

Welcome to the 2023 Fall Season!

Hello parents of ERA athletes and welcome to the 2023 Fall Season! There is much to review, so please pardon the brief introduction. I am hoping that a shorter message with easy to follow links and a few downloads will be the most helpful.

Times and Schedules:

- Fall Racing Season: August 28 December 15
 - December 7-15 is land conditioning only, 4 days per week
- Monday Friday 3:30 6:15pm
- There will be several Saturday practices for Varsity athletes, coaches will advise athletes of the dates.
- Seasonal Calendar is attached to this email.

Parent Meeting:

Will be held at the boathouse on September 7th on Zoom, 6:15pm. Please attend to learn about parent involvement and hear from the coaches and staff about how we'll make this season a memorable one. We'll have time for Q&A on practices, racing, uniforms, fundraising, etc. A Zoom link will be sent out to all registered families on September 6.

Cost & Registration:

Our goal is to have every athlete <u>registered</u> by the end of the first week. If you have any questions about registration or scholarships, please connect with staff as soon as possible.

Uniforms:

JL Team Store:

The ERA team store is now open. At the JL Team Store site, you can use your own credit card to order required team uniform items as well as training gear. Everyone MUST get their order in by end of day on **Friday, September 8.** Orders are set to ship in bulk to the team coordinator (Hannah) but you will be asked to input a shipping address with your order. The shipping rate on each order is your portion of the bulk shipping rate based on the size of your order.

There are only 2 required pieces of gear- the **SIMPLE SEGUE UNISUIT** (there are 2 uni's on the site, please make sure you pick the right one.). The other required item is the travel polo. The athletes will wear these when we travel to Regional Championships. It is of note that the juniors typically like to wear a team hat (boys) and visor (girls) when racing. The team hat is the hi-vis hat that is in the team store. The girls' visor is on Amazon HERE. They don't embroider theirs.



Calendar:

The ERA Annual Calendar is attached to end of this email. Coaches assume every athlete will be present for every event. If your athlete cannot make an event, please advise the coaching staff ASAP.

Recruiting:

This team is looking to grow. There are incentives for families that bring in new junior rowers: credit at the ERA store and discounts on registration. Spread the word, help out the team, and remember that there are scholarship funds available! Ask <u>Matt</u> or <u>Hannah</u> for details.

Fundraising Involvement:

ERA's biggest fundraiser of the year is our Annual Auction in March. This funds our program, allows us to purchase equipment, and serves as a huge celebration of the ERA community. Donations can be procured all year long, so please keep an eye out on how to make an impact. More information will be coming out as the season progresses.

ERA also has a Holiday Wreath and Poinsettia Sale in December. Athletes and families are asked to sell a minimum of 10 items to friends, family members and co-workers. Everyone needs some Holiday Cheer, don't they? This fundraiser brings in about \$10,000 for oars, cox-boxes, and other equipment that isn't funded at the Auction (but it's just as important as the boats!!!). More details will be coming out in late October.

Each season is busy, but it can't be lost HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE THAT YOU ARE A PART OF THE EVERETT ROWING COMMUNITY! How the families come together to support our athletes is what makes this program special.

As always, any questions please reach out to Matt@everettrowing.com

Cheers.

Matt Lacey Head Coach



Racing Schedule for Fall 2023:

September 16: Otter Island Row (Everett Rowing fundraiser - Junior team volunteers but does not row)

September 17: Pink Ribbon Row, Seattle WA

October 1: Tail of the Lake Regatta, Seattle WA

October 15: <u>Head of the Snohomish</u> (race is hosted by ERA at the boathouse)

October 21: Possible (unconfirmed) Scrimmage with Inglemoor

November 4: Green Lake Regatta, Seattle WA

November 5: Head of the Lake Regatta, Seattle WA

November 12: San Diego Fall Classic and Training Trip, San Diego CA

Saturday Practices, ERA Men's Varsity Team

September 9th

September 23rd

September 30th (Tentative)

October 7th

October 21st (depending on Inglemoor Scrimmage)

October 28th

November 4th (Tentative, for athletes not racing at Green Lake)

Saturday Practices, ERA Women's Varsity Team

September 2nd

September 9th

September 23rd

October 21st (depending on Inglemoor Scrimmage)

October 28th