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Pend Oreille Rowing



Club Season 2022 and What's Ahead:

PORPA is excited to reinvigorate our rowing opportunities this year. After a couple seasons of mostly singles rowing, we want to utilize our fleet of large sweep boats to welcome the full range of rowers back onto the water! So, if you are an experienced rower or a person just learning to row, PORPA provides opportunities for all skill levels and abilities.

Club goals for the 2022 season include hosting a New Membership Brunch. This gathering will showcase club activities for existing and new rowers/paddlers and provide information for people interested in our free Introduction to Rowing/Learn-To-Row programs. PORPA will continue to fundraise for equipment needed to expand the Junior Rowing program.

PORPA, US Army Corps of Engineers and Long Bridge Swim Association are working together on a community service project that will provide locals with much needed swim lessons. Hopefully, with collaboration between these organizations, lessons will take place in August, 2022.

PORPA is Also a Social Club!

PORPA parties and events are the best! We have a dynamic group of locals meeting to share great food and company in beautiful settings. The October-Fiesta was held late last summer, with a fun combination of German food, music and beer, savory Mexican entrees and accompanying cocktails. Dressing in culturally appropriate attire was encouraged and the outdoor, riverside setting was stunning. A \$20 membership affords you access to these fun events! Even if you don't row or paddle, you are welcome to join the good people and fun events we hold 2-3 times a year.



Dues Renewal Deadline: May 31

Family Rowing	\$225
Individual Rowing	\$150
Junior Rowing	\$50
Social Membership	\$20

Renew your dues online at: www.porpa.org under the **Membership and Schedule Registration** tab.

Please be sure to verify email address when renewing.

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Boat Maintenance and Membership Annual Meeting

Lets get this season started! Maintenance and team building will begin the morning of June 4th with cleaning, prep and inspection of boats and equipment. Later we will set up racks at the "Mudhole" (*bring your skeeter spray*) and move boats. Sunday, June 5th continues with seasonal set up and annual meeting at 1pm. After the meeting we will gather for a BBQ potluck. For more information contact Erwin Muller.

PORPA acknowledges that we are in the homelands of the Kalispel people. We offer our respect for their history and culture, and for their wisdom in caring for this place for the generations to come.

Warren Foersch Award

The Warren Foersch Award was introduced in 2019 to honor our now departed friend Warren Foersch. This award is a symbol of Warren's spirit to prevail against all odds and his endless optimism and commitment. The selection process takes into consideration a member's efforts that greatly benefit our organization through improvement of personal technique or performance while adding value to the sport of rowing.

Selection of 2021 recipient Gayne Sears was a very easy and short process. All members of the committee chose her without a doubt. Her achievements include club presidency of PORPA and Spokane River Rowing. During the summer, she improved her sculling technique by attending rowing camp back east. She has been instrumental in the creation of the Priest River Sprints. Thank you for your efforts and dedication. Congratulations Gayne!



2022 Priest River Sprints

A celebration of non-motorized boating. Open to all ages and abilities, the Priest River Sprints are fun races for human-powered boaters. Saturday, August 13th, 2022 the water should be warm and the Priest River Recreation Area (*Mudhole*) beach inviting. Bring your SUP, kayak, rowing shell, raft, or canoe to compete in short races against fellow non-motorized boaters. Due to generous contributions from local businesses, kids can register and compete for free. A multi-craft relay race and

presentations from the Kalispel Tribe are event highlights! Event t-shirts for all registered racers. Prizes for kids races. PORPA partners are the US Army Corps of Engineers and Spokane River Rowing Association. **Register at PORPA.org by August 1st.**



New Non Motorized Launch Area

PORPA and US Army Corps of Engineers continue to build camaraderie and relationships between the motorized and non motorized boating communities. In 2021, a non motorized launch area, separated from the motorized boat launch, was completed at the "Mudhole". This improvement will make launching SUPs, canoes, kayaks, rowing shells and other motor less water craft safe and easy. Join the US Corps of Engineers and PORPA at the grand opening of this new beach launch area on Saturday, July 9th, 2022 and help celebrate this awesome new facility!

Safety Corner:

Safe practices and skills are integral to this sport! PORPA requires that all active club rowers pass a swim test and watch the US Rowing Safety video (available through porpa.org under Safety). Advanced single rowers are to participate in what is called a "flip" test. This consists of turning a single shell over in the water, righting the shell and getting back in. Tests will be administered at the "Mudhole" once operations have started. PORPA continues to use safe practices to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and follows local health department and US Rowing guidelines.



2021 Season Review

Activities and membership flourished last year with the addition of 2 boats to our fleet, Seashell double (*Little River Marine shell that can also be rowed as a single*) and the Graham single. Both are stable and great for new rowers to learn the sculling stroke. Besides rowing out of the "Mudhole" we took advantage of our increasing singles fleet and visited other bodies of water in the Inland Northwest. Included were an early morning row on Sullivan Lake in north Pend Oreille County, WA and afternoon/early morning rowing of the thorofare between Lower and Upper Priest Lake. We also joined the mens large boat group session at Fernan Lake, ID.

Waterfront City Park Planned

PORPA has a seat on the Advisory Committee to help the City of Priest River develop a master plan for the recently acquired Joselyn Mill property along the north eastern confluence of the Priest and Pend Oreille Rivers (*about 30 acres of forested uplands, wetlands, and shoreline*). It is adjacent to Bonner Park West. We are advocating for non-motorized boating interests and accessible waterfront facilities. A public meeting is scheduled for May 10th to review and comment on preliminary plans. **Please let your voice be heard for your interests at this site by contacting the City of Priest River.**



Get Some Rowing Gear



HOP Vintage T-Shirts \$5

Previous years (various-no year choice).
Tell us your size and we will try to accommodate you.

PORPA Caps and Visors \$10

We also have 1 PORPA women's long sleeve medium shirt \$10.



**Pay by check (PORPA) or cash only. Pick up at boat maintenance day in early June or make other arrangements to pick up - no mailing.*