



NEW ORLEANS ROWING CLUB

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Commodore's Message

Dear New Orleans Rowing Club Friends,

While 2017 marks one of the biggest and most successfully years in club history, it's also marks the year we lost our favorite rower and biggest fan, Frederick J. King.

Fred's passion for rowing started at Georgetown University as a member of the lightweight rowing team. Fred connected with New Orleans Rowing Club after returning to the city to begin work as the lead attorney for Tulane University's Legal Assistance Program. He served as the President of NORC for several decades, and dedicated much of his time to coaching and sharing his passion for rowing with others. Fred was also a decorated oarsman, winning seven golds, five silvers, and a bronze at various national regattas, including the Olympic Trials.



Accolades aside, Fred's greatest trait and what I will forever remember him most for was his readiness to sacrifice for others. No matter if you were a new rower, a seasoned rower, or just visiting the club, Fred was willing to sacrifice his training session to make your rowing experience the best it could possibly be. To this day, I still remember my first rowing experience with NORC, which included rowing a double with Fred. It was during this row that I heard for the first time and what would become a trademark of Fred's, "have I ever told you the story..."! From that day on, I was hooked to Fred, to NORC, and to the community of rowers that make this sport so great.

Although Fred is no longer with us, I can assure you that his legacy with NORC will live on. Last year the name of our current boathouse facility was dedicated to him and we have respectfully retired his personal set of sculling blades. Fred also kindly donated his cherished racing single, "Never Row", to the club. Additionally, when I took over the club from Fred in 2015, I made it a personal mission to make everyone's experience at NORC the best it could possibly be – just the way Fred would have wanted it.

As we reflect on Fred's past and look to an even brighter future at NORC, I hope you all with adopt this mission with me. Thanks again for a remarkable year and lets all raise a glass for Fred!



John Huppi
NORC Commodore

Club Report

The New Orleans Rowing Club had a phenomenal year in terms of membership, club activity, racing, and community impact. In total, the club hosted more than 225 rowers, attended 7 regattas, competed in over 53 races, won 17 medals including a national championship, and held more than 150 learn-to-row lessons.

The masters program had more than 40 athletes regularly attend club practices. At the beginning of the year, the masters team made a simple goal of improving regular practice attendance and awarding this attendance by competing in the Head of the Hooch Regatta in Chattanooga, TN. Realistically, the team was looking to maybe field a 4+ at Hooch, but significantly improve regular practice attendance along the way. But, after 44 weekends in a row fielding at least one 8+ at practice, the goal shifted to seeing just how many competitive entries we could have at Hooch. On November 3rd, NORC traveled to Chattanooga with a record 27 athletes. All in all, this was an incredible accomplishment for a club that struggled to fill enough rowers for a quad just a year ago.

In August, seven of our masters rowers traveled to Oakridge, TN to compete in the prestigious USRowing Masters National Championship Regatta. The goal was to showcase the top-end speed of NORC and to make a strong statement to the rowing community that NORC is back and ready to compete for medals for years to come. Two big accomplishments occurred that weekend including (1) all seven athletes made at least one final, and (2) John Huppi and Hannah Huppi won a national championship in the Mixed A2x event, narrowly beating out the field by 1 second. The racers spent all year training for this race and were thrilled with the results. Three weeks later, John and Hannah traveled to Bled, Slovenia to compete in the same event at the FISA World Rowing Masters Regatta where they finished 5th in a strong field of international competitors.

The club's learn-to-row program remained stable this year with similar enrollment numbers to 2016. Learn-To-Row coaching duties were split between John Huppi and Michael Merwin. Each year a few LTR graduates make significant jumps into the regular masters program. This year, special recognition goes out to Steve Nance and Neyvin De Leon who have been great additions to the team.

In 2018, the club looks to build on their speed with a fuller slate of regattas including Head of the Hooch, Space City, Heart of Texas, Chicago Sprints, Head of the Charles, and FISA World Rowing Masters Regatta.



Master's Men Practicing on Bayou St. John



NORC Athletes at USRowing Masters Nationals



Master's Four Practicing on Bayou St. John



Mixed A2x Winners John & Hannah Huppi



NORC Men's Pair Shoving Off

Juniors Report

Established in early 2016, the junior program took a big step forward in 2017. Growth was expected, but the coaches were moving into uncharted territory trying to convince the team to get fitter and faster. 2017 also marked the first complete year of programming, with three distinct racing seasons. Additionally, the team attending more regattas with a noticeable improvement in speed, proven by the fact that a greater percentage of crews won medals compared to 2016. The following table shows the year to year growth of the junior team:

NORC JUNIORS	2016	2017
Total Athletes	17	33
Total Racing Athletes	11	18
Regattas Attended	2	4
Races Entered	14	27
Medals Won	3	8

Demand for junior rowing in 2016 was strong, despite minimal marketing efforts and still no official partnerships with area high schools. The program was also limited by a small fleet and a limited number of oars. However, after acquiring (2) eights and (2) fours later in the year, the club looks to fill the additional 24 seats with more junior rowers in 2018.

Programmatically, the biggest change this year came from an increase in the number of weekly practices. The juniors now practice three days per week (in season), including one off-water practice at the new Krewe Du Crossfit facility in Uptown, New Orleans.

This Spring, five junior rowers successfully wrapped up their junior rowing careers and graduated high school. One of these rowers, Bennett Faust, has gone on to row for the College of Charleston. Bennett made his collegiate racing debut at the Head of the Hooch Regatta. Bennett was selected to the men's varsity squad, and sat in 3-seat of the first eight.



Project & Equipment Report

Projects Completed in 2017

- Updated NORC website updated
- Acquired insurance for all club boats and oars
- Refurbished Ben Karp 2x
- Refurbished Who Dat 1x
- Acquired Bayou Rougarou 4+ (Donated by John Huppi)
- Acquired Wintech 4+/x
- Acquired Voodoo Vista 8+
- Acquired Maas Aero 1x
- Acquired (16) sweep blades
- Rerigged & Maintained all shells
- Repainted all blades
- Installed (3) Singles Racks
- Created JL Team Store
- Attended Bayou Boogaloo
- Hosted Spring Time Trial
- Hosted Fall Time Trial
- Hosted Santa Row 2017
- Established relationship with Krewe Du Crossfit

Future Projects in 2018

- Complete new storage racks for 8+
- Purchase (4) sets of new sculling blades
- Purchase boat trailer
- Communicate with Dept. of Public Works for Fillmore Bridge renovation
- Gain approval for coaching launch
- Purchase coaching launch
- Finalize boathouse development plans
- Establish endowment plan

Finance Report

New Orleans Rowing Club's financial performance was monitored closely throughout the year to ensure we could meet our financial obligations and accomplish our goals. We ended the year with a positive cash balance and once again, there will be no increase in membership dues for 2018.

New Orleans Rowing Club was able to pay off the outstanding balance for the 2015 Sykes 4x a few weeks ahead of schedule. We are also in a position to pay off the remaining balance on the Wintech 4x/+ prior to the end of the 2017.

The club held an end-of-year fundraiser as part of the 30th anniversary celebration of the club. All proceeds are earmarked to assist with the payoff of the Wintech 4x/+ and the purchase of new oars.

In 2018, a stronger emphasis will be placed on the acquisition of more club equipment, including more sculling blades, a new trailer, and a new coaching launch.

New Orleans Rowing Club Financial Report - 2017

General Account:

Starting Balance (Jan. 1, 2017)	\$ 1,005
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Revenue:

Dues	\$ 21,518
Donations	\$ 3,855
Boat sale	\$ 0
Club sales (uniforms, hats, stickers, etc)	\$ 1,623
Storage revenue	\$ 1,600
Subtotal:	\$ 28,596

Expenses:

Insurance - US Rowing & All Equipment	\$ 2,746
Boat(s) purchase	\$ 7,750
Oars, shoes, cox boxes & boat maintenance	\$ 629
Dock, racks, and boathouse exp.	\$ 0
Boat repairs	\$ 5,020
Regattas	\$ 5,694
Lawn care	\$ 960
Web Hosting	\$ 30
Coaching fees	\$ 0
Clothing - jerseys, hats, & stickers	\$ 1,681
Accountant	\$ 380
Taxes (Federal and State & State)	\$ 30
Portable toilets	\$ 0
Misc. (Club parties, Bank charges, refunds, etc.)	\$ 1,278
Subtotal:	\$ 26,198

Earnings	\$ 2,398
Ending Balance (Dec. 31, 2017)	\$ 3,403
Liabilities (as of Dec. 31, 2017)	\$ 5,500

The above financial report summarizes New Orleans Rowing Club's actual revenues and expenses for 2017 by the General membership activities.

Fundraising & Donor List

General Fund

Each year, NORC solicits donations that are used by the Board to support and grow the club. The annual End-Of-Year Fundraiser appeal provides an opportunity for all the members, friends and alumni to support these activities to the extent of their ability and interest. The 2017 EOY Capital Fundraiser raised \$2095.

The Board and Members of the Club thank all of our friends that contributed to our funds:

2017 Givers

Adele A'Brassard
William Abbott
Jon Atkinson
John Baay
Brande Barteet
Don Beckham
Frank Berry
Suzanne Butler
David Cherry
Laura Himmel Cherry
Samantha Cook
Katherine Crane
Victoria Crane
Sophia Crites
Jeff Darling
Neyvin De Leon
Griffin Descant
Katherine Descant
Kathryn Dieperink
Jeanne Donsback
Randall Duncan
Lorraine Faust
Wesley Faust
Dominc Fayard
Edward Fleming
Yvette Forstall
Lisa Gambino
Fun Goody
Peter Gozar
Eerik Hantsoo
Suzanne Heidel
John Herman
Kirsten Hill
Samantha Houston
John Huppi

Hannah Huppi
Michael Iacono
Laura Imperial
Aaron Kala
Anne Kala
Anne-Marie Karp
Benjamin E. Karp
Edward W. Karp
Patsy Klees
William Kuckro
Joan Landry
Gary Laura
Cameron Lee
Elizabeth Manly
Michelle Whetten Marshall
Dixon McPhillips
Michael Merwin
Edith H. Morris
Lorraine Nance
Steve Nance
Neil Nixdorff
Mignon Odem
Rebekah Seidel Paton
Robert Phillips
Jeffrey Pitt
Lisa Plaia
Claire Plauchel
Martha Radice
Jennifer Ringvelski
Roberto Rodriques
Kathleen Rudolph-Shabinsky
Hugh Britton Sanderford, Jr.
Majoria Schramel
Alexander Sessums
Shannon Seymour
Michael Sgandurra
Sherry Snyder
Donald Sullivan
Susan Taylor
Lee Terrell
Paul Thomas
Kevin Thompson
W. Michael Ural, Jr.
Sarah Usdin
Raghunandana Venkatapathy
Visiting rowers
Latonia Viverette
Joanne Wilson

Press & Awards

Awards

Coach of the Year Award

Dedication and Excellence in Coaching

John Huppi

Coach of the Year Award

Dedication and Excellence in Coaching

Hannah Huppi

Team JL Racing 2017 Athlete

JL Racing Worldwide Ambassador Program

Hannah Huppi

Press

The New Orleans Advocate

"Power Boats: National Rowing Winners Helping Spread The Sport"

By Kim Singletary, October 18th, 2017

Featuring John Huppi & Hannah Huppi

2017 Officers & Board of Directors

Commodore

John Huppi
Ed Karp

Vice Commodore

Kevin Thompson

Treasurer

Robert Phillips

Secretary

Benjamin Karp

Director of Rowing

John Huppi

Boathouse Director

Frank Berry

Communications Director

Hannah Huppi

Membership Director

Danny Sullivan

Honorary Board Member

Fred King

Junior Coaches

John Huppi
Hannah Huppi
Michael Merwin

2017 Overall Club Racing Results

John Hunter Regatta (Gainesville, GA)

Women's Youth 1x	K. Descant- 2 nd
Men's Youth 1x	D. Fayard- 4 th
Women's Youth 4x	K. Descant, A. Barteet, D. Duncan, C. Heidel- 5 th
Men's Youth 2x	W. Faust, D. Fayard- 6 th , C. Ringvelski, P. Crites- 7 th
Women's Youth LWT 2x	D. Duncan, C. Heidel- 7 th
Men's Youth 4x	C. Ringvelski, W. Faust, P. Schramel, D. Fayard- 3 rd

Space City Sprints (Seabrook, TX)

Men's Masters 1x	M. Merwin- 1 st
Women's Youth Novice 2x	A. Barteet- 4 th
Men's Youth Novice 1x	W. Faust- 4 th , D. Fayard- 5 th
Men's Youth Novice 2x	D. Fayard, W. Faust- 2 nd , M. Seymour, A. Seymour- 3 rd
Men's Youth 1x	B. Suffern- 4 th
Men's Youth 4x	B. Suffern, A. Seymour, M. Seymour, D. Fayard- 3 rd
Mixed Masters 2x	H. Huppi, J. Huppi- 1 st

Halifax Summer Regatta (Daytona Beach, FL)

Men's Youth Novice 1x	B. Suffern- 1 st , J. Ringvelski- 4 th , C. Ringvelski- 4 th , F. Meozzi- 3 rd
Men's Youth 2x	C. Ringvelski, F. Meozzi- 5 th
Men's Youth 1x	B. Suffern- 3 rd
Men's Youth 4x	F. Meozzi, B. Suffern, C. Ringelvski, J. Ringvelski- 5 th
Men's Masters 1x	M. Merwin- 6 th

USRowing Masters Nationals (Oakridge, TN)

Men's Open 1x (A)	W. Kuckro- 4 th (Semi)
Women's Open 4x (AA-A)	H. Huppi (Composite)- 1 st
Mixed Open 2x (A)	H. Huppi, J. Huppi- 1 st
Men's Open 2x (AA)	A. Kala, M. Merwin- 6 th
Men's Open 2x (A)	W. Kuckro, A. Blakeslee- 6 th
Men's LWT 1x (AA-A)	W. Kuckro- 6 th
Women's Open 8+ (A)	H. Huppi (Composite)- 3 rd
Men's Open 2- (AA-A)	J. Huppi, M. Sgandurra- 3 rd
Men's Open 4+ (A)	J. Huppi, M. Merwin, W. Kuckro, A. Kala- 5 th

FISA World Rowing Masters Regatta (Bled, Slovenia)

Mixed Masters 2x	H. Huppi, J. Huppi- 5 th
Mixed Masters 4x	H. Huppi, J. Huppi (Composite)- 5 th

Head of the Charles Regatta (Boston, MA)

Women's Club 1x	S. Houston- 21 st
Women's Club 4+	H. Huppi (Composite)- 12 th

Head of the Hooch Regatta (Chattanooga, TN)

Men's Master 4+	R. Phillips, R. Rodriguez, J. Herman, N. Nixdorff, K. Gardner- 17 th
Men's Club 4+	J. Huppi (Composite)- 14 th

Men's Master 8+ J. Huppi, W. Kuckro, M. Sgandurra, R. Phillips,
 R. Rodriguez, A. Kala, M. Merwin, N. Nixdorff, K. Gardner-12th
 Women's Youth 2x A. Barteet, O. Pitt- 80th
 Women's Master 2x S. Houston, L. Imperial- 9th
 Mixed Master 4x A. Garidel, S. Tipton, A. Kala, M. Merwin- 24th
 Mixed Masters 4x R. Phillips (Composite)- 4th
 Men's Youth 2x D. Fayard, B. Suffern- 78th
 Men's Master 2x K. Thompson, L. Terrell- 22nd
 Men's Youth 4x S. Denham, C. Ringvelski, J. Ringvelski, P. Rodriguez- 61st
 Men's Master 1x (43-54) K. Thompson- 16th
 Women's Master 1x (21-42) S. Houston- 3rd
 Women's Master 1x (43-54) L. Imperial- 3rd
 Men's Youth 1x S. Snyder- 54th
 Women's Youth 4x A Barteet, O. Pitt, I. Pitt, W. Bettison- 54th