

**Quinsigamond Rowing Association, Inc.**

237 N. Quinsigamond Ave.  
Shrewsbury, MA 01545

**Membership Fee Structure – Effective June 1, 2008**

**ASSOCIATE MEMBER**                      Fee: \$35.00

Entitles member to participate in QRA functions and events and gain entry to all QRA sponsored regattas.

**SUMMER MEMBER**                      Fee: \$225.00

Primarily for students and others who will be utilizing Club equipment only during the summer. The membership is good from June 1 through August 31 and entitles the member to use all QRA equipment.

**ROWING MEMBER**                      Fee: \$350.00

Entitles member to use all QRA rowing equipment.

**MEMBER**                                      Fee: \$110.00

Entitles member to use all rowing equipment, except singles. Note: This category is intended for those members who keep their boats in Bay #3 at the Donahue Rowing Center who pay annual rent of \$400.00 directly to the Town of Shrewsbury.

**RACK MEMBER**                      Fee: \$510.00

Entitles member to keep his or her boat in the QRA bay and to use all QRA rowing equipment except singles.

Since the QRA is a non-profit corporation dedicated to fostering rowing, we encourage members to volunteer their services at least one half day per year to the QRA. Putting on QRA sponsored regattas requires a great deal of volunteer time. Members are also encouraged to serve on QRA committees and to participate in other QRA events. We have committees devoted to putting on regattas, maintaining and upgrading equipment, and instruction and competition. Please let the officers know what volunteer efforts you can be active in.

The QRA expects the following from its rowing members:

Shall be able to carry boat out of rack to the dock safely, and place it in the water without damaging the boat.

Shall have adequate rowing skills to get around safely without damaging the boat or endangering others or themselves.

Shall use the log book whenever a boat leaves the bay.

Are able to swim at least 50 yards.

Scullers shall be capable of handling a capsized single without endangering themselves or others.

Scullers shall be responsible for arranging repair of boat damage and shall pay for damage caused which is beyond expected wear and tear.

Shall pay dues on time. Rack members must pay within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

All new members, including minor members, must be qualified by Captain's test before using club equipment. Novices must row at least 60 miles in a trainer or older club boat before approval can be requested to row the newer racing singles.

**MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**  
QUINSIGAMOND ROWING ASSOCIATION  
237 North Quinsigamond Avenue  
Shrewsbury, MA 10545

**Release of Liability and Acknowledgement**

IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to join the Quinsigamond Rowing Association, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of rowing activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in rowing activities.

FULLY UNDERSTAND that ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND DANGERS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in rowing activities.

HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Quinsigamond Rowing Association, its directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, and owners and lessors of premises on which rowing activities take place, from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages.

Member hereby acknowledges that he/she has received a hard copy or electronic copy, read, and agrees to abide by The Quinsigamond Rowing Association Member Handbook.

If Member is under age 18 ("Minor Member"), Minor Member and parent of Minor Member hereby acknowledge that they have received a hard copy or electronic copy, read, and agree to abide by The Quinsigamond Rowing Association Member Handbook.

This Membership Agreement is made this, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 , between the QUINSIGAMOND ROWING ASSOCIATION ("QRA"), and:

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature  
(Parent/Guardian if Minor Member): \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate boxes to describe your rowing experience:

- ..... No rowing experience
- ..... Novice. Very little rowing or sculling experience.
- ..... Intermediate. You have sculled 100 miles or more for the past 3 years, or you rowed in college but have little sculling experience.
- ..... Experienced. You have sculled for more than a year and/or own your own boat.

Comments relating to your rowing ability:

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# Release of Liability



IN CONSIDERATION of being given the opportunity to participate in any USRowing activity, including scheduled, supervised club activities, and registered regattas, during the policy term 12/31/09 – 12/31/10, I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin.

1. I ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of Rowing Activities, both on water and land based, and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity.

2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a.) ROWING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death (“Risks”); (b.) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the Release named below; (c.) there may be other risks and social and economic losses either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.

3. I AGREE AND WARRANT that I will examine and inspect each Activity in which I take part as a member of USRowing and that, if I observe any condition which I consider to be unacceptably hazardous or dangerous, I will notify the proper authority in charge of the Activity and will refuse to take part in the Activity until the condition has been corrected to my satisfaction.

4. I HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue USRowing, the Club, the Regatta, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers and employees, other participating regatta organizers, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Release or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as a result of such claim, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

## Printed Name of Participant:

\_\_\_\_\_

USRowing # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENTAL CONSENT

(if participant is under the age of 18).

AND I, the minor's parent and/or legal guardian, understand the nature of rowing activities and the minor's experience and capabilities and believe the minor to be qualified to participate in such activity. I hereby release, discharge, covenant not to sue, and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on the minor's account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and further agree that if, despite this release, I, the minor, or anyone on the minor's behalf makes a claim against any of the above Releasee, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS each of the Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost any may incur as the result of any such claim, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (only if participant is under the age of 18): \_\_\_\_\_

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This is THE USRowing Release of Liability, which should be copied for your use.