



# Hylton Crew's News

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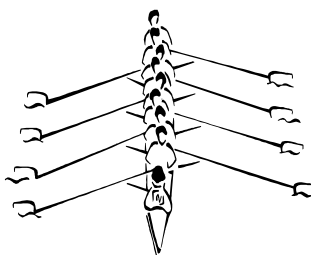
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## Welcome to Spring '09 Crew!

The Hylton Crew Boosters extend an especially warm "Welcome Aboard" to those of you who are joining us for the first time in what promises to be an excellent year for the Hylton Crew Family!

Please read through this information, and don't hesitate to contact us if you've got any questions.

## Practice and Regatta Basics



Once we're on the water in late February, the team practices at Lake Ridge Park from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Each family is responsible for their own transportation to and from practice. The Boosters work very hard to help arrange car pools for everyone who needs them.

Practice attire is layers, layers, layers as appropriate for the day's weather conditions! Occasionally practice may be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, but yes, we practice in the rain, too!

Team members will be assigned to boats based on their ability, attitude, attendance and demonstrated dedication to the team. Students must maintain

their academic standing per Virginia High School League rules to be eligible to row. The team has both Varsity and non-varsity boats.

Hylton Crew competes in regattas held every spring weekend starting at the end of March and running through May. The best way to describe a regatta to someone who's new to Crew is that it's similar to a track meet, but on the water. "Home" regattas on the Occoquan are held at Sandy Run Regional Park, on the Fairfax side of the Occoquan. You can learn more about Sandy Run by visiting the VASRA (Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association) web-site, [www.vasra.org](http://www.vasra.org), or the Hylton Crew web site.

A typical regatta consists of about 25 events with up to six schools entering each event. Hylton Crew may row in up to ten events in any regatta! Families are strongly encouraged to attend regattas to cheer our team on. We meet at "The Point" near the finish line so we can cheer in mass! Parking for regattas is expected to be \$10 per car this year. Parent helpers for regattas may opt to be shuttled by launch boat across the river, which avoids the mess of traffic and parking fees.

At the end of the regular season, the upper boats will attend the prestigious Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia. Qualifying boats may also compete at the SRAA "Nationals" championship regatta depending upon our qualification performance. The Location of Nationals this year is Mercer Lake, NJ. There are extra fees associated with these trips.

The season concludes with the team picnic and awards in early June.

## [www.hyltoncrew.org](http://www.hyltoncrew.org)

Visit the Team Web Site regularly to keep updated on Crew happenings!

Join the yahoogroup to receive regular email information. Simply send an email to: [hyltoncrew-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:hyltoncrew-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



## Money and Time

We feel it's important for families – especially those new to Crew – to have an idea of what to expect from Crew financially. The following figures are tentative, approximate, and subject to change – especially if our fundraising participation is low.

\$100 Winter Conditioning Fee  
*(fully applies to Spring dues)*

\$350 Spring Registration dues

\$100 Team uniform  
*(new rowers only)*

\$125 Expected cost for trip to Mercer(all rowers going)

\$300 Expected cost for trip to Stotesbury (Philly) – mainly for experienced rowers

There are plenty of other opportunities to spend money for Crew – regatta T-shirts and programs and concessions, team spirit wear, souvenirs on trips, and so on, but none of it is required!

The Crew Boosters make sure that everything from uniforms to equipment to regatta support to trips to celebrations and more is available and ready for every rower. Crew is unique in that it is a non-funded Varsity sport. The tens of thousands of dollars that help make the trips, events and equipment available to the rowers is generated completely through dues and Booster fundraising and “sweat” support. Crew fundraising is a year-round effort, and there are service opportunities throughout the year, with a heavy emphasis on regatta helpers in the spring.

Currently Hylton Crew has the lowest Crew Dues in Northern Virginia! We must continue to raise about \$20,000 each year in order to keep our dues in the \$350 range. If we do not have the support of rowers and parents for our fundraisers, then our dues may have to increase next year.

We strongly encourage each family to donate at least 10 hours of your time to the Crew Boosters this year to help make the 2009 season our best yet! There are many opportunities to give your time and talents. We welcome any time, any thing, and anybody you can lend us this year in any capacity! Being an active Crew Booster is one of the many ways to remind your child that you love them, and to share part of their time in high school. Besides, we boosters have a great time working together!

We'll have more specific information about fundraising and service needs at Registration Night on January 28.

## Team Communication

[www.hyltoncrew.org](http://www.hyltoncrew.org)

Hylton Crew is an electronic communicator! We rely heavily on our yahoo group email list server and our website to get information out to our families. All families will be automatically enrolled in the yahoo group when their rower signs up for Crew. Any member of the group may post messages to the group at [hyltoncrew@yahoogroups.com](mailto:hyltoncrew@yahoogroups.com). We ask that families who only have either the rower or the parent on the yahoo group to please be sure to pass info on when it's received!

If you are not currently getting Hylton Crew messages and don't want to wait until after registration, you can sign up by sending an email to: [Hyltoncrew-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Hyltoncrew-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

The Boosters' Board strives to keep our web site up-to-date with information about all upcoming activities, so check it out when you've got questions!

## 2009 Regatta Schedule

### March 28

**Occoquan – Sandy Run  
Polar Bear**

### April 4

**Occoquan – Sandy Run  
Walter Mess Regatta**

### April 11

**Occoquan – Sandy Run  
Smokey Jacobs Regatta**

### April 17-18

**Mercer Away Regatta  
Sculling Championships &  
Regular Sweep Regatta**

*All Boats*

*Expected cost of \$125*

### April 25

**Occoquan – Sandy Run  
Al Urquia Regatta**

### May 2

**Occoquan – Sandy Run  
Ted Phoenix Regatta –  
Lower Boat  
Championships**

*Upperclassmen who aren't taking the SAT or getting ready for the Prom should come to cheer on our novices!*

### May 9

**Occoquan – Sandy Run  
Virginia Scholastic Rowing  
Championship**

*Upper Boats only – lower boat members should come to cheer us on!*

### May 14-16

**Philadelphia, PA  
Stotesbury Cup Regatta  
Mainly Upper Boat**

*Additional cost of approx.  
\$300*

