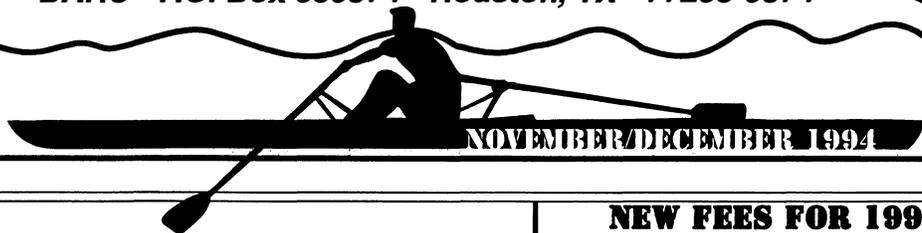


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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1994

LOGAN LEADS BARC ROWERS

Release by Tom Lotz

Cory Logan of the Bay Area Rowing Club led the way with his victory in the Men's Open Single event at the Head of the Colorado Rowing Regatta in Austin. His winning time over the 4,000 meter course was 15 minutes, 31 seconds.

Twenty five rowers from BARC participated in the annual race held on Town Lake. In addition to Logan's victory, club sweep rowers took first place in both the Men's Master Four oared race in a time of 17:35 and the Mixed Open Four in 17:58. BARC rowers also took second place in the Men's Open Eight and the Mixed Open Quad competitions.

Both the Rice University crew team and the newly formed Texas A&M at Galveston collegiate teams train at the BARC facility in Clear Lake Park. The Aggie Crew, coached by BARC's Don Erwin, was very successful in their first regatta. This team took first place in both the Mixed Eight and Men's Novice four events, and finished second in the Women's Novice Four.

The Rice crews took second place in the Women's Open Eight, the Men's Novice four, and the Women's Novice Eight races, while finishing third in the Men's Collegiate Eight and the Men's Novice Eight. Rice is coached by Hannes Hofer of BARC.

BARC's Tom Lotz served as the Chief Referee for the Head of the Colorado regatta.

The Bay Area Rowing Club of Houston is a non-profit organization located in Clear Lake Park on NASA Road 1. Visitors are welcome to participate in the club's "Try It, You'll Like It" program for persons interested in the sport of rowing.

NEW FEES FOR 1995

At the November Board Of Directors (BOD) meeting, the Board was presented the results of a study by Bruce Meltzer to examine our current dues and fee levels. From the study, there was a recommendation to increase dues from \$15 to \$20/month for single members and from \$22.50 to \$30/month for families. The BOD took this into consideration and decided to only increase dues \$3/month and \$4.50/month for single members and families respectively.

The club has had the current dues level since its inception in 1989. Due to our increased costs for the boathouse, larger number of club shells to maintain, desire to add more facilities to the boathouse in the future, desire to add more rowing shells, and the ever present effects of inflation, we felt it was time to raise dues. In addition, student member dues are being increased \$2.50/month.

Prior to September of 1991, storage rates for 1X's and 2X's were \$15 and \$20/month respectively. At that time it was decided to lower fees due to the inconvenience of outside storage and slogging through the boathouse muck.

Since the boathouse has been built and the racks are nearly full, the BOD felt it was time to raise the fees back to their old levels.

Recently, sculling class fees were raised from \$45 to \$60. This rate will remain in effect. However, since sweep class fees should be in line with the sculling fees, and due to the tremendous amount of time the sweep classes require (twice as much as sculling), the sweep class fee will be raised from \$65 to \$90. As before, the class fees include 1 month's complimentary BARC membership. Since this is a complimentary membership, the class fees MAY NOT

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BARC Christmas Party!!!!

This year's Christmas party will take place on December 18th at 7:00 p.m. And once again, we will invade Bruce Meltzer's home.

Brenda Jamison Claire is organizing the refreshments. A sign-up list will be posted at the boat house. Those of you who don't want to cook will be asked to contribute monies for the meat and a keg. Please feel free to call Brenda (474-3820) if you have any questions.

The requested attire for BARC's big "To Do" is semi-formal (business attire is fine). And don't forget to bring a present for the club! Please see page 4 of this newsletter for nifty gift ideas.



FREE KEG O' BEER AND \$50 BILL

by Jeff Tave

I thought that would get your attention (I'll bet Brad was the 1st!). BARC is looking for an assistant to the current Treasurer so that she/he will be primed and ready to go when I leave office this February. Yes, sniff sniff, this is my last term. Time to pass the buck (so to speak). As Assistant, you'll learn the thrill of maintaining club accounts, paying bills, and the Treasurer Whine (Duezzzzz are dewwww, pay demmm NOWWW!



Why won't yewwwww pay yourrr duezzzz??) Don't worry, you'll get the whine down, it just takes a little time and practice, though I know a few members that could get it right on the first try! (It's tooo cooolld. I don't wanna get wet!) Accessto a computer (and hopefully Excel) is recommended, but not required. If you don't have access, you may use



mine (BARC usage was one of the reasons I used to justify it anyway). For more info, please contact me or another friendly BOD.

BARC ROWERS WIN AT MARATHON REGATTA

Release by Tom Lotz

Members of the Bay Area Rowing Club of Houston successfully competed in Rowing's marathon regatta held in Natchitoches, Louisiana. This unique rowing competition is held over a 26 mile course. Rowers from all over the South, including clubs in Austin, Dallas, and the Woodlands, entered the event.

BARC rowers Chris Woelfel, Bill Dixon, Kathy Dixon, Sophie Artru, Frederick Artru, Fran Lantz and Carl Smith combined to win a gold medal in the Mixed Quad Relay event. Woelfel rowed the entire distance while the others alternated in the race. Their winning time was 3 hours, 41 minutes.

Bruce Meltzer and Ben Newcomb competed in the Men's Doubles event, winning a silver medal with a time of 5 hours, 20 minutes.



NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

By Jim Potter

The upcoming elections were discussed at the last BOD meeting, and since this is the last newsletter before nominations are due, we need to flag which of the officers are approaching their "term limits" and need to run for re-election, and which appointed positions (on the committee list) are currently unfilled. A nominations committee needs to be formed in the next few weeks so that the slate can be discussed by the Christmas party.

CURRENT BARC OFFICERS:

President: Bill Dixon
 Vice President: Marc Bonin
 Treasurer: Jeff Tave
 Secretary: Irene Barnett

Members At Large:

Jim Potter
 Bill Geissler
 Brenda Jamison Claire
 Walter Madden

BARC COMMITTEE CHAIR PEOPLE

Past President - Carl Smith
 Strokewatch Editor - Steph Scherger
 Public Relations - Tom Lotz
 Membership Chairman - Jim Potter
 Boathouse Manager - Mike Meschler
 Rice Liaison - Eric Richards
 A & M Liaison - Don Erwin
 Space City Sprints V -
 Paul Lanoux and Steph Scherger
 (co-directors)
 Boat Scheduling - Paula Berman
 Rowing Equipment - Mark Korell

OPEN POSITIONS

(Call Bill Dixon to volunteer):

Nominations Committee members
 (needed ASAP)
 Sweep and Sculling Development
 Budget Director and Asst. Treasurer
 Fundraising Chairperson
 USRA liaison
 Safety Officer

NEW FEES

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BE REDUCED if a student does not want the membership.

At the BOD meeting, the current dues delinquency was stated: **15% for 3rd Quarter and earlier**, and 44% for 4th Quarter dues. We are already half way through the 4th quarter! It is imperative that ALL club members pay their dues promptly (i.e. by the 1st day of the quarter, Jan 1st, April 1st, July 1st, and Oct 1st). The BOD will try to take a more active role in following up on delinquent members. Remember, the combination to the boathouse is planned to be changed more frequently, and only those that are fully paid for the current quarter are eligible to receive the new combination. Please use peer pressure to get your crew mates to pay their dues. Any comments regarding new fees may be made to any member of the BOD.

1995 FEE STRUCTURE (EFFECTIVE 01-01-95)

Dues:

Single: \$54/quarter (\$18/month)
 Family: \$81/quarter (\$27 month)
 Student: \$30/quarter (\$10/month)

Storage:

1X: \$45/quarter (\$15/month)
 2X: \$60/quarter (\$20/month)

Class Fees:

Sculling: \$60
 Sweep: \$90

Any comments regarding new fees may be made to any member of the Board of Directors.

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
UPDATE
AND OTHER USEFUL
DATES AND
INFORMATION**



Remember the article that was in the last newsletter about newsletter articles being due on the 12th of each month?! Well **forget it**. We've decided it's a lot easier to get pertinent and timely news items if the deadlines are scheduled after the Board of Directors meetings take place. So now.. **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE ON THE WEDNESDAY AFTER A BOARD MEETING!!**

However, newsletter articles for the real December issue (this is a pseudo December issue, since it was really supposed to be the November issue) will be due the Wednesday after the BARC Christmas party (December 21, 1994), and the next newsletter is scheduled to come out December 29, 1994.

In case you were wondering, the general rule for the meeting schedule is:

☞ Board of Directors meetings are on the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

☞ The newsletter deadline is the following Wednesday

☞ BARC Night Out is the 3rd or 4th Friday of odd-numbered months (we'll try to clarify whether it is the 3rd or 4th soon)

☞ General Membership Meeting is the 4th Monday of even numbered months at 7:30 p.m. at the Clear Lake Park Building.

**GARAGE SALE SURPLUS
SELL-OFF**

by Marc Bonin

Our summer garage sale just got a little more profitable thanks to Jim Potter's work in finding new homes for a few leftover items. The gravity boots and inversion table have been sold. A buyer has also been found for the CO2 tank.

The console stereo in the boat-house is still for sale though ...

BARC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 1994

- December 11 Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- December 14 Newsletter Articles Due
- December 18 Christmas Party at Bruce Meltzer's House

JANUARY 1995

- January 8 Board Meeting at Jeff Tave's (7:30 p.m.)
- January 11 Newsletter Articles Due
- January 20 BARC Night Out at Tortuga's 6:30 p.m.
- January 21 Sculling TIYLI
- January 28 Sculling Class Begins

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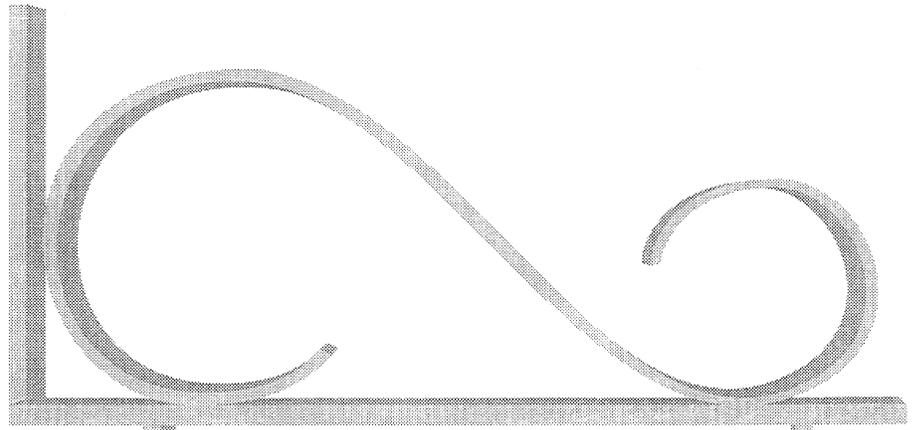
- February 5 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Brenda Jamison Claire's
- February 8 Newsletter Articles Due
- February 27 General Membership Meeting and Elections Clear Lake Park Building 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 1995

- March 5 Board Meeting at Jeff Tave's 7:30 p.m.
- March 8 Newsletter Articles Due
- March 24 BARC night out 6:30 p.m. at restaurant TBD

BARC CLASSIFIEDS

As always -- We'll Save You Money!!



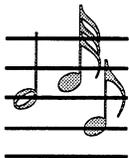
FOR SALE

SINGLE FOR SALE

1987 Owen Racing Single Shell
Dark blue hull. Includes boat cover.
Bargain Price: \$2500.00
Contact: Richard Laurance
(home) 532-1939
(work) 244-8230

SINGLE FOR SALE

Little River Recreational Single
24'
Contact: Peter Cronk
488-0663



Christmas is Coming!

AND HERE'S BARC'S WISH LIST!

We hope you all (y'all) can attend the BARC party on Sunday, December 18th. And in keeping with club tradition, rather than sending each other cards, BARCers have generally diverted the effort (and funds!) to buying needed items for the club. My actuary might be able to estimate the savings to members at 50% of 100 members sending 50 cards at .75 = \$1,800 or so....

Marc is a good source of inspiration about appropriate hardware, but I'll start a list and offer to coordinate one posted at the boathouse, if each of you will help by responding to this message and picking an item for you or for your crew/rowing partners to purchase (good for larger items):

Replacement for the mogul-base streetlight bulb (immediate need) which was apparently broken by vandals recently. (No damage to window!)

Screwdrivers - last year's gifts grew legs, but take a look at what's in the boathouse first

Wrenches - open end 7/8" and other specific sizes (ask Marc or Mark K)

Single slings - we don't purchase these out of operating funds but a gift of two sets (mail order not \$\$\$) would allow us to rent two more "spots"

Rowing Books - I will post the current Rowers' Bookshelf catalog, I would like to start a lending library of books/videos as well as standardize on an introductory text to supplement classes. There are some good \$15 choices..

Batteries - Everyone who uses club lights should kick in some AA's or D's once in a while. We could also use a half dozen lattern type, I have several flashlights that take them to donate, every cox at night should have a floating flashlight for emergency use.

Slings/tees - some of you might have winter workshop time to make some slings with PVC pipe and glue. I can help with the fabric part.

Door clips - we still need additional sets of spring latches to secure the three doors if high winds are anticipated (mail order, not \$\$\$)

FYI - There was also a "wish list" in the last (October) newsletter, which included the following items:

- * Lights for the boats
- * 5 Channel "Walkie Talkie" type radios (such as those carried by Radio Shack)
- * Lights for the dock
- * Channel locks
- * Vise grips
- * Adjustable wrenchs
- * 7/16" wrenchs
- * Pliers
- * Extension cords
- * Cox box
- * Rigger stick



MORE LIGHTS FOR ROWING

by Marc Bonin

BARC now owns 3 pairs of bicycle type red/white flasher lights for rowing after dark. These lights run on AA batteries and will last for several hundred hours. They are equipped with spring clamps that should mount to most boats.

Note that some of the new lights can be used in steady state or flasher mode. Flash mode is probably more visible.

Please remember to use them! It's amazing how easy it is for unlit boats to find each other in the dark ...

RICE AND TEXAS A&M COMPLETE ANOTHER SEASON

by Don Erwin

The Rice Crew from Rice University and the Aggie Crew from Texas A&M University at Galveston completed the Fall rowing season out of the BARC boathouse. All of the students in the crews did a super job in representing their schools at various regattas. The Rice Crew is coached by BARC'er Hanne Hofer and some other Rice members. The Aggie Crew is coached by BARC'ers Don Erwin and Rich Laurance.

A whole lot of time and energy goes into running a college club and everyone in BARC should be proud of the efforts of not only the rowers and coaches, but all the BARC members who helped in one way or another. The Board of Directors worked very hard in helping each group tailor an agreement with BARC that would allow them to have a place to row without putting undue stress on BARC resources.

The Rice Crew, with a little over 50 members, has been rowing for a few seasons and participated in three out-of-town regattas with respectable showings at each one. The Aggie Crew, with its 12 members, was formed last Spring and competed in their first race this Fall in Austin.

Having the schools row out of our boathouse is great for everyone: the students, the schools and BARC. It's the sort of cooperation this club was founded on for the advancement of the sport.