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## BIRDS EYE VIEW

The seasonal drop in temperature predictably is having a negative effect on boathouse attendance although a few stalwart members have been seen braving the elements. On one particularly cold January morning three intrepid scullers were seen returning from a six mile row, soaked from high seas and a driving north westerly, frantically massaging fingers and toes and engaged in plotting a clandestine conversion of the boathouse into a winter chess club replete with hot chocolate, soft padded chairs and elevator music.

Approximately three dozen members attended the annual HRA Christmas party at Rosario's Restaurant on December 13<sup>th</sup> and a good time was had by all. TP gave a customary review of 2001 and a one minute silence was observed in memory of those who perished in the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Certificates were presented to junior oarsman Michael Lane (Joceline Knapp award), David Bird (Founders Award), and Chris Staley (Sculler of the year).

One of the most exciting developments in recent months has been the introduction of a year round junior rowing program. Following a successful summer program high school students were offered the opportunity of participating in a program initiated by Christine and Tom Power and maintained in their absence by Chris Staley and David Bird. A Recent spike in attendance by the Spruce Creek rowing club has the current roster approaching 50 rowers. It has been encouraging to see a four and two eights on the water Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

With warm weather just around the corner a busy year is anticipated. In order to sustain the club and make full use of the facilities and new programs there is a continuing need to attract

new members. To this end all club members are encouraged to promote the sport of rowing and do their part in increasing club membership. We hope to provide a more active sweep program this coming year where commitment to "Crew" will result in more consistent attendance.

## HRA POSTS RECORD MILEAGE

Ever since the opening of the new boathouse in 1996, I have assumed the position of the Keeper of the **ROWING LOG**. You will find me reminding you from time to time to enter the log before you go out and to sign in when you return (it's the rule on page 4 of your member handbook).

This year we post another record of total mileage: **4478 miles**, a nice increase over the 4052 of 2000. We're proud to announce the mileage winner: Jean Peabody covered **661 miles!** The following is the list of all members who rowed 50 or more miles during the 2001 season:

Jean Peabody	661	Chris Staley	600
David Bird	566	Elliott Jacobs	535
T.P. Plimpton	429	Paul Milano	402
Chris Power	378	Tom Power	375
Jim Smith	300	Denis Shelley	254
Jim Vasiliades	162	Kay Carlson	133
Paul Kayser	127	Dean Victor	95
Gertrud Zint	50		

We do keep past logs and the first five years of log sheets 1996-2000 have been bound in one volume and will be kept in the archives of the Halifax Historical Society.

TP Plimpton, Log Keeper

## SOUTHERN SPRINTS

Masters and Junior rowers recently competed in the "Southern Sprints" ergometer races at Florida Institute of Technology. HRA was well represented with many personal best times posted.

Results:

Juniors

Daniel Reed-Hudson	8:34:04
500 Meters	1:51:1
Amanda Russell	8:30:09
Danny Librando	8:14:8
Michael Lane	7:23:8
Scott Pio	7:13:7
HS Men's Relay	6:54:3
Lane, Reed-Hudson, Librando, Pio	

Open

Christopher Staley	7:10:7
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Masters

David Bird	7:26:5
Jim Smith	8:22:8
Denis Shelley	6:58:9
Tom Power	6:50:9

## MASTERS SWEEP ROWING

Masters sweep rowing is currently meeting Tuesday and Friday mornings at 07:00. It is open to all HRA members on a first come first served basis.



Hope you're looking forward to this years  
National Learn-to-Row Day!

## CAPTAINS OAR

Spring is rapidly approaching and there has been an upturn in boathouse activity these days. Our High school program has gone in a few weeks from a coach to athlete ratio approaching 2 to 1 to the point where we are leaving rowers on the dock for lack of seats. With this influx of enthusiastic juniors comes the responsibility of providing a proper, professional and safe program. Rowing clubs and schools around the country are facing the same questions and challenges and creating solutions every day. Hopefully we can go beyond teaching the skill of rowing and develop a sense of teamwork and commitment.

In the coming weeks we will be planning for National learn to row day and the summer programs that will follow. If you can assist on May 18 at National learn to row day please let David Bird know at phone no. 248-0502.

## BOATHOUSE HOURS

The boathouse hours for the spring season are as follows:

Tuesday	7:00 am to 10:00am
Wednesday	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Thursday	7:00 am to 10:00 am
Saturday	7:00 am to 10:30 am

In addition to these times, the high school will be rowing from 3:15 pm to 5:15 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 8:00 am to 10:00 on Saturday. Anyone who wishes to row out of the boathouse at these times is welcome to come!

September 2002

### THE HRA 2002 SUMMER REGATTA

On the morning of Saturday July 27th, as the sun crept over the eastern horizon, a slow stream of cars, vans and trailers began rolling into the parking lot and crews began unloading equipment, rigging boats and establishing turf in preparation for Halifax Rowing Associations biggest event of the year. Although modest in comparison with many similar events in other parts of the state, the annual summer regatta still demands considerable planning. Someone has to send out notices, plan events, order trophies, and organize food. Clean bouthouse, check equipment, set out racecourse, and arrange officials. Organize crash boats, communications, accommodation for officials and a host of other details. Do we have enough toilet paper? Last but certainly not least, prepare the race schedule! Thanks Tom and Christine. What would we do without you.

This year's regatta comprised twenty, 1000m races involving coxed eights and fours, double and single sculls. For many this was their first racing experience, for others, familiar territory against old rivals.

The local organizing committee headed by the regatta chairman Wally Crew had the planning well in hand. At least half dozen power boats were available to provide transportation and waterborne accommodation for starters, chase boats and such, each loaded down with an assortment of radios, stopwatches, cell phones, clipboards, flags, megaphones, sun block, coolers and life jackets.

Racing started punctually at 9 am and stayed more or less on time throughout the day, thanks in no small part to the efforts of our dock master Denis Shelley and the Regatta Chairman Wally Crew. Many spectators took advantage of the spectacular viewing provided from the Orange Avenue Bridge and cheered on their teams as they drew closer to the finish line. While some of the races were foregone conclusions others were nail-biters. Only three seconds separated the first three boats home in the Men's Master single sculls with the gold medal going to Catron of FAC in a time of 3min. 55.2sec. Another exciting finish came in the Men's Master coxed four with two Orlando crews and one crew from Halifax all reaching the finish line within three seconds. Happily Halifax prevailed, taking the gold medal in a time of 3min 20.88sec. Well done Tom, Denis, Mike and Jim.

With racing over by 2 pm, trophies were awarded, speeches made, and crews were on their way home by mid-afternoon. Thanks to all who helped to make the 2002 regatta a memorable one.

Dave Bird

## RESULT -HRA SUMMER REGATTA

(Based on handicap adjusted times -actual in brackets)

### Women's Master 8+

1st HRA 4min. 16sec.

2nd JRC 5min.25.87sec.

(HRA Junior 4min.31.5sec)

### Men's Junior 4+

1st HRA(Lane) 4min. 17. 9sec.

2nd HRA (D'Hondt) 4min. 43.65sec.

### Men's Master IX

1st Catron (FAC) 3min. 55.2sec. (4min- 0.8sec)

2nd Crossley(LtWv)4min. 0.97sec-(4min 3.97sec.)

3rd Power (HRA) 4min- 1.63sec. (4min.2.43s

### Men's Open IX

1st Staley (HRA) 4min. 3.4sec.

2nd Wolfe (JRC) 4min- 22.36sec.

### Mixed Master 4+

1st GAR 3min. 53.2sec (3min- 56.9sec.)

2nd HRA 4min. 15. 94sec-

### Women's Junior IX

1st Fiesler (JRC) 4min.32.2sec.

2nd Holmes (JRC) 4min. 34.01sec.

### Women's Master IX

1st Brown (HRC) 4min. 0.18sec. (4min. 10.18sec.)

2nd Vesela (ORC) 4min. 8.1sec- (4min. 8.7sec.)

3rd Power (HRA) 4min. 12.17sec- (4min. 13- 77sec.)

### Men's Master 2X

1st Crossley/Rudd(LtWv) 3min. 19.21sec. (3min- 29.7

2nd Power/Shelley (HRA) 3min. 21.3sec. (3min.26-4

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### Women's Recreational IX

1st Zint (HRA) 4min. 21.38sec.(5min. 45.18sec.)

2nd Crofton (JRC) 6min. 52.17sec.(7min. 5.37sec.)

### Men's Master 8+

1st ORC 3min. 10.3sec (3min. 17.5sec.)

2nd HRA 3min. 12.68sec.(3min. 27.28sec.)

(HRA Junior 3min.23.64sec.)

### Mixed Junior 2X

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### Women's Master 2X

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2nd Dennis/Vesela(ORC) 3min. 37.4sec. (3min.38.8sec.)

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2nd Motes/Dill (JRC) 3min. 58.24sec.

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### Men's Junior 2X

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### Mixed Master 2X

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## **LEARN-TO-ROW-DAY**

On Saturday May 18th Halifax Rowing Association joined with US Rowing in staging its second Learn-to-Row-Day/Open House event. The event kicked off at around 8.00am and enjoyed a steady flow of would-be rowers throughout the morning and early afternoon.

After each visitor 'signed their life away' at Liz Range's registration booth they were taken on a boathouse tour by Wally Crew and then handed over to Chris Staley to put them through their paces on the ergometers. From the boathouse they were directed to the dock where three eights awaited them, each crewed by four experienced rowers and a coxswain.

Once the visitors were settled in the four empty seats they set off on a 'voyage of discovery' and upon returning to the dock all agreed they had discovered that rowing was a lot more difficult than it appeared. From the dock, visitors were directed to 'the beach' where TP Plimpton introduced them to the finer art of sculling. Their final port of call was to the HRA vending duo of Jean Peabody and Rick Range who were on hand to provide hot dogs, refreshments and HRA memorabilia.

This year's Learn-to-Row-Day proved a great success with over eighty participants and several new memberships. Our thanks go out to those members of both Halifax and the Embry-Riddle crews who helped to plan and organize the event, crew and cox the boats and assist with the sometimes frustrating experience of teaching the uninitiated. Thanks guys.

Dave Bird

**Notice: HRA Board Meeting Jan. 16, 2003, 6:00 pm at Boathouse**

### THE COMPETITIVE EDGE

2002 was one of HRA's busiest competitive years on record with sweep crews entered in four regatta's, individual scullers entered in an additional five, and a strong contingent applying their ergometer skills at the southern sprints indoor event in Melbourne. Sweep crews earned gold medals in the women's junior novice fours at Palatka and in the women's master eight and men's master four here in Daytona Beach. Silver medals went to the junior men's novice four at Palatka and bronze to the junior men's novice eight. However, crews fared less favorably in the fall head races at Jacksonville and Sanford.

Meanwhile a total of nine scullers represented HRA in singles and doubles events at various regatta's throughout the year winning a total of three gold (Staley, Zint & Vasiliades), two silver (Shelley & Staley) and four bronze medals (Staley, Shelley, Smith & Dean). Apologies to Tom and Christine Power whose 2002 sculling achievements were unavailable at the time of going to press. Our congratulations go out to these members for their competitive and sportsmanlike performance, an inspiration to greater success in the years ahead.

### HRA ANNUAL MEETING SETS PLANS FOR 2003

The Annual General Meeting of the Halifax Rowing Association was held Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the HRA Boathouse. Officers, Stewards and Members present:--Denis Shelley President, Ed Cooper Member, David Bird Secretary, Gertrud Zint Member, Wally Crew Lieutenant, Mike Makowski member, Liz Range Treasurer, Jean Peabody Member, TP Plimpton Steward, Bonnie Bird Member, Paul Quinn ERAU Rep.

#### Call to Order:

Denis Shelley called the meeting to order at 6.15pm.

#### Minutes Accepted:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

#### Reports from Officers:

**Treasurer:** Liz Range presented the meeting with the Jan. 1-Nov. 20, 2002, profit & loss statement and reported that the current bank balance stood at \$11,164.00. Liz reported that this compared favorably with last years balance of approximately \$7,500.00. She briefly summarized the P & L Statement and stated that of the current balance, \$1,350 represented funds raised towards the targeted \$100,000 for new equipment and boathouse improvements.

**Lieutenant:** Wally Crew reported that repairs and maintenance to the Schoenbrod 8+ Morigan were complete and comprised new shoes, new decking and miscellaneous structural repairs. He felt that the rigging probably required checking and Paul Quinn offered the services of 'Adam' to accomplish this task. He stated that with the exception of minor repairs to one of the Sprint's and the Schoenbrod 4+, club equipment and the boathouse were in good condition.

**Manager:** Dave Bird reported that there had been considerable interest in new membership recently with several new members signed up and several more expected this Saturday.



**MINUTES continued**

**Nomination of new committee members:**

Denis Shelley read out nominations for committee members for the upcoming year, as prepared by the nominating committee comprising TP Plimpton, Dave Bird and Jean Peabody.

They were as follows:--

President Denis Shelley	Stewards:	Bonnie Bird
Vice President Christine Power		Norman Lane
Treasurer Liz Range		Mike Makowski
Lieutenant Wally Crew		TP Plimpton
Captain Tom Power		Jim Smith
Secretary Dave Bird		Chris Staley
Coach Paul Quinn		

The motion was proposed by Jean Peabody, seconded by Gertrud Zint and carried.

**Public Relations - Halifax Oar:**

TP Plimpton addressed the issue of the decline of production of the Halifax Oar saying that one of the prime functions of the 'Oar' was to keep the whole membership advised of club activities and to serve as an historical record. It was a vehicle through which regatta results and HRA goals and objectives could be recorded and broadcast and he felt that it was imperative that we return to regular and quality production of this publication. He proposed that a committee be formed whose sole responsibility would be to plan, research and collate the "Oar". TP offered to serve on such a committee, as did Jean Peabody. Denis Shelley suggested that, because of her previous involvement with production of the 'Oar', Christine Power would also be prepared to assist. Jean Peabody offered to approach new members Jack and Libby Ware whom she believed had incomparable computer skills, an invaluable asset in future productions.

**Update - Dredging Project:**

TP Plimpton reported that the City of Daytona Beach had accepted HRA's race-course requirements as part of their overall project. His main contact was the City's Grants Manager Mr. Stuart Buchanan (Engineering Dept.), and he reported that the initial aim was for a four lane race course through the bridge span immediately west of the main channel. TP was expecting a visit from Mr. Tim Royalty, a representative of Albino Buoy Systems and an accomplished rower, who would be in town on December 13 to review the course prior to making recommendations to the City.

There was some discussion over a preference for three lanes rather than four per span and the possibility of involving two spans rather than one to provide a total of six lanes. TP agreed to raise this issue with both the City and Mr. Royalty and said that the City had a year-end deadline for submitting their application to the Ponce Inlet Port Authority.

Denis Shelley stressed that this exercise represented an almost perfect set of circumstances and timing and thanked TP for his effort and dedication in single-handedly achieving so much.

**Boathouse Expansion/Fund Raising:**

Dave Bird reported that member Jim Smith was awaiting committee approval on last months submission of a presentation binder prior to embarking on an intensive campaign to search out potential sponsors, disseminate information and enlist support for raising \$100,000 with which to carry out boathouse improvements and purchase new equipment. Denis Shelley apologized for not being aware that Jim was awaiting approval and promised to get on it straight away.

**MINUTES continued**

Dave also advised the meeting that books of raffle tickets were now available to members who would be requested to sell 1,000 tickets at \$5 each to raise \$5,000 towards the fund-raising effort. The prize being a 20" x 24" oil painting "Rowing on the Halifax" donated by Dave.

**Junior Program:**

Dave Bird reported that the junior program continued to grow and proposed that effective January 1, 2003, the method of payment for involvement in this activity be changed. Dave proposed that Junior members pay \$75 for each of three seasons, spring, summer and fall and that the \$50 initiation fee be dropped. Liz Range concurred saying that this would greatly simplify her book-keeping. Denis stressed that these high-school rowers would be considered Junior Members, not Full Members. The motion was proposed by Wally Crew, seconded by Jean Peabody, and carried.

**Speedway Regatta:**

Denis Shelley reported that upon further discussions with personnel at the Speedway over the possibility of using Lake Lloyd as a future venue for a sprint regatta he was told that the lake varied in depth from one foot to ten feet, was unsafe for any type of boating activity, and would not be available for a regatta.

**Christmas Party**

Denis Shelley reported having reserved space at Rosario's Restaurant for Thursday, December 12th at 6.30pm. He had reviewed the menu and estimated the cost, per person, as being \$25. The meeting was unanimous in approving the date and cost. Dave would ensure that members were notified and would collect payment in advance.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7.30pm.

**MILEAGE RECORD SET BY HRA MEMBERS**

The Keeper of the Log collected the log sheets for 2003 on the last day of the year. Final tally shows a record mileage of 5389, a healthy boost over 4478 miles in 2001. For the coming year it would be helpful if the running total were entered after each workout. Since the purpose of recording mileage is to record time on the water, both sculling and sweep outings should be recorded. Congratulations to Jim Smith for his winning at 759 miles. The following is the list of all those covering over 100 miles:

Jim Smith	759	David Bird	265
Victor Dean	535	Denis Shelley	252
Jim Vasiliades	452	Jean Peabody	223
Elliott Jacobs	447	Norman Lane	204
TP Plimpton	356	Kay Carlson	183
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**JOCELINE KNAPP AWARD PRESENTED TO DANIELLE REED-HUDSON**

At the Annual HRA Christmas Dinner held at the Live Oak Inn (Rosarios), TP Plimpton, Founding President and Steward, presented the Joceline Knapp Award to Danielle Reed-Hudson, citing her enthusiasm and cheerful leadership in the youth program in the spirit of Joceline Knapp.