



San Diego Rowing Club

January, 2009

Greetings Rowers, Families and Friends!

The most exciting time of the year, the spring regatta season, is beginning for the San Diego Rowing Club Junior Crew Program. This season will be our most challenging yet, as we field our largest crew ever - 100 committed and talented men and women high school rowers. Last year we competed successfully across the western United States, medaling at the US Rowing Youth National Championship. As the premier organization for rowers in all of San Diego, we are excited about our program. We need your help to make the future of the San Diego Rowing Club the best it can be.

As you know, we always face competitive challenges from crews throughout the west. It is not just the size of a program, or the number and quality of the coaching staff that determines our success; the tools available to our athletes make a huge difference. Our racing shells and related equipment are a vital component of our program. In some competition categories we do not have the right shells to race with. And as our program grows, we need more boats for our athletes to use. Our boats, their condition and number, are vital to our racing and teaching program and to safety on the water.

San Diego Rowing Club is in a unique position. In partnership, the Juniors and Masters programs can purchase, house and maintain shells and equipment at our beautiful bayside facilities. In 2009 we have two opportunities:

SDRC currently has a challenge grant of up to \$15,000. This grant will match contributions to our program, dollar for dollar, up to \$15,000. These funds would get us a new eight that will be excellent for the woman's or lightweight men's races. This is a category of shell that will allow our young rowers to better compete in these classes.

SDRC has also received a donation for a quad/straight four. Our donation is for half the cost of this shell (\$8000). The Junior program will be splitting the cost of the remaining funds with the Masters program. So we need to raise another \$4,500 for this important addition to our program. A new boat will let us be more competitive in these races for Juniors and Masters alike.

Please give us your support. This is the only fund raising campaign the San Diego Rowing Club pursues. It is your opportunity to participate in and help define our club's future. No gift is too small. Our matching grant also gives us an opportunity in these hard times to achieve important goals for the Club. We need your help.

Please send your tax deductible donation to:

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If you have questions contact Jill Dillard at (619) 252 8407 or jill@dillarddevelopment.com.

We look forward to your support and a great 2009 racing season.

Sincerely,

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SDRC Junior Crew Parent Steering Committee

Art Sloate,
Head Coach, Junior Crew Program

