

# Malta Boat Club

There was no May newsletter or club meeting due to the closing of the club.

## Minutes from the June Meeting:

The meeting was held June 9, via Zoom and attended by 17 members including: Marcella, Stehlik, Weber, Patterson, McGhee, Mattson, Brown, DeVlieger, Cutler, Stewart, Liscio, Schughsta. (Sorry if I missed a few)

## Treasurers Report

As of May 31, the club had about \$46,000 in net income which will be offset by dock related expenses.

## Membership

The conversation centered around reopening the club as per the state and CDC guidelines to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Member and House committees will post the new club use rules at the club as well as in this newsletter.

## Racing

Captain Cutler did not have much to report as most of the spring and summer racing season has been cancelled. From the SN: "At this point (mid June), we envision no impact on the Regattas this fall due to the dredging itself. COVID-19 impacts are still being reviewed and considered by the different event teams."

## House

Rick Stehlik gave an outline of the dredging work and potential plans to row upstream at the public dock at the 1000 M mark. Dredging has commenced and is expected to take three months to complete the boathouse row area. As reported earlier, all BHR docks have been removed. We anticipate the installation of our new dock in late August pending work completed on schedule. Dredging will continue upriver during the fall and winter months.

The Schuylkill Navy revealed a plan to put temporary racks for singles upriver near the Gillin boat house. A timetable for installing the racks, security fencing and procedures is still being worked out. Please check the Reopening the River Section for the latest update.

## New Business

Mike Brown put forth a motion that the fees charged to Merion Mercy and Father Judge rowing programs be reduced one time by 30% due to the cancellation of their spring season and their inability to use the facilities for the past 10 weeks. This was approved unanimously by the Senior Active members.

## Reopening the River Phase 1 (From the Schuylkill Navy)

Launching of 1x and solo-craft can begin this Sunday June 14 at the public dock near the Gillin boathouse.

During Phase One, ONLY equipment already stored on-site may be left in the Park. All 1x's and solo-paddling-craft must be car-topped during this initial opening stage. Do not leaving any rowing equipment on site.

1. **No individuals affiliated with a formally organized program (ie, any Dragon Boat/ Paddling team, any rowing clubs (including any BHR-based club, Phila Adaptive Rowing, BLJ Community Rowing, etc) may launch until (a) AFTER their program Captain (or his/her designee) has attended a MANDATORY COVID-19 / Phase One Briefing Session with the Schuylkill Navy.**
  - We'll be conducting these tomorrow late morning with David Kunz (Schuylkill Paddlers Inc) and Brannon Johnson (BLJ Community Rowing). And, all SN club captains are invited to a session with Jenn Mussio tomorrow at 4:00 pm at this Zoom Link [HERE](#). (Paddling Leadership and BLJ Community Rowing coaches should also dial in at that time, as available). Registration is required (but anyone can join).
  - We'll send a separate note to each club to ensure you have someone lined up to attend.
2. There are specific guidelines that must be followed; so, all programs will be ultimately responsible for sharing the reviewed guidelines with their members.
3. At this time, launching is restricted to singles / solo craft only. Same household 2x's are not yet approved; but we expect to get this green-lit within the next days.
4. During this Phase One, NO boats (except those already stored on the west side for use by the dragon boat community and BLJ Community Rowing's equipment) may be stored on-site (in the Parking Lot on trailers, on slings, on racks, on any park land) without prior consent by the Schuylkill Navy and PPR
5. We'll be walking through all the Guidelines tomorrow as we get going, and we'll remind everyone of the need for patience as we collectively navigate this next leg of our shared journey.

NOTE: Please contact Jeff Cutler or Rick Stehlik if you plan to cartop your single up to the public docks. You may need help getting your single out of the Vesper side boat bay as there is now no ramp to walk down to get your boat to the other bay and out the double doors. Be Careful.

### Joint House/Membership Guidelines on Club Use

With the Governor's easing of restrictions of Amateur Sports, please be advised that the club has instituted the following guidelines regarding use of the House:

1. Only members will be permitted access/use of the Club - guest privileges have been temporarily suspended;
2. Rowing from Club is not allowed at this time, due to dredging, but upriver docks are available for singles (Check with the Captain for Details)
3. Occupancy limit is to be 15 members, any gathering of greater than this number must be approved by the Membership and House Committees. 6 feet social distance should be observed at all times.
4. Facial coverings are to be worn when not engaged in exercise;
5. Wash your hands frequently, do not shake hands, fist bump and cover your coughs/sneezes with your elbow and not your hands;
6. Clean and disinfect all equipment after each use;
7. Limit your time at the club to your exercise regime. If possible, try to minimize the use of the shower room on the third floor by coming dressed for your workout and clean up off-site. Please clean fixture hardware when done. The second floor shower room is closed.
8. Use only your personal pre-filled water bottle (do not use the water fountain);
9. The kitchen and bar room are closed.
10. If you feel sick, stay home.

### Member Profile: Paul DeVlieger (Original Malta Bro)

A Malta Member since 2012, Paul pulled an oar at St Joe's Prep under Chuck Crawford and then went on to graduate from UPenn. After college, he rowed out of Penn AC for a stint before finishing law school and marrying his sweetheart, Mary, in 1992. Both Mary and

Paul are 1 of 10 kids and have 5 children of their own. After starting a family and his own law firm, Paul returned to rowing. 3 of his 4 daughters, Maggie, Kate and



Phoebe, have rowed at Merion Mercy. Thanks to the tremendous Merion Mercy rowing coaches (Mike Brown, Tony Mattson and Tom French), the girls enjoyed wonderful successes on and off the water. Maggie and Kate both went on to be 4-year rowers, at Columbia and Boston College respectively, and Phoebe is slated to row for BC this fall. In the fall of 2021, Paul's 4<sup>th</sup> daughter,

Chloe, is excited to start her rowing career at Merion. When not down at the river, Paul spends his time swimming with and hanging out with son, Paul.

At Malta, Paul enjoys rowing a 1X on a regular basis. Racing with fellow members in annual fall head races is



always enjoyable. Paul especially loves racing in 4X at the Head of the Charles with fellow Malta brothers. Paul says that "competing with these guys in the same regatta as my daughters is a cherished thrill each year."

Paul is an active member of the Illman and Membership Committees and oversees keeping the beer flowing at the Malta bar. He resides in Newtown Square.