



# WELCOME TO THE EDGEWATER CREW!

## PRACTICES

*Rowers must complete registration, documents and waivers prior to first practice at boathouse*

## SCHEDULE

- Novice rowers begin **Monday August 31st**
- **Fall Practice Schedule – Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 2:30-5:30pm and Sat 8:00-10:45am**
- **Spring Practice Schedule – Mon-Fri 2:30-5:30pm and Sat 8:00-10:45am**
- Practice begins right after school with a walk/run to the boathouse as a group – the Boathouse is 2.5 miles from campus in Lake Fairview Park, a short distance down Edgewater Dr to Lee Rd

## GEAR

- Wear fitted athletic shorts, t-shirts, running shoes, socks
- Bring personal water bottle, hat, sunscreen, towel, positive attitude

## REGATTAS

*A regatta is a series of boat races, coming from the Venetian-Italian word 'regata' meaning 'contest'*

## SEASONS

- Regattas are on weekends
- Fall season – a couple head races (6K) and local scrimmages
- Spring season – more competitive with traveling to sprint races (2K) as well as local races
- Edgewater Crew races against approximately 40 other schools and club programs in Florida
- Local races – Lake Fairview, Turkey Lake, and Lake Maitland (all freshman and novices)
- Regional races – Jacksonville, Sarasota, and Miami (some freshman and novices)
- National races – Chattanooga, Philadelphia (possible freshman and novices)

## ROWER PLACEMENT

- Coaches determine which rowers will race in each boat and race category - the goal is for everyone who has been training to compete in at least one race per event as scheduling permits
- Freshman category – all ninth graders
- Novice category – all first-year rowers regardless of their year in school

EDGEWATER CREW RECEIVES NO FUNDING FROM THE STATE, COUNTY, OR SCHOOL SYSTEM SO INCOME FOR OPERATIONS MUST BE DERIVED FROM FUNDRAISING, DONATIONS, GRANTS, AND ROWER DUES

## REGISTRATION AND DUES

*Newcomers can practice for 2 weeks before committing to join the team*

### FEE COSTS

- **Registration Fee – \$100** due by the end of August for the annual season
- **Monthly Dues – \$225 per month** per rower for the months of September through April (dues are \$200 per month per rower for families with two or more rowers on the team)
- Limited number of half scholarships are granted – request forms at [president@edgewatercrew.org](mailto:president@edgewatercrew.org)

### FEES COVER

- Coaching staff, boats & equipment, regatta uniform
- Entry fees and rower meals for all regattas
- 3-day Crew Camp in January
- Accommodations and meals for 2-night trip to Sarasota for FSRA State Championships

*Fees do NOT cover travel costs, meals, and accommodations for out of town regattas*

## FUNDRAISERS

### GENERAL FUNDRAISERS

- Critically important to the team's financial stability - all rowers, parents should plan to participate
- Examples – Boathouse Benefit, Publix Fundraiser, garage sales, and car washes

### ROWER EQUITY FUNDRAISERS

- Designed to help parents by allocating a percentage of sales to rower's account
- Examples - Orlando City Soccer parking, poinsettia sales for the holidays, ads for annual Crew Yearbook, silent auction items for Boathouse Benefit, and Erg-A-thon

## ORLANDO ROWING ASSOCIATION

Orlando Rowing Association, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, was established by Edgewater Crew parents in 1967 to provide financial and logistical support to the team. This nonprofit status enables the organization to hold fundraising events, obtain sales tax exemptions, and accept donations that are often tax-deductible. ORA is run by a Board Officers and Directors elected by Parents of team rowers. The Board manages the team's operations. Committees are formed to complete tasks ranging from fundraising and recruiting to coordinating food for regattas

## NOVICE COORDINATOR

*Angie Frazier is the novice coordinator and can be reached with questions at [novices@edgewatercrew.org](mailto:novices@edgewatercrew.org)*