



ALUMNI SPRINT

Delaware Men's Crew Alumni Association Newsletter

Winter 2009

message from the president

This past semester has marked a lot of activity for the DMCAA. We had an exciting season of Alumni racing, fielding boats in both the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta and the Head of the Charles Regatta. We also continue to plan and carry out three social events per year: the Parent/Alumni Day organized by the current team, the Winter Party, and the Dad Vail tent.

The Parent/Alumni Day was a fun event, with the alumni fielding two boats in the Alumni Race, though we were once again robbed in our drive for the trophy.

We are also hosting the Winter Party on February 28th at the Dark Horse Pub in Philly as well as an alumni tent at the Dad Vail Regatta, scheduled for May 9. Please look in *Save the Date!!/Upcoming Events* section for more information.

We have also continued working with the University in order to establish ourselves as a satellite organization through the University Alumni Association. **Mike Hoffman '06** created an amazing proposal which has been submitted to the University Alumni Association and will be considered in March '09. We'll be sure to keep you updated as we continue through this process.

Also, we are beginning to build our funds from events and University contributions as well as parent and alumni donations. These will be used to help pay for the costs of the organization including newsletters and down payments for future events. As these funds grow, we hope to be able to contribute to the current Crew Team's Endowment. Please see CFO **Mike Wood '04's** *Financial Brief* for more

information regarding our finances.

Overall, this past fall has shown the DMCAA grow as an organized association. Our roster has increased with the addition of the class of '08, who have shown great interest in getting involved with the DMCAA. We have also become more organized and active in alumni racing, with director **Jon Heimall '02** serving as the organizer for alumni racing, and continue to host three social events per year. We are pleased with our progress as an Association, and the interest that the alumni body is showing in our events. See you in the Spring!!

Mary Vaughn, '03
President

Coaches Corner: Fall Results and Spring Outlook

This Fall season ended as our best Fall season of all time. The Varsity and Frosh Heavies and Lights all performed at a level that generally could be summed up as awesome. We competed in four major regattas with the Varsities competing at the Navy Day Regatta, Head of the Charles, Head of the Schuylkill and Frostbite Regattas. The Frosh participated at the same regattas with the exception of the Charles but they participated at the Rivanna Romp for Frosh Crews.

Generally, I would forecast, we are poised to retain our crown at the Dad Vail Regatta as overall Men's Champions. Our goal is to medal in every men's eight at this year's Dad Vail Championship Regatta. Although it is an exceptionally high standard, judging from our Fall, it is a possibility. We would really like to see all of our alumni at the regatta this coming Spring so make plans to be in Philly the weekend of May 8th and 9th. If you can not make the Vails,

please drop in at one of the other regattas to cheer on the UD Men's Crews and show your support. Our schedule will be posted shortly on delawarecrew.com and we will post links to results after each regatta.

Results from the Fall are all posted on our web site, so please peruse the site and check out our success. For those alumni heavyweights that might enjoy seeing Temple come in second, take special note on the Heavyweight boat's victory at the Frostbite and plan on attending the Spring regattas.

Some exciting results of note from the fall season: At the Frostbite, the JV eight, Novice eight, Varsity Light eight, and Heavyweight eights all took home gold, beating boats from Penn and Temple. At the Head of the Schuylkill, the Varsity Heavyweight Eight, Varsity Lightweight Eight, and Junior Varsity Lightweight Eight earned 8th, 6th, and 11th place, respectively. The team is also very proud of their results at the Head of the Charles Regatta. The Varsity

Heavyweight boat took 12th place in the Collegiate Eight event, only 30 seconds behind the top finisher in this event. This is a more impressive result than last year, and indicates that UD has a very exciting spring season ahead of them. Go Hens!!

Chuck Crawford
Head Coach

Upcoming events

Winter Party
February 28th, 6 pm
The Dark Horse Pub
421 S. 2nd St,
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Dad Vail Tent
May 9th
Philadelphia, PA

UD Alumni Medal at Head of the Charles

The 44th annual Head of the Charles took place this weekend October 18th and 19th 2008 in Boston. It was a perfect weekend for racing with cool temperatures and a light breeze. More than 7,500 athletes from around the world competed in 55 different race events attracting up to 300,000 spectators, making the HOC the largest regatta in the world.

This year, there were several boats in the HOC holding alumni racers from the University of Delaware Crew team. Big congrats to the club four from Wilmington Rowing Club, who metalled with a 4th place overall in their event. This four consisted of 4 UD alumni rowers **Brian Venti '93, Matt Iacone '93, Steve Rosenberg '97** and long time assistant coach **John Williams**. Awesome job!

Additionally, Delaware rowed a full eight of alumni in the Club Eight. Members included; **Dan Greeley '04,**



Adam Horning '05, Shawn Duff '07, Stephan Katz '07, Pete Seymour '07, Andrew Hanna '03, Sean Galvin '04, Mike Wood '04 and coxswain **Katie McCoy '05**. Delaware also had one alum (**Ryan Jornlin '08**) race in the Champ Eight under Penn Athletic Club, which is based in Boathouse Row in Philadelphia and consists

of many national team members competing for the Olympics.

As always, many thanks to the team for the great help in making this happen!!

Mike Wood
'04

UD Alumni race at the Head of the Schuylkill

In the midst of a torrential downpour, the alumni association fielded an eight of **Dan Greeley '04, Nick Dipompeo '07, Mike Wood '04, Jon Heimall '02, Matt Bystrowski '04, Sean Galvin '04, Mike Perez '07, and Chris Brito '07** for the Head of the Schuylkill Club 8 race on the 25th of October in Philadelphia, PA. The crew was anxious to shove off after the cancellation of the race in 2007 due to similar weather.

As the crew brought the shell "Up and over heads," they knew there was no turning back and would get their shot this year. They shoved off and headed for the start line finding their spot behind 1408 from Wharton and in front of 1410 from Loyola.

As the race officials called for Delaware, the boat was brought to speed and the crew was off for the beginning of the 4000 meter race. With a flurry of powerful strokes the alums halved the gap between them and Wharton within the first 500 meters. As they passed under Strawberry Mansion Bridge, Wharton was theirs for the taking. They called for a power 10 (known as a

"rush the slide 10" in alumni racing), and moved through the Ivy leaguers.

Halfway through the race, Loyola made contact with the Hens. The crew did their best to hold off the Greyhounds for the next 500 meters, but the crew from Maryland proved to be too much for the Hens. As the crew came around the turn at the 2500 meter mark, the headwind of headwinds lengthened the race as the run from the boat was shortened dramatically.

As the alums checked their guts, they found the wind and strength to reach the final set of bridges with boats from Rochester and Villanova closing. With a few hundred meters to go, the crew increased their stroke rating and finished the race fiercely. As the crew passed the final orange buoy, they heard the coxswain call for the paddle and the alums happily obliged. The crew finished with a time of 16:46, finishing in the top 25.

Jon Heimall
'02

Directors/Officers

President:

Mary Vaughn, '03

Chief Financial Officer:

Mike Wood, '04

Directors:

Chris Gorzynski, '02
Jon Heimall, '02
Carolyn (Serey) Ehn, '04
Sean Galvin, '04
Jamie Danz, '06
Nick DePompeo, '07

Directors-Designate:

Shawn Duff '08
Eric Juergens '08
Brad Nathanson '02

4th Annual Alumni and Parent Day

On Sunday October 12th, the University of Delaware Men's Crew hosted the fourth annual alumni day at the UD/WYRA Boathouse in Wilmington, DE. The event was a great success, and brought together alumni, current team members, and the family and friends of both. Over 150 attendants were afforded food, raffles, and, of course, alumni vs. team races in eights.

The afternoon's events culminated with the 500m exhibition races. The team rowers split up into their respective classes (freshman/novice, sophomores, juniors/seniors),

and the alumni banded together to create their lineups. These crews then took to the water to compete for the title of 2008 alumni day champions. The first race had the alumni beat the freshman/novice, which put them in the final. The sophomores eked out a narrow victory over the junior/senior boat, winning by less than a second and advancing to the final. In the final, the sophomores crossed the line about a boat-length ahead of the seniors.

Pete Seymour
'08

Financial Brief

The DMCAA continues to stand on a strong financial footing. Since our last report, we have had two races involving alumni members including the Head of the Charles and Head of the Schuylkill Regattas. The Team (current rowers) organized our Club 8+ entry at HOC, and it turned out to be a great event with beautiful conditions. Equally as fun, yet a little wetter, was the HOS regatta held on the Schuylkill River. This event was the

weekend after the Charles and included a steady saturating rain. Cold and wet... ahh, brings back memories. All in all, both events were fully funded by the participating athletes. With the HOS, there was a surplus of funds collected, and \$47 was graciously donated to the DMCAA. Thanks to all who participated!

With that, our association is in the green with \$480.83 in the coffers. We are actively pursuing membership as a Satellite



Alumni gearing up for the 500 meter sprint.

Alumni Association with the University.

A formal request has been submitted and will be presented to the University board in March 2009. UD is still researching satellite groups in general as this is new territory for them. Hopefully we get some positive results soon!

Mike Wood
'04

Election

Sadly, Directors **Evan Price '04**, **Mike Hoffman '06**, and **Matt Iacone '92** have completed their terms and it is time to elect three new Directors for terms of 3 years each. This year, three alumni have been nominated—**Shawn Duff '08**, **Eric Juergens '08**, and **Brad Nathanson '02**. Here are the short bios that they have submitted so that we can get to know them a bit better before the election:

Shawn Duff '08: Member of Malta Boat Club, Philadelphia, PA since October 2008. Assistant Coach at St. Joseph's Prep since October 2008. Electrical construction worker in Philadelphia region since October 2008, currently living in Huntingdon Valley, PA.

At UD: Former Recruitment Chair ('05-'06), Fundraising Chair ('06-'07) and Vice President ('07-'08). Oversaw dramatic increases in fundraising events and efforts,

helped develop alumni and parents groups with Coach Crawford, and helped manage team's finances to a 2008 surplus. Four year heavyweight rower under Coach Crawford.

Prior to UD: Four year rower at St. Joseph's Prep.

Eric Juergens '08: I was a Finance and Management double major at the University of Delaware, graduating in 2008. During my time there I rowed heavyweight and received honors as a first team Academic All-American. In my senior year, I was the treasurer of the team and helped pull the team out of the red. I am currently in my first year of law school.

Brad Nathanson '02: I rowed from 1996 to 1998 at Mainland High School in Linwood, NJ sculling first in the JV double then the JV quad in multiple races. From 1998 to 2002, I rowed all eight semesters at Delaware under three different head

coaches, including Chuck Crawford's first year back with the team. I rowed in the first Head of the Charles boat in 2001 in the varsity eight where we finished 12th out of 45 boats. I was consistently a leader for the years there. Another fond memory was when the varsity four my junior year had beaten Michigan at Dad Vails.

After college, I coached for two years at Lower Merion, while there my boats made the finals at all of the championship races.

I now am a Director and associate vice president of investments for the largest commercial real estate investment brokerage in the country, Marcus & Millichap. I have won multiple awards nationally and regionally within the real estate community and was just recognized by the Philadelphia business journal at 27 as one of the three top brokers within the Philadelphia marketplace out of a total 400 nominees.

Save the Date!!/Upcoming Events

We have several exciting future events to get excited about! These include our annual Association meeting and Winter Party, Welcome Party for new alumni, and the Dad Vails Tent. These were fun and successful events last year and we're looking forward to them this spring.

Winter Party & Directors Election:

This event will be held at the Dark Horse Pub (421 S. 2nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19147) on February 28th from 6-9 pm.

Alumni Notes

Do you have any news? Whether it's weddings, births, moves, new jobs, or just hanging out with other DMCAA members, we want to know about it. Send news and pictures to UDMensCrewAlumni@gmail.com.

Congratulations to **Matt Wolinski '04**, who is now engaged to fiancé Michelle Standora. Git it boy!! Also newly engaged, **Jon Heimall '02** finally popped the question as well. He writes, "I got engaged to Lauren Gresh in October in Niagara Falls and completed my MBA in August" Congratulations!!!

When taking a break from schoolwork at Stanford, **Andy Seifried '04** writes, "I saw Darren (Burke, '03) in San Diego! Some of my friends from school here were getting married there, and he showed some of us around. He lives right by the beach! San Diego is a very cool city."

Pete Bundy '08 writes, "In the last week of December / first week of January, **Burke Wadsworth '08**, **Matthew Hood '08** and I visited Germany, Austria, and Holland for an abbreviated European tour. Highlights including skiing in Tirol,



The event will cost \$30 per person and will include 3 drink vouchers and munchies.

At this time, we will elect three new Directors to the Board (see bios on the previous page), update everyone on the status of the DMCAA, and catch up with old friends. Last year's party was a big success, so I hope to see you all there!

Welcome Party:

This year, our most recent alums will plan a Welcome Party for our newest

hiking, visiting Neuchwanstein Castle, and ringing in New Years in Amsterdam. Here is a picture of us on our trip having a great time!!!"

Mary Vaughn '03 writes, "I've had the opportunity to spend time with several alumni friends recently. **Gretchen Morgan '04**, moved in literally across the street from my apartment in September, and we've had the chance to catch up several times since then. Also, in November, I was able to catch up with **Carolyn (Serey) Ehn '04**, **Christian Ehn '02**, and **Jon Heimall '02** at a murder mystery party hosted by the Ehns. Despite the scandal, drama, and murders of several of our numbers, it was a great time!!!"



Several of our alumni also have had job changes. **Dan Meckley '04** has a new job building tanks (yes, tanks) as a project engineer for BAE Systems in York, PA. Additionally, **Stefan Katz '08** relocated to Del Rio, Texas for the United States Air Force. **Dan Fitzpatrick '07** relocated to El Paso, Texas for the United States Army.

alumni, the class of '09. All alumni are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Shawn Duff '08 at UDMensCrewAlumni@gmail.com.

Dad Vails:

We will once again host a tent at the Dad Vail Regatta. The regatta takes place on May 8th and 9th, and our tent will be open on Saturday, May 9th. Save the date!! Details to come.

Other alums have gone on to grad school. **Tom Fox '07** is enrolled at LaSalle University MBA program in Philadelphia and is also a rowing coach at Monsignor Bonner High School, while **Eric Juergens '08** is enrolled at St. John's University Law School. **Andrew Millsbaugh '08** is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin for the graduate engineering program.

Many Alums remain very active in rowing and coaching. On Saturday November 15th, **Ivan Baldyachev '05** placed first in the senior lightweight event at the 2008 USRowing Fall Speed Order located at Carnegie Lake in Princeton, N.J. Congrats, Ivan!! **Pete Seymour '08** and **Phil Kleiman '08** were hired as assistant rowing coaches for UD Men's Crew, and **Shawn Duff '08** joined Malta Boat Club and was hired as an assistant rowing coach for St. Joseph's Prep. **Ryan Jornlin '08** moved to Philadelphia and is rowing in the elite program at Penn A.C.

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