



## Dues Renewal Deadline: May 31

Family Rowing	\$225
Individual Rowing	\$150
Social Membership	\$20

Send payments to: PORPA, PO Box 842, Priest River, ID 83856

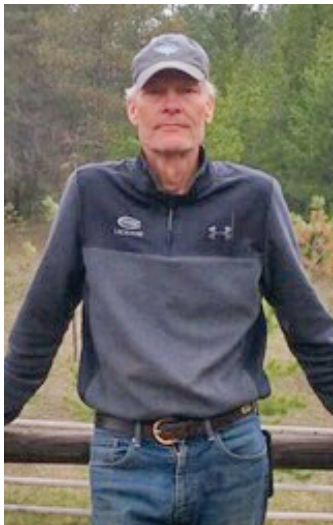
## Member Meeting May 19th

Please mark your calendars for the PORPA annual meeting and potluck, which will be held at the picnic area of the Mudhole from 11am-2pm. An agenda will be emailed prior to the meeting.

## Meet Our Club President

Newly elected club president Warren Foersch has three goals for our rowing club:

1. Find us a permanent home
2. Increase our competitiveness
3. Add depth to our rowing experience



Warren rowed for three years at Cal State Long Beach. "When I was in college, I lettered in Tennis my freshman year. It wasn't until later, when I joined the Marines that I realized that tennis did not put me into proper shape. After retiring from the Marines, I coached novice crew for 12 years at Culver Military Academy. Now fully retired and living in Newport, I want to share my love for rowing, it's physical fitness benefits and ultimate team experience."

## Summer Rowing

As a young club (est. 2014), we are continuing to build structure and scheduling. Once the water flow rates come down on the Priest River in early to mid-June, we generally schedule at least 2 crew rowing series/week. Weekend mornings at 7/8am and weekday evenings at (5:30pm). In addition, rowers comfortable in the single can schedule a session individually. As with all team sports, rowing sessions can only happen if rowers schedule and commit to showing up. If a boat is not filled, then everyone who showed up are disappointed and their time is wasted. PORPA is experimenting with an online sign up application to help us organize rowing sessions in 2019. Rowing coordinators to schedule and manage sessions will be announced later this spring.



## Erg Training with Gayne

Here is an opportunity to build your rowing skills before we can put on the water (typically after the spring high water flows are finished). I am offering rowing technique sessions on Wednesday evenings in May 7-8 pm, at the fitness Club in Newport. (\$5/charge for non-members) Contact: [gaynesears@gmail.com](mailto:gaynesears@gmail.com)

## Learn To Row with Dan Gehn

June 15, 16, 22 and 23 and possible dates in between as well as July 6, 7, 13 and 14 and dates in between. Information will be coming soon about how to sign up for the Masters (over 18, learn to row program with Coach Dan Gehn). The cost is \$200 for 12 hours of rowing instruction. Free rowing until the end of July and half off the membership to PORPA to continue rowing. (Initiation fee of \$50 will need to be paid).

Dan Gehn begins his 26th year as Director of Rowing and head coach for men's rowing at Gonzaga University in 2019. A true promoter of crew, Gehn has worked during the summer with several United States Rowing Association Developmental Camps. In 1993 Gehn coached at the United States Olympic Festival working with athletes from the North and West squads.

## Board Member Contact Info:

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## 2019 Fundraising Campaign

It is so exciting to see how far PORPA has come in the 5 short years since we began! We have a fleet of 6 boats with oars, a trailer, racks for storage, and coxswain and safety equipment! Way to go CREW!

Each season there are maintenance and new equipment needs to keep our rowing equipment in good shape and our experience the best it can be. This fundraising campaign challenges us all to invest in the club we love to ensure that we continue to have access to the equipment we rely on and to provide a solid foundation for future members.

To participate you can sponsor one or several items or donate a specific amount (suggested \$100 minimum). Just think, if each of our approximately 20 current members pledged \$200 each we would be most of the way to our goal of \$5000!

Remember, PORPA is a 501 (c) 3 organization, so the club will provide you a receipt for any donations you make.

**Contact Erwin Muller at: [erwinmuller007@gmail.com](mailto:erwinmuller007@gmail.com) for more equipment information.**

To make donations please send check payable to PORPA, P.O. Box 842, Priest River, ID 83856 or via PayPal on our website: [PORPA.org](http://PORPA.org) (look for the donate tab).

### NEW BOAT ADDED! Open Water Double/Single:

This very stable boat is new to our fleet and will be the perfect learn to scull boat for all rowers. The boat will be rented from Gayne and the club purchased new oars for it. No additional costs are needed.

### Trailer Payment/Maintenance: Total donation needed - \$200

Our trailer was generously financed by Todd and Patricia Sudick.

Donate toward the repayment of our trailer - \$100  
Sandpaper/scraper and sealant supplies for trailer. - \$100

### Boat Rack: Total donation needed - \$100

As our fleet grows we need more rack space.

1 rack tower, lumber and steel cable. - \$100

### YamPaPah (coxed 4): Total donation needed - \$1750

This 4-person shell is our premier and fastest sweep boat.

4 "Composite" Handle Sweep Oars (rather than wood) - \$350 ea.  
Bow Ball - \$12  
Seat repairs - \$50  
4 Riggers - \$55 ea.

### GB3 (coxed 8): Total donation needed - \$1150

Our best eight person shell, we can teach, learn to row and win races in this boat.

8 "Composite" Handle Sweep Oars - \$60 each (used)  
General maintenance and pitch meter for setting riggers - \$100  
Repair to stern from transport accident - \$100  
Riggers - \$55 each (new riggers would greatly enhance the rowing experience in this boat)

### Arthur Ericson (coxed 8): Total donation needed - \$480

This is our best learn to row eight person shell, it is more stable and easier to set than the GB3.

8 "Composite" Handle Sweep Oars - \$60 each (used)

### LWT Double: Total donation needed - \$1400

Our best learn to scull and racing boat for lighter weight rowers.

2 Pair Sculling Oars (a matched set of oars are vital for this boat to provide the best sculling experience) - \$600 pair  
1 rigger - \$40  
Bow Ball - \$12  
Seat and steering mechanism repairs - \$130

### Patricia: Total donation needed - \$150

This single is a very stable and excellent intro to singles sculling.

Repairs (including foot stretcher/shoes/and shell cracks) - \$150

### Neher: Total donation needed - \$100

This all wood rowing boat is very stable and beautiful to row.

Maintenance of woodwork - \$100

### Future Equipment Desires:

Quad sculling boat - \$6000 - \$8000

## Safety Corner:

Safe practices and skills are integral to this sport! PORPA requires that club rowers pass a swim test. The test is 15 minutes of treading water, then getting into a life vest. We administer the test once the water is warmer.

If you have not completed this test, please contact Debbie Eagley at: [kumadogak@yahoo.com](mailto:kumadogak@yahoo.com).