



**MCLEAN CREW CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**
FEBRUARY 2026



WELCOME!

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ON THE WATER PREPARATION

- We are excited to start on the water training and are *hopeful* we can start on time as planned on **Monday March 2nd**
 - We are aware of the sewage spill, and are closely monitoring the health and safety situation on the Potomac
 - Safety is our priority
 - We are also tracking ongoing repairs at TBC to the plumbing/sewer system which may impact start of on the water practices
 - Any logistical changes/updates will be communicated via Slack
- Boathouse Workday on **Saturday February 21 10:30 am – 1:00 pm**
 - *All athletes* at TBC to help get boats and other equipment ready for the season ... *including rigging our new 8+!*



SPRING SEASON EXPECTATIONS

▪ TRYOUTS

- **February 23 – 25** at MHS
- Attendance is mandatory; there may be cuts

▪ ATTENDANCE

- ***Daily attendance at practice is mandatory, including Spring Break***
- **Practice is in the afternoons Monday through Friday, and on Saturday mornings**
 - Athletes need to manage their personal and academic schedules so that they do not miss practice
 - Weekday morning practices *may* happen late in the season, e.g., to get additional on the water time
 - But, morning practices are an *earned privilege*, provided at the discretion of the coaches; afternoon practice is the expectation and is mandatory



SPRING SEASON EXPECTATIONS (CONT'D)

▪ **BOAT SELECTION**

- Selection based on athletic ability, technique, attitude, and attendance
 - Coaches have final say; decisions are not personal, but meant to make best boats possible
 - Athletes have access to current data to know where they are on the team
- Missing practice means another rower is in the boat that day; there is no guarantee of an opportunity to try to earn the seat back
- Coaches guarantee every athlete will have at least one opportunity to race , and most athletes will have multiple opportunities to race
 - General expectation is to be prepared to race in all regular season regattas
- There will likely be some kids on land during each practice
 - They are chaperoned and will have workouts assigned by the coaches



SPRING SEASON EXPECTATIONS (CONT'D)

■ **POST SEASON RACING**

- Stotesbury is attended by select boats only
- National Competition is attended only by those boats that qualify using a qualification rubric; the 1V must qualify for any other boat to attend
- 1V8+ and 2V8+ athletes rowing in championship events at VSRC (States) earn varsity letters



VOLUNTEERING



Key Roles Open – We Need You!

- Treasurer in Training
- Rower Ops in Training
- Away Regatta Coordinator and Local Regatta Tent Coordinator



Event signups will continue through May.



You can earn credits with Mulch Madness extra credit jobs, bus chaperone duty, each regatta, club events like the boat dinner and end of year picnic, VASRA workdays, and more!



Please only sign up for one shift per SUG, generally. Leave spaces for others and then sign up again later if there is still a need.



Even if you fulfill all your credits, we may still need you to volunteer! It takes a LOT of volunteer hours to run this club.

VOLUNTEERING

MCLEAN CREW CLUB

Gordon Church

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TREASURER

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UPDATES

- We have an Accountant in Training (Thanks Aries!) & Potentially have a Treasurer in Training as well!
- Budget to date:
 - ~\$10k-15k better than plan for Fundraising!
 - 70 Rowers on the team instead of the 75 in the plan (~\$15k worse than plan from Membership dues)
 - Still on track for a **deficit** of ~\$15k for the year as per plan



UPDATES

Dues payment dates:

- 2nd installment = March 2nd, 2026 (includes reductions for fundraising, but not mulch)
- 3rd installment = Apr. 15, 2025 (included reductions for all fundraising, including mulch)

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
1st Dues Payment	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$2,700
2nd Dues Payment	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000
	- fundraising reductions (not mulch)		
3rd Dues Payment	\$1,000	\$1,375	\$1,800
	- All remaining fundraising reductions (including mulch)		





ROWER OPERATIONS

Kristen Kucko

Member at Large Rower Ops

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UPDATES

- **SENIOR PORTRAITS:** Monday, February 16 before practice! Wear your MCC Uni!
- **SWIM TEST** - Sunday, February 22 at 4:00pm Spring Hill Rec Aquatics Center
- **Parents' Social:** Tuesday, February 24 from 7:00-9pm at Neutral Ground (6641 Old Dominion Dr; McLean, VA 22101) This will be your opportunity to learn about your volunteer roles. Plan to connect with your respective board member about your volunteer job!
- **SAVE THE DATE** - All Boat Dinner: Friday, March 27 from 6:30-8:30, MHS Cafeteria



BUS INFORMATION

- Sunny's World-Wide Transportation will be the provider for both practices and away regattas.
- All communications regarding Buses will be provided via Slack. Most MCC members on Slack, but we need everyone on the platform before the season begins.
- Buses are scheduled to arrive at MHS Front entrance at 3:15. The buses will depart for TBC at 3:20.
- From March 2 - 6, buses will return to MHS at approximately 7pm
- From March 9 - End of Season, buses will return to MHS at approximately 7:30 pm
- Athletes may leave their personal items on the bus during practice.



FCPS VOLUNTEER BUS CHAPERONES

- Mark your calendars! **Thursday, February 26 at 7:30pm**, there will be a Zoom meeting to review bus chaperone responsibilities and procedures. The Zoom link is in the 2026 Bus Chaperone Slack Channel.
- Bus Chaperones have been added to the 2026 Bus Chaperone Slack Channel. If you are not on Slack, join now!
- Sign-Up Genius for the 2026 season is in the 2026 Bus Chaperone Slack Channel. Please limit sign-ups to 4 shifts and let Freshman/Novice Parents sign up first.
- Please Remember- the kids can not go to practice without a chaperone. You are responsible for finding a replacement if you can not make your shift!
- Question? Slack or Email Kristen Kucko memberatlarge@mcleancrew.org



ON THE WATER PRACTICES

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- **3pm – 7pm Door to Door** (MHS to MHS)
 - **Training 3:30-6:30ish** (times vary with sunset) Buses depart TBC approximately 6:30-6:45 to return to MHS
- **Bus transportation** is provided M-F, and athletes can keep items on the bus during practice. REMINDER THERE IS NO EATING ON THE BUS!
- **Saturdays:** (8-10 boys | 9-11 girls) athletes require their own transportation to / from TBC
- **Thompson's Boat House:** 2806 Rock Creek and Potomac Pkwy NW, Washington, DC 20037 –will update as needed. For GPS purposes use Sequoia or Embassy of Sweden.
- **Poor weather** is determined by coaches, and practices are held at MHS. Occasionally, coaches assign On Your Own workouts (OYO's).*

*During Spring, the practices may resemble the Winter Training with girls practicing first and boys having Study Hall and then practice. Coaches communicate updates as does the MCC Board via Slack as needed.





FUNDRAISING

LAURA BRODERDORF

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FUNDRAISING STATUS

Fundraiser	Planned Profit	Actual Profit	Variance
Turkey Trot	\$9K	\$13K	\$4K favorable
Ergathon & Donations	\$19.5K	\$25.4K	\$5.9K favorable
Mulch	Target 10K – 12K bags sold	TBD	TBD

TOTAL FUNDRAISING IS \$9.9K FAVORABLE TO PLAN. DUES CREDITS EARNED FROM FUNDRAISING AT \$25.5K

MULCH

- **Sales cutoff on Feb 14**
- **MCC accepts donations year-round (and 50% dues credit always in effect)**
- **Feb 27 – Mar 1 Mulch Delivery weekend**
- **Blizzard backup Mar 6-8**
- **Plan to complete all mulch deliveries on Saturday**
 - **Sunday is for followups, cleanup, equipment return, and finishing up any deliveries that didn't happen on Saturday**
- **At least one parent per athlete is required to volunteer for at least one full day of mulch weekend**
- **\$1,000 charge if family member doesn't fulfill mandatory mulch role**
- **Mulch sales will credit 3rd dues payment**

**MANDATORY
SIGNUP**



**EXTRA CREDIT
SIGNUP**





REGATTAS

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REGATTA SCHEDULE

3/21 Polar Bear Regatta @ Occoquan

3/28 St. Andrews @ Middleton, DE

3/30 - 4/3 Spring Break Camp (incl. 4/1 Langley scrimmage @ TBC)

4/4 Darrell Winslow @ Occoquan

4/11 TBC Hustle @ TBC

4/12 Manny Flicks @ Philadelphia, PA

4/18 Ryz Obuchowitz @ Occoquan

4/25 Charlie Butt @ TBC (lower boats)

4/25 St. Andrews @ Middleton, DE (upper boats)

5/2, 5/9 VA States Day 1, 2 @ Occoquan

5/15 - 5/16 Stotesbury @ Philadelphia, PA (select crews)

5/22 - 5/23 SRAA Nationals @ Oak Ridge, TN (qualifying crews)



New

2026 REGATTA TEAM AND OPEN ROLES

Regatta Chair (Shira Machleder-Schatz)

**Local Regatta Lead (Jongchae Kwak)
Regatta Chair In-Training**

Overall coordinator of local regattas and oversees local volunteers

Away Regatta Lead (OPEN - CAN BE SHARED)

Overall coordinator of away regattas. Oversees and coordinates all away volunteers (listed below and add'l SUG)

**Local Shopping Manager
(Stefan Schatz)**

Work with local regatta coordinator on menu and shopping, including extended menu for Charlie Butt.

**VASRA LOC Reps
(Sarah Kennedy & Connie Tzioumis)**

Fulfill MCC's VASRA Local Organizing Committee responsibilities.

**Shopping Managers
(Stephany Song & Minh Pho)**

Work with grill master and shop for the regattas; deliver and coordinate food for transport

**Chuck Wagon Manager
(Mark Slocum)**

Transport to/from away regattas. Manage tent, tables and tarp setup/take down

Tent Manager

(OPEN - CAN BE SHARED WITH TWO VOLUNTEERS)

Transport and run tent, tables and tarp setup/take down at local regattas

VASRA Volunteers

(SUG to sign up for single day volunteer roles - COMING SOON)

**Grill Master
(Seamus Phillips)**

Prepare menus and food plan for away regattas

**Food & Tent Managers
(Leila Geto & Dayeon Kim)**

Responsible for managing the food tent experience including set up and directing food tent helpers.



ADMINISTRATION

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- Any **athlete joining** team **AFTER** tryout **MUST complete ALL** registration step before they would be allowed to participate
- 2nd Installment due on Mar 2nd, athletes will not be able to participate after Mar 5th, if dues not received
- **Uniforms:** Orders have been sent to production and are expected to be delivered in mid-March
- **Boat Jackets:** First order is ready for pickup. We'll start taking orders for second round after tryouts.
- **Magnets & Hats:** Newly designed car magnets & hats are for sale plus some other items



BOATHOUSE JACKET



Still need one more
purchased before order
can be placed

- For all those rowers who waited to order a boathouse jacket until you knew you were committed to crew - your time to order is now. We will be placing a boathouse order in the next few weeks. We do need a minimum order of 6.
- **What is a boathouse jacket?** A pullover style, mid weight GorTex waterproof jacket with MCLEAN CREW on the back and your name monogrammed on the front. AKA – a really cool crew jacket that keeps you dry on rainy days and just looking awesome on non-rainy days.
- **How much does it cost?** \$265 – please note due to personalization all orders are final and cannot be returned. This is an optional uniform purchase.
- **How do I order?** Purchase through the McLean Crew Store
- **When will I receive my jacket?** The estimation is 6-8 weeks from order placement.





COMMUNICATIONS

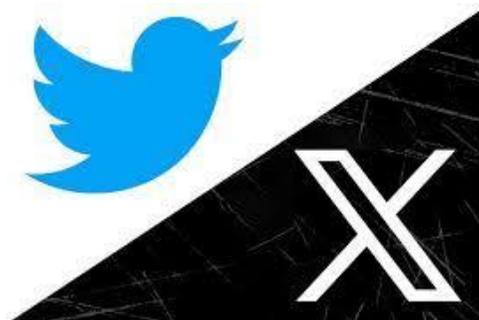
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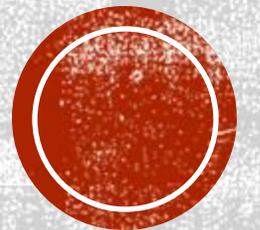
- All current communications from coaches and the club will continue with
 - **SLACK App** will be used for all time-sensitive information
 - **Regatta Info** will be shared prior to each event. Line-up info and start times will be provided along with parking, et al
 - **Social Media** will focus on Instagram and X platform to cover the team's successes



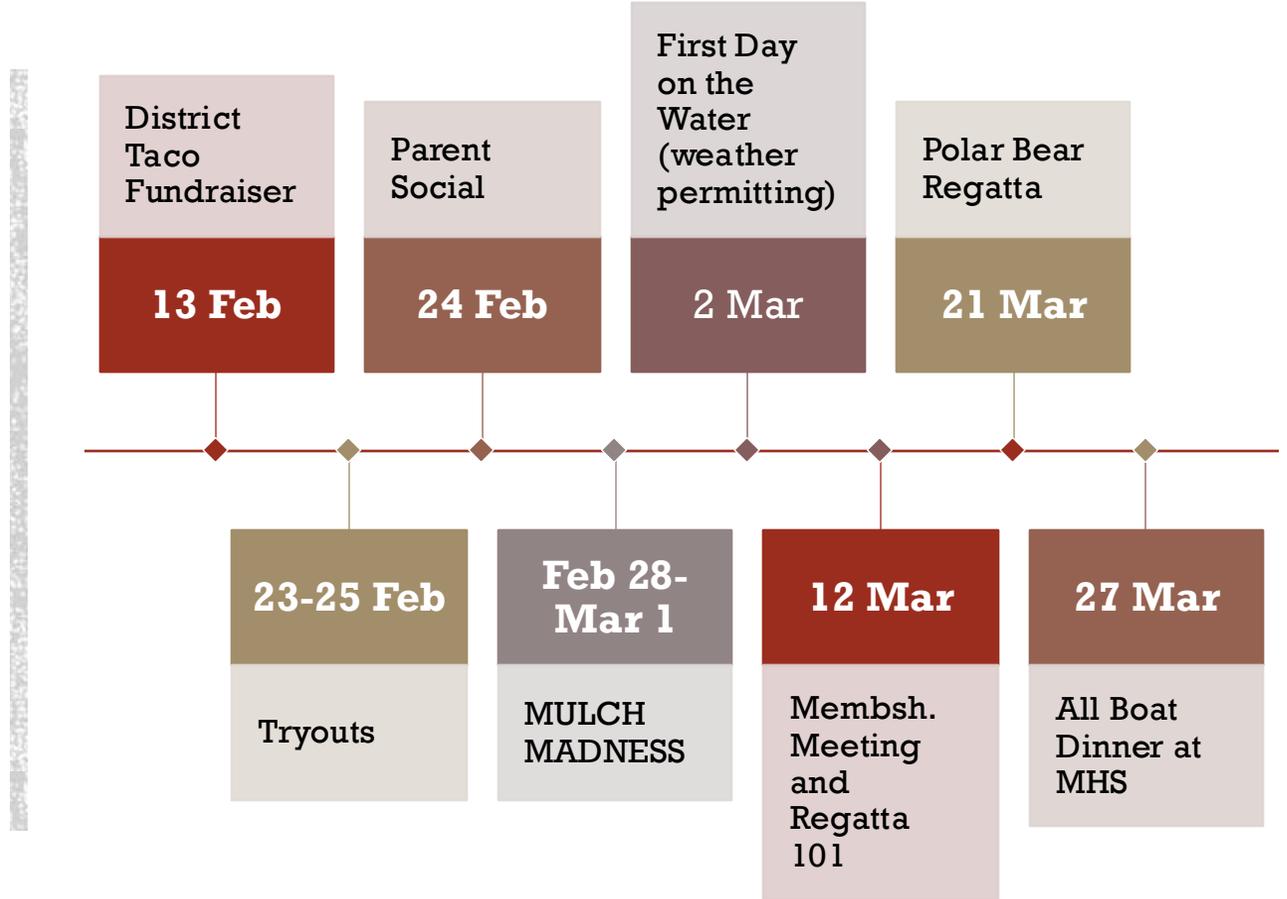


JOIN US ON SLACK

To receive updates and reminders.



KEY UPCOMING DATES





QUESTIONS?

- Visit the website mcleancrew.org website
- If you can't find what you're looking for, feel free to reach out to the appropriate Board Member or send an email to mcleancrewclub@gmail.com



**THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING!**

