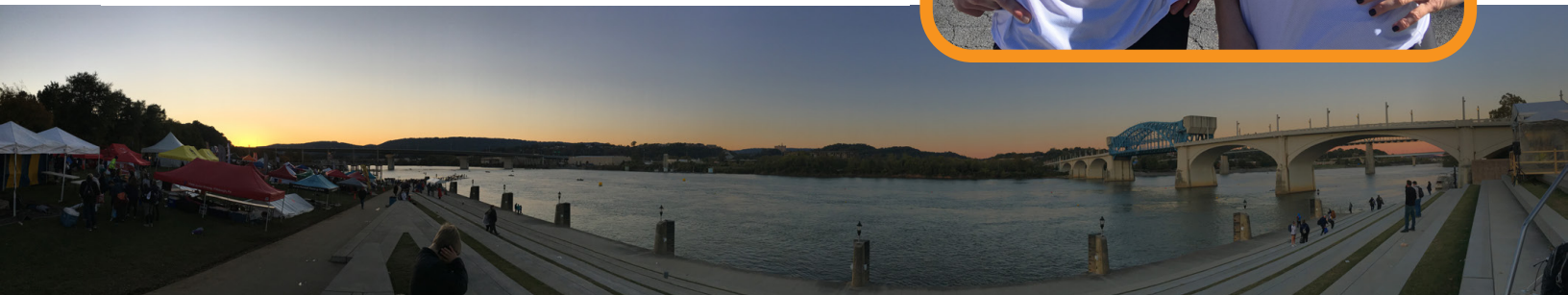


## 2021 RACING!

As things gradually return to normal in a post pandemic world, it looks like Regattas will be held in 2021! We would love to put together boats for one or several Regattas in 2021. There are several regional races that are on track to be held, especially the Fall head races. If you have any interest contact Joel and we will work to find partners for boats with focus on singles, doubles, or fours. We would especially love to see a four (or several) race for HRC this fall!



HEAD OF THE HOOCH REGATTA, 2019





# DOCK UPDATE

The permit application is under review by the TVA, and we hope to have it approved within Q2 of this year. In the meantime, we are working with the park to establish expectations on liability, ownership, and maintenance. We are excited about the progress and cannot wait to see this dream come to fruition!

## OFFICER DEPARTURES AND OPENINGS

Q1 of 2021 has seen the departure of two HRC officers. Correy Menzel (Equipment Manager) is moving away from the Tri-cities area and Sandy Larkins (Membership Chair) has stepped down due to work/life demands (remains a member). We are so grateful for all the dedication and effort to build this club, and we would not be where we are without them.

With that said – we have two officer openings! Liz Blakely has volunteered to temporarily fill the Membership Seat, so **we are looking for an Equipment Manager and Secretary**. If you have any interest in filling one of these roles, please let Joel know. We will vote on changes to the board at the annual membership meeting.

## LOGGED BOAT HOURS

Total hours logged: 200  
(May 2 - Nov 14 2020)

Total hours logged by single scull:

Peinert 13 :	88 hours
Maas Larry :	61 hours
Peinert 10:	46 hours
Maas EB:	5 hours

# CURRENT CLUB EQUIPMENT

Below is a current list of the club's rowing equipment, although we are always trying to add to our fleet of boats and equipment.

- 2 Peinert racing singles, '92 and '93
- 2 MAAS open water singles, '89 and '03 (thanks to an additional from Liz Blakely!)
- Kaschper '95 Double
- Vespoli 4+
- Sweep oars for the 4+
- NEW sculling oars!!! For the singles, two sets.
- Other sculling oars
- Cox box



# MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

## STEPHEN HOPKINS



- Grew up in Kingsport, TN and then did undergrad at the US Military Academy at West Point. Rowed for four years there, primarily 8s and 4s. I rowed mostly port and spent most of my time as a Stroke. But also spent some time at 7,6, and 2.
  - the Hudson River was not great for rowing. FYI.
  - I loved rowing in a good 8 that's set well on a beautiful sunny fall day. But I'm looking forward to getting more work sculling!
  - I much prefer head races to 2ks...way less stress and I like the start better! My favorite race was always the Head of the Charles but we raced a lot in Philadelphia on the Schuylkill.
- My best rowing memory was probably when we raced Navy and a handful of Ivy League schools on the Hudson River for 4 MILES. it was brutal but we got 2nd and beat Columbia and Cornell and Dartmouth (nerds!) and of course Navy (biggest nerds!). I think we lost to Yale? But it was a super fun race and I have no clue how we did so well!



Head Of The Charles 2010

- I spent 8 years in the Army as an Infantry Officer and then a Chaplain. I moved back to Kingsport in 2016. I live here with my two girls, ages 7 and 3. And I work as a Pastor in Colonial Heights!
- plus a few pictures. One is from ye olde rowing days on the Charles. I was stroke there. And another of me with my girls!

### WANT TO ROW?

Interested in rowing but don't know where to start?

- please reach out to our membership coordinator at [membership.holstonrowingclub@gmail.com](mailto:membership.holstonrowingclub@gmail.com), or send us a message on Facebook to get more information on joining
- contact our safety officer at [safety.holstonrowingclub@gmail.com](mailto:safety.holstonrowingclub@gmail.com) to get evaluated for checking out an HRC boat
- must be able to pass a treading water test as well as a rowing evaluation to be cleared for solo rowing