



# Annual Report



## **Mission Statement**

Sagamore Rowing Association was formed to promote rowing on Long Island. SRA's mission is to educate, train and encourage participation in the sport of rowing. SRA also seeks to help its student athletes develop healthy minds, bodies and character through training and competition. As always the goal is to provide a venue where all rowers, regardless of age or ability, could enjoy the sport of rowing in a welcoming and supportive atmosphere.

## President's Message

For 45 years Sagamore Rowing has promoted the sport of rowing on Long Island. During this past year our programs were revamped and expanded allowing us to better achieve our goals and deliver on our mission.

During 2016 the programs were expanded and we had an increase in participation to just over 500. Of that number 64 were adult members, the largest single group. (14 coaches) The 500 participants represent the gamut of learn to row, private lessons, corporate rows, team affiliates, Sagamore rowers from middle school through high school as well as master rowers and coaches. The Sagamore Juniors were a very young crew which showed great promise as their season unfolded.

SRA's summer programs also showed significant increases in participation. The learn to row, developmental rowing and the singles clinic exceeded expectations.

Looking forward it is our goal to expand programs for the independent rowers, as well as, our junior, novice and U23 programs. Although we have explored an adaptive program it is not ready for implementation at this time.

In order to assist us in providing what our members are looking for, SRA conducted a membership survey to better focus on the issues most important to them. The responses were surprisingly uniform and the common issues were the condition of the facility, access to equipment, the new member pipeline and the atmosphere in the boathouse.

We are currently in the process of addressing those issues, and I feel that the "atmosphere" issue has already been addressed and access to equipment and the new member pipeline should be much improved. An emerging theme from the survey was some desire for increased coached options for adult members.

I approached Coach Jason on revamping our regatta schedule to add a third regatta in August and change the Frostbite regatta to a local head race, all with the concept of allowing participation in the current masters events while offering new opportunities for competitive masters and newer rowers who choose to join upon graduating from the summer learn to row programs. Coach Jason was one step ahead of me and had already begun planning for these changes.

Over the past year we have rectified issues with the key fobs, and are still working on the electronic log book and inventory system.

The protocol for handling the SRA Participant Safety Policy matter saw the appointment of trustee Noreen McCormack to one of the three safe sport reporter roles. A resolution on the Code of Conduct was adopted and a formal protocol was adopted for handling matters arising under the Code of Conduct including certain matters that intersect with the Participation Safety Policy.

The membership committee organized several social opportunities beyond rowing, such as the summer brunch series, a wine and cheese party and a winter walk series. Also launched in June, was the quarterly newsletter which highlights club activities, initiatives and results of the many activities of Sagamore.

Finally, we come to the large gorilla in the room, "the condition of the Boathouse". Rust is rearing its ugly head and repairs will be required in the not to distant future. In order to properly address this issue with both New York State and the Town of Oyster Bay the facilities and fund raising committees sought to establish a capital fund for the purpose of assisting in the necessary repairs. Trustee Mitchel Wolfe with the assistance of member Tom Ryan has not only identified short term goals but also has begun the process of planning, as well as, fundraising initiatives.

The Facilities and Fundraising and Development committees are exploring the use of grants and other large giving as a means toward solving this problem. I feel that this would be of immeasurable help. To this point if there are any members/parents that are familiar with what is required, we welcome input and service on the Fundraising and Development committee.

Finally, I want to express the gratitude of the Board to all the volunteers, members and parents who unselfishly gave their time and efforts over 2016 to insure that the programs and regattas ran smoothly. Your contributions are critical to the achievements of SRA and its programs.

Also thank you to those members who continue to make constructive suggestions as to how SRA can improve and update its operations. Your input is valuable. Thanks again, we can't do it without you.

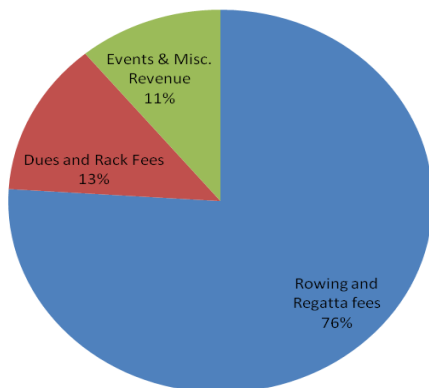
Pat Doyle  
President SRA

## Summary of Revenue and Expenses

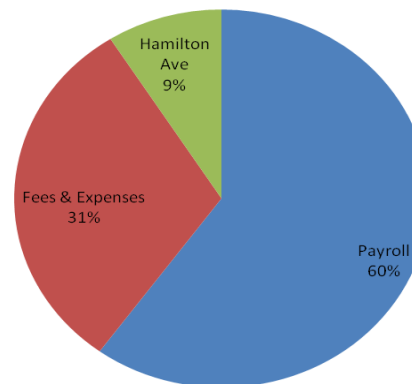
<u>Revenue</u>	
Rowing and Regatta Fees	\$ 241,165
Dues and Rack Fees	\$ 39,456
Events (Fund Raising)	\$ <u>35,000</u>
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$ 315,561</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Payroll (ADP & Workman's Comp Hamilton Ave.	\$176,500
(Rent, Utilities, Cleaning)	\$ 27,000
Fees and Expenses	\$ <u>90,792</u>
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$294,292</b>

**Program & Regatta Revenue**



**Expenses**



### Trustees

Chuck Buntschuh, Cliff Chabina, Pat Doyle, Noreen McCormack, Derek Offer, Claudia Pace, Spencer Ross, Gunther Uthgenannt, Elisa Witzenburg, Mitchel Wolfe



### Coaches and Staff

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Kevin Coomey  
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Mike Wagner  
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