Nereid Boat Club
2016 Membership and Safety Guide

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Membership Levels *

All Memberships are annual beginning April 1st. All Membership dues and boat storage fees and locker fees are payable in full or in part no later than 30 days after the Annual General Meeting.

A. INDIVIDUAL $800

B. FAMILY $800 + $500 per additional family member

C. YOUNG ADULT (ages 23-27) $450

D. YOUTH (age 22 and under) $250
All members under the age of 18 must have the express written permission of a parent or guardian to use any Nereid facilities or equipment. Members of the Nereid Junior Program who participate in two or more Nereid Junior on-water coached programs during the membership year (April 1 to March 31) will be considered full, year-round members and need not purchase a Youth membership. Those Junior members must complete a Nereid Boat Club Membership form and familiarize themselves with Club Rules.

E. ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE $250

F. RUTHERFORD RESIDENT $400
This membership level is an associate membership.

G. SOCIAL SUPPORTER $85
This membership level is for individuals who are interested in the activities of the Nereid Boat Club and wish to support the sport of rowing. Social supporters receive the newsletter and are invited to club regattas and social events. They do not have rowing privileges other than as guests.

* Anyone who pays for private lessons or participates in a Learn to Row or other program may apply 50% of the amount s/he paid for those lessons or programs towards the cost of club membership.

Equipment Storage

All boat storage fees are annual beginning April 1st. Each member storing a boat must sign Nereid's Boat Storage Agreement.

INDOOR STORAGE (boat bays)

Single	$450
Double/Pair	$575
Quad	$685

OUTDOOR STORAGE (350 Riverside)

Single	$250
Double/Pair	$385
Quad	$500

Locker Rental Fees

Locker rental fees are annual and allow the renter to attach a lock to the locker. All lockers with a lock must have a label with the renter's name.

LOCKER SIZES

Small 12" cube	$30
Medium ½ length	$50
Large full length	$100

Club Rules

The Rules govern the conduct of all Nereid members and their guests. Failure of any member or guest to comply with the Rules shall result in disciplinary action by the Directors, including, but not limited to, suspension of rowing privileges, suspension of boathouse privileges, forfeiture of membership dues, and/or termination of membership.

These Rules shall be posted in the boathouse where they are clearly visible and on the website. Payment of dues constitutes an agreement on the part of each member to abide by the Rules.

The Directors in making these Rules assume no responsibility, either express or implied, for the personal safety or welfare of any person. The Rules are published to remind members and their guests to be responsible for their own safety and that of other rowers using the river. The Rules are intended to help rather than hinder members in pursuing the sport of rowing.

I. General Rules

A. Every member is responsible for the observance and enforcement of the Rules, and it is his or her duty to report any violation of the Rules to the Directors.

B. The Directors shall have complete authority over supervised rowing sessions, club racing, all club equipment, shell storage area, docks and ramps.

C. Members may not use privately owned equipment without the express permission of the owner.

D. Only members who are in good standing on their dues and fees may use the boathouse facility and club equipment.

    1. A member in good standing is defined as having made full or partial payment (via the credit card installment payment plan) and provided all required paperwork within 30 days of the Annual General Meeting.
    2. If no payment is received by the date the second installment payment is due, a member is no longer considered to be in good standing, and his or her rowing privileges will be suspended.

E. Guest Privileges (There are two types of guest privileges)

    1. Adult members (age 23 and over) may invite guests to participate in Nereid rowing activities. They must assume responsibility for insuring that guests can row safely, must accompany their guests at all times, and shall be held strictly accountable for their guests' conduct.
    2. Youth members (age 22 and under) are not permitted to invite guests.
    3. Nereid will extend courtesy privileges to members of other clubs registered with US Rowing. These guests may use club equipment consistent with their skill level as determined by the Captain, coaches or Directors.
    4. All guests must sign a US Rowing release of liability form prior to using any equipment.
    5. Guests who use club equipment more than four times per year will be billed for membership.
    6. No guest may use a club single without prior approval by the Captain.

F. Members are responsible for being aware of the contents of notices in Nereid News, on the Club's website, or posted at the boathouse.

II. Rowing Procedures

A. All rowers must sign in and out of the Club Log Book completing all information requested: time on and off the water, equipment used, miles rowed and direction rowed. Mileage should be based on the chart posted in the boathouse.

B. All equipment problems with club shells must be recorded in the Equipment Repair Log, and the Captain must be notified immediately. Equipment not fit for use shall be clearly marked, "UNSAFE—DO NOT USE."

C. After each row, members must wash boats and return all equipment to its proper place.

D. Launches shall not idle at the dock and are to observe "No Wake" zones in dock areas and where posted.

E. Launches may only be used for coaching and safety by members previously authorized by the Captain, or during an emergency. For non-emergencies, as per NJ law, a NJ Boat Safety Certificate is required for all launch drivers.

F. Any person or crew who damages club equipment, regardless of fault, will be liable for paying some or all of the costs not covered by insurance, including the deductible, with the exception of rowers participating in club programs under the immediate supervision of a coach. This includes, but is not limited to, damaging equipment while removing it from the rack and returning it to the rack, damaging equipment while carrying it from the boathouse to the dock or from the dock to the boathouse, damaging equipment when placing it into the water or when taking it out of the water, and damaging equipment by colliding with other shells, stationary objects or floating debris. Members who do not report equipment damage will be subject to disciplinary measures. Members must inspect equipment before use and report any damage to the Captain.

G. The cost of equipment damage will be borne by the entire crew, not just the bowperson.

H. Members may only use boats that correspond to their skill level, as determined by the Captain or a coach. In order to be approved to use boats in restricted categories, members must seek the approval of the Captain or a coach.

I. Coached programs and regatta entries shall have priority in the use of club equipment. If there is significant demand for a particular boat, usage shall be apportioned equally among the interested parties.

J. Club equipment may not be taken to regattas without the express permission of the Captain.

III. Safety

A. Novice rowers must register for and complete the Learn to Row program.

B. All persons under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times by a coach, parent or guardian or have prior approval by the Captain.

C. No rower under the age of 18 shall be permitted to row unescorted on the water without prior approval by the Captain.

D. All rowers must attest that they know how to swim. Rowers under the age of 18 must submit a Nereid Boat Club Swim Test Certification form signed by a certified lifeguard or an American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor.

E. There is no swimming off of the docks at any time for any reason.

F. All boats must have a bow ball and heel ties.

G. All boats shall display proper lights in darkness or periods of reduced visibility as required by the United States Coast Guard Inland Rules. Members must provide their own lights.

H. Rowing in darkness unescorted is not permitted. High school rowers may row only during daylight hours.

I. In case of swamping or flipping, rowers shall remain with equipment, which shall be used as a flotation device.

J. All boats are to give way to motorized watercraft.

K. Rowing is NOT permitted during thunderstorms or when ice is present on the river.

L. The Captain or the Safety Officer shall provide notice when it is no longer permissible to row because of hazardous conditions such as air and water temperature, river flood stage, river flow rate, etc., and shall provide notice when rowing is again permissible.

M. In the event of extreme conditions, the Captain or the Safety Officer shall prominently post a “no rowing” notice on the Nereid website and a sign in the boathouse.

N. In the event that excessive debris in the river creates a significant hazard, the Captain or the Safety Officer shall prominently post a “no rowing” notice on the Nereid website and a sign in the boathouse.

O. All members shall become familiar with and obey the United States Rowing Association's (USRA) water safety procedures. Said water safety procedures are incorporated herein by reference. Copies are available at the boathouse and on the US Rowing website www.usra.org. Pursuant to By Laws article 4, section 5, members who violate safety rules may be subject to suspension or termination.

P. In cold weather, the Captain or the Safety Officer will notify the membership when rowing is permissible, by posting a notice on the website and in the boathouse. Rowing is allowed with the following restrictions:

- **No singles rowing until the ban is specifically lifted by the Captain**, i.e., when combined air and water temperatures equal 100 °F.

- No unaccompanied rowing, either by motor launch or other crew boat, in weather of 45 °F or less, or water temperature 45 °F or less.

IV. River Traffic Patterns

A. A starboard or right hand rule is in effect on the River. Pass shells on the left or port side only. Shells being passed must yield to passing shells by moving closer to shore.

B. Blind boats shall have the right of way over coxswained boats.

C. All boats must launch with the bow facing north.

D. Crews wishing to row south must first row north and clear the boathouse grounds before turning and rowing south on the western shore.

E. All landing crews must approach the dock from the south and land with starboard oars over the dock.

F. Crews arriving at the boathouse from the north must pass the docks before turning and making their approach to land.

G. Back docking from the north is not permissible.

H. If a landing line forms, stay in line.

I. If no dockmaster is present, docking and launching crews should alternate.

J. In the presence of other crews, boats are not to tie in at the dock.

K. Rowing in club boats is not permitted beyond four bridges north of the boathouse, or south beyond the High School boathouse.

L. Rowing through the first opening of a multiple opening bridge (the opening closest to shore) is forbidden at all times.

M. Turning or stopping is not allowed within 100 feet of bridges.

V. Volunteer Requirement

All club members are required to contribute at least six volunteer hours per year. This includes, but is not limited to, volunteering for a committee, assisting with Learn to Row Day, painting, cleaning, winterizing, etc.

VI. Boathouse Grounds

A. Littering is absolutely prohibited on or about boathouse property, docks, or on the river.

B. Shouting or other unnecessary noise is not permitted on boathouse property or docks. This includes excessively loud radios.

C. Bicycles are not permitted inside the boathouse.

D. Loitering is not permitted on or in front of boathouse property.

E. No alcohol is permitted outside the boathouse.

F. No one under age twenty-one (21) shall consume alcohol at Nereid.

G. No horseplay near equipment.

H. The last member in the boathouse shall lock all doors and windows regardless of whether there are cars in the parking lot.

VII. Boathouse Rules

A. Persons under 18 may not use any boathouse facilities or equipment unless accompanied by a coach or have prior approval by the Captain.

B. Guests must be accompanied by members.

C. Members or guests may not stay in the boathouse overnight.

D. Persons under 18 may not use the shower facilities unless supervised by a guardian.

E. No one under 21 will be given keys to the boathouse office.

F. Keys to the boathouse office may not be duplicated, loaned, or given away.

G. It is imperative that the boat bays remain clear of any exercise equipment, dollies, oars, clothing or any other personal or club equipment. Such obstructions present a significant risk of injury.

H. Smoking is prohibited inside the boathouse and on the Nereid properties at 350 and 550 Riverside Avenue.

I. The use of spray paint in the boat bays is forbidden.

J. Extensive refinishing or repairing of boats in the boathouse is only permitted during the off-season. Approval by the Captain is required before any work is begun.

K. Water containers, food, clothing and all other forms of personal property may not be left in the boathouse or on the boathouse grounds, unless kept in a locker. Non-perishable items outside lockers will be collected, stored in a designated area for one week, and then disposed of.

L. Lockers and contents must be cleaned regularly.

M. All food and drink items in the kitchen must be labeled with a date and member's name.

N. Perishable foods will be cleaned out of the refrigerator every Saturday morning.

O. The club bulletin board shall only be used for posting regatta announcements, equipment sales, meeting times, Club committee minutes and other approved purposes.

P. Vandalism of any kind shall result in termination of the offending party's membership, and may result in civil or criminal prosecution.

VIII. Club Unity

A. All club-owned oars must be painted forest green with two one-inch white stripes intersecting in the center of the oar blade to form an "X" on both sides of the blade. It is strongly encouraged that privately owned oars be painted with the same colors and design.

B. Any Nereid member rowing in a race shall row under Nereid colors, including oars and uniform. A uniform is any shirt or unisuit in forest green or white with Nereid insignia.

C. Any member training at Nereid Boat Club must pre-register for races as Nereid Boat Club. This is subject to a case-by-case review by the Captain.

D. Pre-registered composite boats must reflect Nereid participation.

E. Members are expected to promote the good name of Nereid and encourage club membership.

IX. Storage

A. Only Nereid members are permitted to store equipment inside and outside the boathouse.

B. Members storing equipment of any kind must sign the Boat Storage Agreement (attachment A).

C. Private oars must be labeled with the owner's name.

D. Boat rack space is assigned by the Captain. The Captain may move private equipment at his/her discretion.

E. Storage lockers must be labeled with the member's name.

F. If locker fees are overdue by more than three months, the Lieutenant may unlock and empty the locker for use by other members.

G. Bicycles and other non-rowing equipment may not be stored in or outside the boathouse. Car racks may not be stored in the attic.

THESE RULES MAY BE MODIFIED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.