

ROW TO MIDDLETOWN

Begun as a challenge by Hartford Barge Club rowers in 2003, the Row to Middletown has now become an annual tradition. Each year approximately 50 Riverfront Recapture rowers undertake the 19-mile row to Middletown and gather contributions from friends, family, and co-workers to support their participation in the row. Proceeds have helped purchase capital equipment (cox-boxes, oars, rowing shells, etc) that is integral to the growth and success of Riverfront's rowing program.

Date: Saturday, August 28 (in the event of severe/unsafe weather, the make-up date is Sunday, August 29)

Time: Arrive at Boathouse at 7:00 a.m. (Coordination among rowers is necessary to leave a number of cars at America's Cup Restaurant, 80 Harbor Drive, Middletown at 6:30 a.m. to have enough cars to drive people back to Boathouse after row. Rowers should coordinate this among their classmates in their respective classes). Depending on the wind and tide the row takes approximately three to four hours; rowers eat a pot-luck lunch, load boats on trailer, then return to Boathouse to unload the boats from trailer.

Who: The Row to Middletown is open to any experienced rower. Newer rowers are encouraged to participate but should check with a coach to confirm that their skill-set is appropriate to the task.

Registration: All rowers should register as soon as possible so boats, coxswains, trailer space, etc. can be organized. The last day to register with the minimum participation contribution of \$75 (payable by you or your supporters) is Saturday, August 21. Donations above \$75 will be accepted and processed until September 9.

Registration and fundraising logistics:

Please register online at: <https://ssl.charityweb.net/riverfront/rowtomiddletown/search.htm>

You will be given an easy to use, personal webpage where you can send your supporters wishing to make credit card donations, and where you can enter your supporters' cash and check donations to aid in accurately tracking your donations.

- Please encourage your supporters to make credit card donations via the secure webpage as checks and cash are more difficult to manage
- Checks and cash should NOT be mailed to office but brought to the Boathouse and given to Brian, Chris, or Ally. Prior to handing over your checks and cash the amounts and donors must be inputted on your webpage so we can cross reference for accuracy. If possible, please bring all your checks and cash above \$75 (the \$75 needs to be in by August 21) on Saturday August 28 before you row. This will limit the amount of paper handling needing to be done by coaches.
- On your webpage you will be asked to enter the amount of money you are trying to raise. It's better to overreach so select an inspiring amount; there's no penalty if you don't reach it.

Prizes:

The rowers collecting the highest dollar amounts of donations over \$750 by September 9 will receive the following credits toward any rowing program or boat storage (Past top prize winners collected approximately \$1,000).

- 1st = \$525
- 2nd = \$250
- 3rd = \$125

The class collecting the highest dollar amount as a group will receive a free Saturday Sculling Clinic in June 2011 for all who participate in the RTM. Classes are defined as such: (A) A.M. Intermediate and Experienced Sweep (B) P.M. Intermediate and Experienced Sweep (C) Men's Racing Team (D) Women's Racing Team

Questions: Please check in with your coach regarding the row in general or with Brian (rrrowinginc@sbcglobal.net) for more specific, money, or website questions (please visit the site first as I set up an account and it is fairly intuitive and easy to get going).