

What to expect if you make the team!

Our website www.marinrowing.org is the main source of information for the club. Please log onto the website so that you have full access. MRA communicates primarily through the website and email.

In addition, www.row2k.com is a great source for rowers.

Important Dates and Social Events

First Payment Due - \$888 - Saturday, Sept 29 - see below

Novice Uniform Day - Saturday, Sept 29 11am classroom

Varsity Parent BBQ - Sunday, Sept. 30 5:30pm MRA boathouse

Novice Parent Meeting - Meet & greet on Sunday, October 7 at 6pm at St. Luke's Church in San Rafael. This is a great chance to meet the Staff, Boosters and to learn more about Marin Rowing.

Practice Schedule - In February, the teams will add a day to the schedule.

Varsity Girls - M & W CrossFit 4-5:00pm, W-F 4-6:30pm, Sat 9-11:30am, Sun 9:30am-11:30am

Varsity Boys - M-F 3:30-6:00pm

Novice Boys - M, T, Th, Fri 4-6:30pm, Sat 9-11:00am

Novice Girls - M, T, W, Fri 4-6:30pm, Sat 9-11:00am

Cost - \$1600 - This is the cost for a 9-month season. We will prorate for athletes who come late.

You will be invoiced twice (see below) cover the course of the season. The MRA dues of \$600 include a novice race uniform, entry and travel fees, equipment purchase and facility costs. The Coaching Fee goes to support our staff.

<u>Due Date</u>	Fall Dues-5 months	Spring Dues -4 months
Dues	\$350	\$ 250
Coaching Fee	\$538	\$ 462
Total	\$ 888	\$ 712

Additional Costs not covered by the above fees:

Regatta Travel	See below
Varsity Uniform	\$100
Optional MRA gear	Varies per order - Order form attached

Regatta Travel

Varsity and Novice teams travel to away regattas throughout the season. Selected varsity athletes typically travel to Boston (~\$800), San Diego (~\$500), Sacramento (~\$250) and Cincinnati (~\$900) each year. Selected novice athletes may travel to Long Beach (~\$425) and all athletes will travel to Sacramento (~\$250) each year. Marin Rowing pays all local travel costs and entry fees for the teams throughout the season. The travel cost will be emailed to the families along with the itinerary for the trip. Payment is due upon receipt of the email.

Scholarship Information

MRA has a limited number of partial scholarships available to those in need.

Primarily, any scholarship money awarded will be used to cover operational dues and fees, though regatta travel scholarships will be considered by the Committee if requested as the season begins.

A parent requesting financial assistance must fill out an application form and send a letter outlining the request, along with last filed Federal Tax returns. The letter and financial information should be sent to the MRA Treasurer, 50 Drakes Landing Rd., Greenbrae, CA 94904. Applications can be found on the MRA website.

Booster Club

The parent run Booster Club is integral to the success of the junior program, handling numerous volunteer functions such as coordinating transportation to regattas, sponsoring pre-race dinners, providing food for sale at regattas, organizing social functions and fundraising. Your volunteer efforts are needed to support the coaches and the athletes in their pursuits. This year's Booster Chair is Alison Carbone alisoncarbone@comcast.net.

Fundraising

The MRA holds fundraisers throughout the year. eScrip and Bow Rides (January 13, 2008) are two of the events, and our Annual Ergathon (Feb. 9 & 10, 2008) is our big event. All junior rowers participate in this 24-hour fundraising event held at the Bon Air Shopping Center. Fundraising proceeds go towards new equipment and scholarships. Each family is asked to fundraise \$300 from neighbors, friends and family. Please support us and sign up for www.escrip.com or add Marin Rowing Assn. Juniors Boosters to your already established groups!