

CRI 2009 Annual Report

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

What a year to report on! At the beginning of 2009, the Board and I had some very serious meetings about how to raise the last million dollars for the boathouse. Like almost everybody else in this economy, we were staring down the barrel at some tough choices — cutting back on programs, burning through our existing equipment, and cutting back on building hours. No one could see a clear path across the finish line and there was a very real possibility that we were going to have to cut back on water access. It would have been a sad end to an amazing dream.

Then, true to Community Rowing's 25 year history, last fall the most extraordinary thing happened — a long time CRI member and supporter stepped forward and offered a SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR CHALLENGE GRANT! "WOW" was about the only thing we could say. More than five hundred people stepped up to meet the challenge, and the rest is history. Today, we are debt free, we have a small endowment, and boy, do we ever have a LOT to celebrate in our 25th year of operation as the PUBLIC rowing club on the Charles River!

How are we going to celebrate? Every way that we can think of! We've started work on a new Boys' Outreach Program. Vets outreach is in full swing. We have a branch operation opening in New Bedford this month. We've put the order into Vespoli and Alden to start renewing the fleet. New oars are on

the way. Coaching education is expanding. Today, Community Rowing is the most exciting place to be in the world if you love rowing and the value that it delivers to everyone who dips an oar in the water!

Please mark your calendar for the following 25th Anniversary Celebration dates:

- September 19th: Rumble on the River — the Return of Match Racing with Olympians and local colleges battling for victory in front of the Harry Parker Boathouse.
- September 25th: Anniversary Gala — Dinner, music, and fun at the Harry Parker Boathouse.
- September 26th: Celebrate 35 Years of International Racing for Women — event to be held at Community Rowing with the 1975 team and women who rowed for the United States from 1975 to 1984.

Working here at CRI for the past two years, I am continuously amazed and humbled by the dedication of our member and volunteers, the accomplishments of our rowers, and the tireless work of our staff. Be a part of the special CRI magic this year on the Charles — see you out there.

Be Safe on the Water,



Bruce H. Smith
Executive Director

Program Highlights

In 2009, CRI served more than 3,000 youth and adults in one or more programs—a 43% increase since moving into the new boathouse. Through thoughtful planning CRI was able to nearly double its numbers of participants without increasing river traffic during peak times without purchasing a single shell. In 2009:

- Adult Learn to Row Programs expanded to 318 up from 109 participants in 2008.

- Sculling enrollment increased by 42% to 330 up from 192 the previous year.
- Men's and women's competitive programs doubled its number of participants to 51 rowers.
- Youth summer programs increased by 58% to 414 rowers up from 176 in 2008.
- CRI's varsity girls team won gold in the Junior girls 2-, 4+, and 8+ at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in Ontario, Canada. The 2-

was the first American junior women's pairs crew to win gold at the event since 1984. At the US Rowing's Club Nationals in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the girls won three golds, three silvers and four bronze medals capping off an impressive summer of racing. The girls varsity 8+ also won a bronze medal at the Head of the Charles Regatta.

- CRI's varsity boys team earned two hard fought medals with their 4+ taking silver and the lightweight 8+ earning a bronze at the US Rowing Youth National Championships in Cincinnati, Ohio. The boys 8+ also took 6th at the 2009 Head of the Charles.
- The novice girls and boys teams' race performances consistently improved throughout the year. At the New Hampshire Championship the girls earned bronze and the novice boys won gold in the Junior Novice 4+ and in the Junior Novice 8+. At Saratoga the girls team took silver and bronze. At the Head of the Fish the boys team earned gold and silver in the Junior Novice 4+ and a bronze in the Open (college) Novice 8+.
- In 2009, CRI recorded the highest number of scullers to ever race in the Head of the Charles Regatta. Twelve scullers raced including a novice rower, plus an additional eight scullers competed in various sweep boats. The scullers competed and medaled in such regattas as the Housatonic, NH Championships and the Head of the Fish and a CRI sculler won the Women's Masters D 1x event at the Cromwell Cup.
- CRI's women's and men's teams competed at the Masters Nationals in Camden, NJ with the men winning bronze in the E (55+) eight and the C (43+) 4x and a silver in the E 2-. The women were second in the overall points trophy, winning gold in the Light A 4+, the club B 8+, and the Club F (60+) 4+. They won silver in the Club E8+, the A8+, the B 2-, the light A 2x, the F4+, the G1x, the A 2-, and the AA 2-. And they won bronze in the B4x and the A2-.
- At the Head of the Charles, CRI adult rowers competed in the Women's Light 4+ taking 5th,

in the Senior Masters 4+ they took 7th, in the Master Doubles CRI rowers took 10th. The men took 11th in the Senior Masters 8+.

- GS2 rowers competed in six races in 2009, including a Men's Club 4+ in The Head of the Charles, and medaled in the master's women's eight and the master's men's four at the NH Championships.
- CRI members volunteer nearly 3,000 community service hours in 2009. In 2009, over 800 members volunteered more than 2,758 hours worth of community service to benefit the club. Record numbers of volunteers stepped forward to help advance CRI and our mission of 'rowing for all.' The opening of the boathouse brought numerous new opportunities to volunteer for such activities as: gardening, boat assembling, river clean-up, bike rack installation, boat cleaning, tutoring, corporate rowing, yard sale, membership barbeque, adaptive rowing challenge, facilities management, etc. The hard work, time commitment, and personal dedication so generously offered by our members has positioned CRI to become an even stronger and better rowing organization.

Community Outreach Program Highlights

CRI enrolled more than 600 youth and adults in 10 community outreach programs to teach rowing and provide access to the Charles River. CRI's free community program was valued at \$275,000. Programs and partnerships included: Adaptive Rowing, G-ROW Boston, Veterans, West End House Boys and Girls Club, Beacon Academy, Perkins School for the Blind and Newton Special Athletes among others.

In addition to providing valuable community programs CRI welcomed local government and non-profits organization with meeting space, free of charge. During the FY09 fiscal year the Mass. Department of Recreation and Conservation (DCR), the March of Dimes, North American Mental Illness (NAMI) Association, and the Charles River Watershed Association met at the boathouse.

Adaptive Rowing at CRI is offered year round to youth and adults with mental and/or physical disabilities. In 2009, the program was led by an extremely committed coaching and volunteer staff. Gary Piantedosi, a former Olympian rower and Cristina Vieira, a CRI member headed up the program in its first full year. The high volunteer to-athlete-ratio of 1:1 also led to the program's success.

- In January 2009, CRI hosted the first AIR C's (Adaptive Indoor Rowing— Championships). More than a dozen athletes from around the country competed in the day-long event.
- In August 2009, four CRI adaptive rowers, their families and two CRI coaches traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to compete in Bayada Regatta. The CRI rowers won gold in the Men's 1x, and two silvers in the Men's 2x. CRI was also gifted with a new boat for the program, courtesy of Mark Baiada, the founder of the Bayada Race.
- Five adaptive youth athletes and adults competed in the Ernestine Bayer race as part of the 2009 Head of the Charles Regatta and capped the end of the 2009 season by participating in CRI's Headless Halloween Race.

G-ROW (Girls Row) Boston is CRI's model after-school rowing and academic support program for more than 200 girls (ages 12-18) enrolled in the Boston Public Schools. In the twelve year history of the program it has been offered free of charge to all participants with nearly 100% of all G-ROW girls going onto college.

- In the fall 2009, G-ROW expanded into two new schools: Odyssey and Excel High Schools and recruited up to capacity, completely filling its competitive high school team. G-ROW also had its largest varsity squad, allowing G-Row to enter two boats in the Head of the Charles Regatta and finish with a program best in the Youth 4+.
- In 2009, the varsity 4+ went undefeated in the Mass. Public School league and ultimately won the State Championships For the second year in a row, every G-ROW girl who competed

at the state championships took home a medal.

- G-ROW girls visited numerous college campuses, including Smith, Mt. Holyoke, UMass Amherst, Boston University, Boston College, University of Pennsylvania, and Drexel University. G-ROW graduated nine seniors, all of whom are going onto four-year colleges including: Boston University, Northeastern, Clark University, UMass Boston, UMass Lowell, Bridgewater State, and Framingham State.
- G-ROW partnered with Rower's Edge, to assist seniors to leverage their rowing experience in the college application process. Two seniors were recruited to row in college, one as a coxswain at BU, and the other at Clark University.
- G-ROW started a new partnership with Boston College women's crew. Five of BC's athletes volunteered with G-ROW in the spring of 2009 as tutors. They formed relationships with the girls and share their experiences with them as student-athletes.

Awards and News

US Rowing Association Names CRI the 2009 Club of the Year. The US Rowing Association presented CRI with the 2009 Club of the Year Award for its dedication to excellence in competition, the growth of rowing in our community, and the promotion and safety of the sport. Award criteria include: Performance, Community Outreach, Service to Rowing, USRowing Participation, Technology & Communications and Safety. This is the second time CRI has been named the Club of the Year.

CRI's Harry Parker Boathouse Awarded the 2009 Harleston Parker Medal. The Boston Society of Architects voted to award CRI's Harry Parker Boat-house, by Anmahian Winton Architects (AWA), the 2009 Harleston Parker Medal. This prestigious award is presented to: "such architects as shall have completed... the most beautiful piece of architecture, building, monument or structure within the limits of the City of Boston." The Harleston Parker Medal is the

third architectural award Anmahian Winton has received for the Harry Parker Boathouse.

Media

Throughout 2009, CRI was able to broaden its media coverage having been featured in the Wall Street Journal, US Rowing News, The Boston Globe and local press outlets such as Channel 4, the Allston-Brighton Tab, and the Maynard-Beacon Villager. WSJ's article, "Forever Rowing Upstream" pointed to CRI's leadership in reaching out to populations typically excluded from rowing such as inner city youth and people with mental and physical disabilities. The US Rowing News article highlighted CRI's impressive 1st and 2nd place finishes in the final of the women's junior at the US Club Championships. And finally, the Maynard-Beacon featured CRI's Junior Men's Varsity 4+ finishing 2nd with a silver medal and the Lightweight Men's 8+ finishing 3rd taking bronze at the US Youth Rowing Championship in Lake Harsha, Cincinnati.

Fundraising Highlights

- CRI raised \$45,285 for from 213 donors for the annual appeal, a 50% increase in donations and a 47% increase in number of donors since fiscal year 2007.
- CRI hosted 15 corporate rowing programs bringing in \$67,000 in revenue. Corporate clients included State Farm Insurance, State Street Bank, Genzyme, Philips Corporation, Shire Technologies, Genentech and Ness Technologies.
- CRI secured \$59,000 in revenue from 33 community room rentals.
- CRI's G-ROW Boston Program raised \$126,000 in foundations grants and \$25,000 from 15 private foundations and individuals donors.
- CRI was presented with a \$750,000 Challenge Grant to close out CRI's Boathouse for All Campaign.
- In the last two months of the FY09, CRI was able to secure \$80,000 toward the match.

Financial Summary

Income and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2009

(November 1, 2008-October 31, 2009)

Income	
Program fees	\$1,330,868
Donations	
Boathouse campaign	\$1,180,842
Community outreach grants (G-Row, Adaptive)	\$141,000
Special events (Yard Sale, Wine Tasting)	\$34,771
Storage and rental fees	\$162,748
Regatta fees	\$55,507
Non-cash support	\$30,600
Other revenue	\$9,723
Net assets released from restrictions, used in operations	(\$592,626)
Total revenue and support	\$2,946,059
Expenses	
Program	\$1,624,097
Administration and general	\$517,281
Fundraising	\$164,962
Total expenses	\$2,306,340
Excess of revenue and support over expenses	\$639,719
Non-operating income	
Rental income	\$66,667
Interest income	\$13,679
Other income	\$1,003
Interest expense	(\$43,081)
Total non-operating income	\$38,268
Change in net assets	\$677,987
Net assets, beginning of year	\$11,074,111
Net assets, end of year	\$11,752,098

Operating Donations From Individuals & Foundations for FY09

\$20,000-\$30,000

Bank of America
The Carl & Ruth Shapiro Family
Foundation

\$10,000-\$19,999

Z.E. & Z.B. Butler Foundation
Richard and Lisa Cashin
New Balance Foundation
Peabody Foundation
State Street Foundation

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Dan Bakinowski & The William J.J.
Gordon Family Foundation
David E. Retik & Christopher D.
Mello Foundation
Jane and Robert Morse
Harry Parker

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Beacon Hill Circle of Charity
Christopher & Dana Reeve
Foundation
Global Sports Development
Foundation
Howard Schmuck
Hugh & Susan Scott
Vanderbilt Family Foundation

\$1,000 - \$2,500

Tom & Jillian Darling
Timothy Ernst
Tom Gonsiorowski & Barbara Herrmann
Carol Krauss
Lyle and Anne Micheli
Beth Mooney
Joan & Tom Nash
Calder S. Reardon
Schley Family Foundation
Laura Stookey-Stuart
Laurie & Mason Tenaglia
Vanguard Charitable Endowment
Program
Herbert O. Wolfe Foundation

\$500-\$999

Elizabeth Fee
Joe & Maura Glandorf

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation
Mary Howard
Robert & Alison McGurrin
Jane Meinhart
Henriette Power

\$250-\$499

Jeff & Pam Byers
John Chiniara
Stephen Cohen
Ed & Linda Englander
Kathleen Healy
Frederick F. Hewett
Elizabeth Hohmann
Frederick Horton
Molly Howard
George Keleher
Madalon Kraft
Bartlett Leber
Paul Geoffrey Lowney
Jacquie McCarthy
Scott R. Pollack
John Randle
Brian Reynolds
Bruce Smith
State Street Foundation
Elliot Steinberg
George Swetz
Andrew Tarnell
Roberta Turri-Vise
Kashmira Vora
Jane Wolchonok

\$100 - \$249

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Lois F Ashcroft
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Patricia Barry
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Alfred B. Bigelow
Jean Boedecker
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Andy Dannenberg
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Kathryn DeNitto
Harold Dennis
Charles Douglass
Millie Downing
Robert Duncan
Cheryl & Tom Egan
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Anne Fairbank
Mark Faithful
Bill Fleming
Beth Anne Flynn
Samuel Forman
Catherine Foster-Anderson
Barbara Fox
Karin Galil
Amy Gault
Google Matching Gift Program
Amy Haley
Maura Hammer
Nancy Hendrickson
Patty Hill-Callahan
Val Hollingsworth
Barbara Howard
Raymond Houlihan
George Driscoll & Mary Jane
Houlihan
Barbara Howard
Severine Imbert de Smirnoff
Kristin Johnson
Myla Kabat-Zinn
John Kania
John Lazarus
Susan Lesburg
Julius & Rocky Levin
Susan Levy
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Frank & Lida Lloyd
Catherine Lugar
Jeanette Maillet

Eugenia Marcus
Sarah Maynard
Sarah McCaffrey
Lila McCain & Peter Beaman
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Kay Merseth
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Suzi Naiburg
Sophia Navickas
Dawn O'Connor
Ellen Parker
Timothy Pattison
John Pawlowski
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Dana Finlayson
Helen Fremont
Nonna Gale
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Gretchen Graef
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Douglas Hall
Steve Halpern
Thomas Harrelson
Robin Hasenfeld
Lynn Hassett
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Devon & Susan E Hinton
Jennifer L Hochschild
Pamela Howell
Douglas Huzar
Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies
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Warren Kaplan
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Larry Kurzner
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