



**MCLEAN CREW CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

JANUARY 2025



WELCOME!

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A FEW KEY THINGS

- **Top-line update:** MCC has elected to renew our club-level membership with US Rowing
- **Indoor Competitions:** monitor registration requirements
- **Volunteer:** find an operation role and/or one-time sign-ups that fit your schedule
- **Looking ahead:**
 - **February Membership Meeting:** we'll cover on-the-water practices (gear, what to expect)
 - **March Membership Meeting:** we'll cover Regatta 101 for new families





OPERATIONS

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OPERATIONS UPDATE

- § New launches: boats received, engines ordered, and being built
- § New ramp built for erg shed to improve safety and erg longevity
- § VP Ops for 2025-26 position is still open!
- § Volunteers with large vehicles needed for transporting ergs for Ergathon
- § Look for the SUG to sign up or for more info email

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VOLUNTEERING

JEN ZARNOWIECKI

Member at Large Volunteers
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REFRESHER: TYPES OF VOLUNTEER ROLES

Operational positions: work over a period of time or the entire season

One-time volunteer positions: 2-4 hour shifts during fundraising events, regattas, etc. These sign-ups will come later in the season.

****If you signed up for an operational position and you are a new parent, please reach out to the board member who oversees that position.****





VOLUNTEERING

- Operational positions spreadsheet is updated on mcleancrew.org/volunteering
- Event signups will start in January and continue through May.
- There will be opportunities to earn credits at Ergathon, Mulch Madness, bus chaperone duty, each regatta, club events like the boat dinner and end of year picnic, and more!
- 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.

VOLUNTEER POSITION HIGHLIGHTS

We have a lot of operational positions to fill!

- Treasurer in Training
- Operations VP in Training
- Local Regatta Tent Coordinator
- VASRA Local Organizing Committee (1)
- Grill Master (needed for Mulch Weekend: March 1-2)
- Chuck Wagon Manager (primarily for Away Regattas)

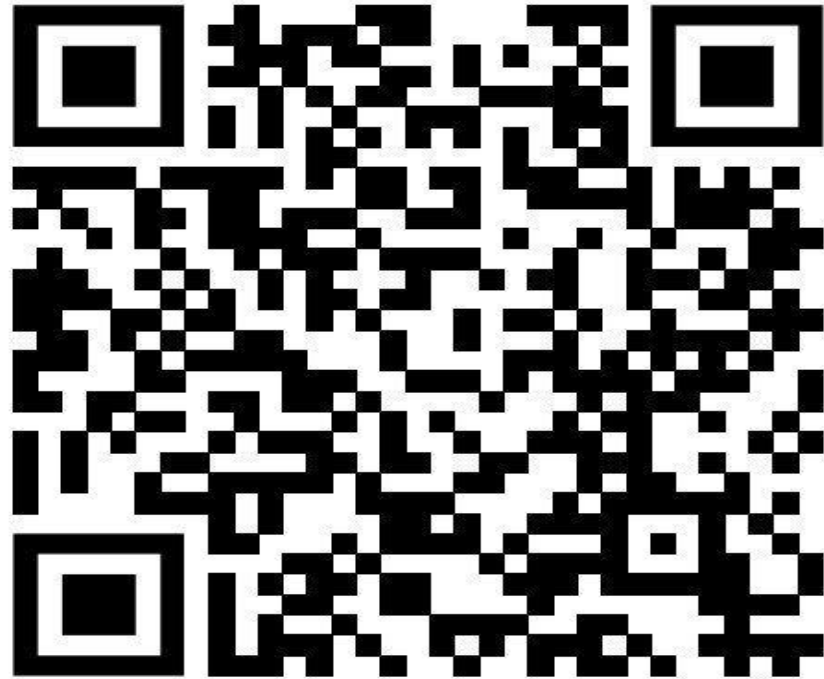
Other positions needed:

- Ergathon parent Volunteers (Feb. 8th)
- Parent Social Coordinator
- Picnic Coordinator

If you have any questions regarding volunteer positions, please reach out to Jennifer Zarnowiecki, Member at Large for Volunteers, at memberatlarge2@mcleancrew.org



MCC OPERATIONAL VOLUNTEER POSITIONS





TREASURER

Dave Kirk

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UPDATES

Need treasurer in training

- ideally a sophomore or freshman parent
- some business / financial background needed

Dues payment dates:

- 2nd installment = Feb 28, 2025 (includes reductions for fundraising, but not mulch)
- 3rd installment = Apr 15, 2025 (included reductions for all fundraising, including mulch)

Payment Date	Option 1 Standard	Option 2 Higher	Option 3 Maximum
November 7 – no fundraising	Pay \$950	Pay \$1,600	Pay \$2,200
February 28 – May fundraise through Winter Fundraisers	Pay \$200 and pay or fundraise \$1,000, for a total of \$1,200	Pay \$550 and pay or fundraise \$1,000, for a total of \$1,550	Pay \$1,000 and pay or fundraise \$1,000, for a total of \$2,000
April 15 – May fundraise through mulch sales	Pay \$200 and pay or fundraise \$450, for a total of \$650	Pay \$450 and pay or fundraise \$450, for a total of \$900	Pay \$650 and pay or fundraise \$450, for a total of \$1100
Total paid and fundraised	\$2,800	\$4,050	\$5,300





ROWER OPERATIONS

KRISTEN KUCKO

Member at Large Rower Ops

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UPDATES

- **Mandatory Swim Test: Sunday, January 26 at Spring Hill Rec Center, 4 PM**
 - This is for athletes who are NEW to McLean Crew. If your athlete participated in the Fall 2024 Learn To Row program, this swim test is not required.
- **Annual All Boat Dinner: 7:00-9:00 on Friday, March 28, 2025, McLean High School Cafeteria**
- **FCPS Volunteer Badging: Final request for the 2025 season will be submitted on Friday, January 10.**



FCPS VOLUNTEER BADGING PROCESS

FCPS Badging is a multistep process involving at least 5 emails from McLean High School Athletics Office and FCPS HR. **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS**, please contact Kristen Kucko on Slack or email memberatlarge@mcleancrew.org and not Stefanie Evers in the MHS Activities Office. There are 50 MCC volunteers seeking badges, MCC does not want to overwhelm the MHS Activities Office.

STEP 1 Once MCC submitted volunteer names to McLean High School Athletics Office, you will receive the first email requiring you to register for a Candidate Reference Number

STEP 2 – Email Invitation to complete the online FCPS Onboarding process immediately.

You will receive an email from FairfaxCountyPublicSchools@brassring.com <DoNotReply@brassring.com> with a unique link* to set your password to the FCPS Onboarding portal, within 24 hours of receiving this message. This email will also contain your username and instructions to help you through the process of setting up your account. **Please check Junk mail if the message is not in your inbox within 24 hours.**

Once you set your password and finish setting up your account, you must complete the additional Onboarding tasks and trainings accessed through this link.

STEP 3 – Schedule an appointment (received via email) to visit the FCPS administration center for fingerprinting.

You will receive an email invitation to schedule an appointment to get fingerprinted for completion of a criminal background check once you have completed the Onboarding tasks.

STEP 4– Arrive to your scheduled fingerprint appointment.

*The onboarding link you receive is **time sensitive**, so please let me or [HR Client Services](#) know if the email is not in your Inbox or Junk mail within 24 hours. Candidates who do not complete the Onboarding process, including fingerprinting, within 90 days may be dispositioned and will have to complete the process again, from scratch.

If you have any trouble completing your Onboarding tasks, you can contact HR Client Services at 571-423-3000 or through [StaffConnect](#).

STEP 5- FCPS HR sends email with approval decision. If approved, badge will be sent to MCC via the MHS Activities Office. MCC will get the badge to you at the next Membership Meeting

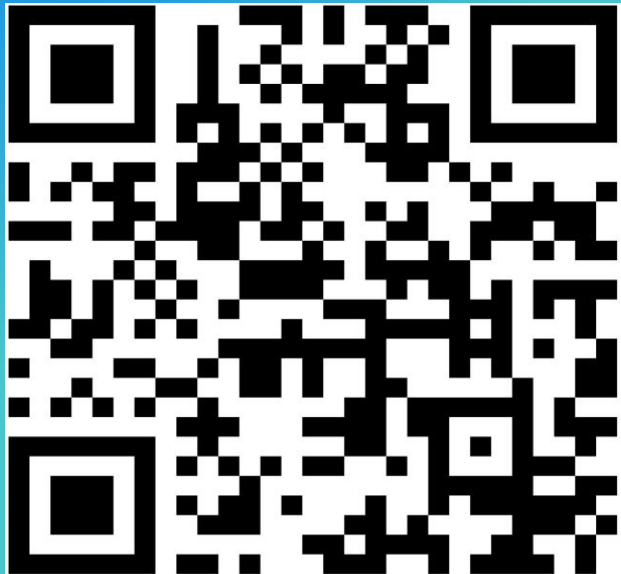




BUS CHAPERONE BADGING

SIGN UP NOW!!!

McLean Crew Club Chaperone
Sign-Up Form



Great opportunity to enjoy the river and Georgetown while supporting the team.

Help the coaches out and when you are done, enjoy Georgetown's Hiking/Running trails, cafes, and historical sites.





FUNDRAISING

LAURA BRODERDORF

VP of Ways & Means

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ERGATHON 2025

- **Mandatory fundraiser on Sat, Feb 8, 2025** (Inclement weather date: Feb 15)
- Funds raised through donations from family and friends prior to Ergathon and from the public the day of Ergathon
 - 60% of donations received pre-Ergathon reduce dues up to maximum of \$1,450 credit (maximum is across all fundraisers)
 - 100% of funds raised day of Ergathon go to MCC
- **Every athlete completes 3-hour shift:** 2.5 hours soliciting donations & 0.5 hours erging in front of McLean downtown businesses and on strategic corners



ERGATHON SIGNUPS

- Sign Ups coming soon!
 - All Athletes sign up for 3-hour shift
 - Will need 24-28 parent volunteers to sign up to supervise check-ins, solicitation, and cash collected, and to haul ergs
- **All pledge sheets and money collected pre-Ergathon should be given to Ergathon lead, Cara Crumpler prior to the start of shift.**





MULCH

- **March 1- 2nd**
- **(Snow date March 15-16th)**
- **Attendance is mandatory both Saturday and Sunday for athletes**
- **At least one parent is required to volunteer for at least one day**
- **Leads and a ton of information sent out 12/19/24!**
- **Goal of 16,500 mulch bags**
- **SUGs coming soon!**



MULCH MADNESS SIGN UPS

- 1) **Mandatory Parent Sign Up: One Parent, One day, Mar 1 or 2, ALL day until job is done. Does not count towards volunteer credits.**
- 2) **Extra Credit Parent Sign Up: Optional jobs, counts towards volunteer credit. In addition to mandatory job.**
- 3) **Supplies Sign Up: Save MCC money by lending supplies.**
- 4) **Food Sign Up: Save MCC money by donating food.**
- 5) **Chase Car Sign Up: Athletes sign up for a car group. This sign up comes out after mandatory parent jobs are filled.**



RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

- **Sweet Leaf: Wed, Jan 15, 2025**

- All Day
- Mention MCC at checkout and 20% goes to MCC
- Lunch Bunch: Meet up with fellow MCC parents for lunch (11:30 am – 1:00 pm)
- Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
- McLean location only

- **District Taco: Fri, Jan 31, 2025**

- 4-9 pm
- Mention MCC at checkout and 25% goes to MCC
- McLean location only





REGATTAS

JULIE TRAN

Regatta Chair

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3/22 TBC Tussle @ TBC

3/29 St. Andrews @ Middleton, DE

4/5 Darrell Winslow @ Occoquan

4/6 Manny Flick @ Philly, PA

*4/12 Ted Phoenix (all or lower) @ Occoquan

*4/12 GW Invite (all) or

*4/12 Mercer Lake, NJ (only top 2)

4/14 - 4/18 Spring Break Camp

4/19 Ryz Obuchowitz @ Occoquan (lower boats)

4/26 Charlie Butt @ TBC

5/3, 5/10 States Day 1, 2 @ Occoquan

5/15 - 5/17 Stotesbury @ Philadelphia, PA (select crews)

5/30 - 6/1 Canadian Nationals (select crews)

REGATTA SCHEDULE





ADMINISTRATION

PAULA CALABIA

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ADMINISTRATION

- Uniforms: Finalizing designs very soon and then we'll send out an email with ordering details
- Magnets & Hats: Newly designed car magnets & hats have been ordered and will be for sale at our next membership meeting



- Boathouse Jackets: Still need one more purchase before order can be placed



BOATHOUSE JACKET

- 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.



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COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Thomas

Secretary

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Yorktown Erg Relays: Saturday, Jan 11th

- Time: 8:30 am - 12 pm.
- Location: Yorktown High School
- Tentative schedule emailed on 1/8/25
- Parking is available at the school and some street
- The best entrance is DOOR 8 at the back of the school
- Weather call will be made by 5Pm

W-L Triathlon Saturday, Jan 25th

PLEASE REGISTER

- Check-in opens at 8am, racing starts at 8:30am
- Estimated flights times will be sent closer to the event
- Complete the [Registration Form](#) by January 19, 2024
- Location: W-L High School in the *Annex*
- Fee: \$5
- T-Shirts are available for pre-order (\$20) until Jan 10.

ERG SPRINTS Saturday, Feb 1st

- Times vary by event
- Register on the [Regatta Central website](#)
- Location: Alexandria City High School
- \$35
- Reserve an event t-shirt when you register



UPCOMING EVENTS

Q&A: College Rowing & Coxing 101 — Erg Sprints

Are you a high school rower or coxswain (or parent of one) thinking about rowing or coxing in college? During Q&A: College Rowing & Coxing 101 at Erg Sprints, hear direct from coaches, rowers and coxswains, and ask questions. This is NOT a recruiting opportunity. Current collegiate coaches on the panel cannot talk one-on-one with prospective student-athletes nor their family members in attendance and will not engage in any evaluations.

When: Feb. 1, 2025 / 10:00-10:30am

Where: The Titan Den at Alexandria City High School

For more information: [Q&A: College Rowing & Coxing 101 — Erg Sprints](#)





KEY UPCOMING DATES

January 11: Yorktown Relays

January 15: Sweet Leaf Restaurant Day

January 25: W-L Triathlon - **register by 1/19/25**

January 31: District Taco Restaurant Night

February 1: Erg Sprints – **registration is now open**

February 8: Ergathon (snow day 2/15/25)

February 13: Membership Meeting and “On the water” for new parents

February 17-19: Spring Tryouts (President's Day weekend)

March 1 - 2: Mulch Weekend (snow date March 15-16)



JOIN US ON SLACK

To receive updates and reminders.



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!**

