

*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](http://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](http://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.