We’re Off the Water!

Now’s the time for us to bundle up, head to the gym, un-bundle, and start erging! The erg is the indoor rowing machine, a rower’s best friend and worst enemy off the water. As we start up our training program on these excellent machines, we’d like to announce some very exciting new programs and give you a synopsis of our last fall regatta.

New Programs

UVM Crew is partnering with the Northeast Disabled Athletic Association (NDAA) to create an adaptive rowing program. With luck and your support, disabled athletes will be rowing from our dock on the Lamoille River soon. We are starting an ergathon fundraiser to improve our facilities so all rowers can easily launch from and return to our dock and boatyard.

An ergathon works just like a marathon. Each collegiate rower will be raising money over Winter Break and rowing for the cause in the UVM Davis Center this February. If you’re interested in contributing (and we can get you a tax-deductible receipt if you do), please get in touch with the rower you know best.

We are also selling oars; full-sized sweep oars! We have two modern-style hatchet-bladed oars. Neither of them are in rowing condition. They are perfect for presentation, not practicality. They would be a great gift for a birthday or graduation so act fast before they’re gone.

And if you would like to learn or see anything specific in a future letter, please email jhalseypayne@gmail.com.
The Head of the Fish

Saratoga Springs, NY

Our last race of the season was held on Halloween, at the gorgeous 3.2 kilometer racecourse of Fish Creek. It was a chilly and beautiful day, as a fall regatta ought to be, and we were very excited for the shorter-than-normal racecourse (standard lengths are 5,000 to 6,000 meters). Whether it was their first or fourth time at the Fish, all of our rowers put the season’s practices to good use and gave everything they had in their races.

The women’s 2V8 (second varsity eight) got into the Christmas spirit early, the rowers donning antlers and the cox wearing a red Santa Claus hat for the race. While not traditional racing gear, cox Lizzie Haskell claims it added some magic to the boat.

The men’s four The Offensend was raced twice at the Fish. The lightweight (LWT) lineup, stroked by Gabe Hollings, noticed something wonky about the boat partway through their race, which the 2V4 lineup discovered to be a missing skeg (the boat’s stabilizing fin) right before they were called to start. First-year cox Ysabelle Esteban handled the situation admirably, and both crews crossed the finish line safely.

Erging will be fun, but we’re all excited to get back on the water for spring 2k season. Happy holidays, and keep your fingers crossed for a short winter!

Check our Facebook for results from our 13 boats.

Thank you

Rowing is already a tough sport, and it would be much harder without the help and contributions of our families, alumni, and friends. Food, housing, and donations keep morale high and us ready to row. We’d like to thank the supporters of the team this season, and we hope to see you again once we’re back on the water!

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