

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

## Nantucket Rowing®



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# THANK YOU



As we wrap up our fifth year of rowing on Nantucket, I would like to thank each of you for your participation with Nantucket Rowing. Thank you for supporting and contributing to our mission to bring the great sport of rowing back to the island of Nantucket, it's residents and it's visitors.

I would especially like to thank Debi Lilly for her continuous support of Nantucket Rowing, Rich Phillips, Vice Commodore, for being a great partner on this journey and for his generosity, Adam Dread for his legal guidance, and Henry Bartlett and family for making our mission of creating a world class rowing organization possible. I would also like to thank Michele Kolb, Brian Cooleen, Alison and Tim Lord, and Sarah Kate Snyder for their donations of equipment to Nantucket Rowing and Eliza Paton for her assistance.

I look forward to continuing to share our love of the sport with you and others and to continue creating a world-class rowing organization that is safe, supportive, and a fun community for Nantucket Island.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MS', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Mike Springer**  
Executive Director, Commodore  
Nantucket Rowing, Inc.  
September 15, 2023

# OUR MISSION

The Mission of Nantucket Rowing is to create a safe and fun rowing community on Nantucket for island residents and visitors while generating opportunities for the youth of Nantucket regarding health, outdoor exercise, and scholarships. We have our sights set on being a world class rowing organization that competes with the legendary Leander Club located at Henley-on-Thames, London, England.



# 400 HUNDRED YEARS OF NANTUCKET ROWING

**THE WHALING ERA.** From the late 1600s—when Nantucketers first gleaned the prized oil from small whales that washed ashore—into the next two centuries —when Nantucket whaleships would traverse the oceans of the world on their legendary five-year voyages in search of “greasy luck”— the pursuit of whales and their lucrative by-products by rowing out to hunt became the primary business of Nantucket, the basis of its economy. From the mid-1700s to the late 1830s, Nantucket was the whaling capital of the world. As Melville wrote in *Moby-Dick*: “Thus have these . . .



Nantucketers overrun and conquered the watery world like so many Alexanders.”

**THE 1800’S AND LIFE SAVING.** In the 19th Century, hundreds of ships passed by Nantucket Island each day, all navigating without the benefit of modern nautical



technology. The U. S. Life Saving Service was founded in 1871 and although there were eventually four stations, the Surfside Station was the first one operated on Nantucket. They were located at points where wrecks were frequent.

Unpredictable storms, dense fog, and strong currents often caught even the most experienced sailors off guard. In addition, treacherous shoals and inclement weather led to over 750 shipwrecks in the island's waters. Rowing out to the shipwreck saved lives.



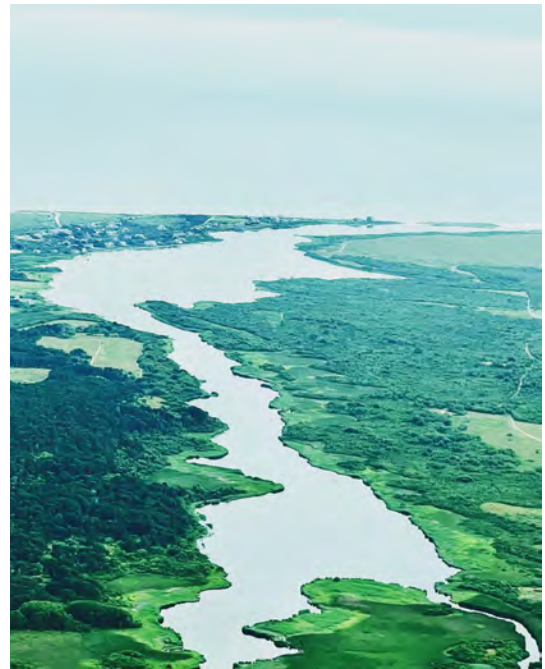
## THE 21ST CENTURY – SCULLING COMES TO NANTUCKET.



In the Summer of 2017, three rowers from Chicago, Mike Springer, Parker Springer, and Lilly Springer took to their bikes to explore the ponds of Nantucket in to find water suitable for rowing. After visiting several

of the great ponds on Nantucket, they found themselves on the shore of Hummock Pond. A 3800-meter stretch of water that was protected from wind and waves, and had an area for launching rowing shells. Nantucket Rowing was set into motion. That same year Nantucket Rowing was formed as a US Rowing Organization # 11572.

The next year, Mike and Parker Springer loaded up a 34' double and 27' single onto their Jeep Wrangler in Chicago and set on the 900-mile drive to Hyannis to catch the ferry to Nantucket.





Upon arriving at Hummock Pond with the rowing shells, Mike, Parker and Debi Lilly met Rich Phillips, former Yale and Cambridge rower and part-time Nantucket resident. Rich became the first member of Nantucket Rowing and a co-founder as well. One

morning, after going for a row and realizing ants had made a home in their rowing shoes, Mike and Rich decided it was time to find the property owner and seek permission for both rowing on the land at Hummock Pond and to build a boat rack that would keep the boats up and off the ground. They found Henry Bartlett. Henry and his family were more than gracious and supportive of the idea of allowing Nantucket Rowing to use their property. Thank you Henry for your continued support!



In 2020, Nantucket Rowing began rowing off-island as well. Nantucket Rowing won its first Gold Medal as David Reinisch won the Lightweight Men's Masters Single event in Desert Sprints, Tempe Arizona. During the fall of 2020, Nantucket was graced with

a guest rower for several weeks as Jack Lopas, the captain of the Yale Bulldogs crew trained for his appearance with New Zealand in the Tokyo Olympics.





During 2021, Nantucket Rowing gained its first affiliation with collegiate coaches as Lily Carbeck and Tom Siddall of Tufts University, began working with our rowers on island. Today, Lily is coaching at Tufts and Tom is coaching the Harvard Men's heavyweight team, and both are still

affiliated with Nantucket Rowing. (Tom and Lilly were married in August of 2023!). The year of 2021 also brought the first appearance of Nantucket Rowing at Head of the Charles as Mike Springer and Lilly Springer competed in the Parent - Child Directors Challenge. This is also the year that Nantucket Rowing secured its 501(c3) non-profit designation with the IRS.

2022 marked the foray into Coastal Rowing as Richard Phillips donated his Coastal 1x from France to Nantucket Rowing. The boat was brought to Francis Street beach and was used to begin testing rowing on the harbor.



In 2023, we increased our boat and oar count through donations of equipment to the club, as the number of regular club rowers exceeded 20. Our Coastal Rowing fleet also grew with the addition of a Filippi double that was delivered from Italy. We saw a significant increase in visiting high school and college rowers to continue training on island. We also saw interest from the Nantucket Community with numerous residents who wanted to learn to row or to re-enter the sport.



Nantucket Rowing has become an established Community Rowing Club.





# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Nantucket Rowing, Inc (Nantucket Rowing) is a registered 501(c)3 with the IRS. Currently Nantucket Rowing, Inc is eligible to file an annual statement via the IRS with the postcard Form 990. Nantucket Rowing, Inc is incorporated in Massachusetts as a non-profit and is governed by US Rowing, Inc.

## Financial Accounts

- Bank Account (Bank of America)  
Current Balance: \$1,050
- Venmo Account (Registered Charity)  
Current Balance: \$340
- Paypal Account (Registered Charity)  
Current Balance: \$0

Total Cash on Hand: \$1,390



## STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Below is a table based on the Fair Market Value of the equipment owned by Nantucket Rowing, Inc.

ASSET	VALUE
Filippi 2020 Coastal 2x	13,500
Filippi 2001 2x	4,500
Filippi 1994 1x	3,500
Hudson 2004 1x	3,500
Kaschper 2012 2x	4,000
Vespoli 2004 2x	4,500
7 sets of Concept 2 Oars	3,250
Zodiac Launch Boat	6,250
3 HP electric motor	2,250
Boat Rack and Erg Platform	1,750
Concept 2 Rower	450
Gear Box	1,500
Misc Equipment (slings, car racks, life jackets, locks, etc)	750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,700</b>



# 2024 PROGRAMMING AND BUDGET

## PROGRAMMING

Masters: Mon (5 - 6:00 pm) Wed (4 - 5:30 pm) Sat (8 - 9:30 am) Sun (8 - 9:30 am)

Learn to Row: TH (7:00 - 8:30 am), Sat (9:30 am - 10:00 am), Sun (9:30 am - 10:30 am)

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## 2024 BUDGET

OPERATIONS	ANNUAL AMOUNT
Website (Weebly) and email	500
Payroll (If needed)	500
Team Management Software (iCrew)	300
Filing Fees	200
US Rowing Membership and Liability	1,750
Equipment Insurance	750
Assistant Coach	2,500
Total Operations	6,500

NEW EQUIPMENT	AMOUNT
4 Glide One Boats with Shipping	18,000
4 sets of Concept 2 Oars	3,000
3 Filippi Life Jackets	3,000
9 HP Electric Motor	3,500
Electric Battery	2,500
Boat Rack	700
Total Equipment	\$28,000

Total Budget for 2024: \$34,500

\*Note Operation Expenses are expected to be covered by Membership Fees and Private Lessons. The remaining \$28,000 will be subject to fundraising/donations.

# 2024 PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE

## MEMBERSHIPS\*

- SUMMER MEMBERSHIP  
(APRIL 15 TO DEC 1)
  - INDIVIDUAL - \$600
  - FAMILY - \$1000
  - STUDENT - \$350
- MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP
  - INDIVIDUAL - \$300
  - FAMILY - \$500
  - STUDENT - \$175
- WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP
  - INDIVIDUAL - \$150
  - FAMILY - \$250
  - STUDENT - \$85
- VISITING ROWER - Free for 2 days
- ERG Only - \$0

## PRIVATE LESSONS\*

- PRIVATE SESSIONS
  - Members - \$175 per hour
  - Non-Members - \$225 per hour



\* 100% of all Fees are used to support and maintain the operations of Nantucket Rowing, Inc.

# 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President (Commodore) - Mike Springer
- Vice President (Vice Commodore) - Richard Phillips
- Treasurer - Open
- Secretary - Open
- General Counsel - Adam Dread
- Director at Large - Lilly Springer
- Director at Large - Open
- Social Commissioner - Debi Lilly
- Fundraising Commissioner - Open
- Membership Commissioner - Open
- Rowing Commissioner - Open

We will be filling the open seats in the Spring of 2024.



# 2024 INITIATIVES

## Learn to Row Program



In 2024, Nantucket Rowing is striving to develop a Learn to Row program. We are set to evaluate Glide boats that are affordable and stable boats designed for learn to row programs.

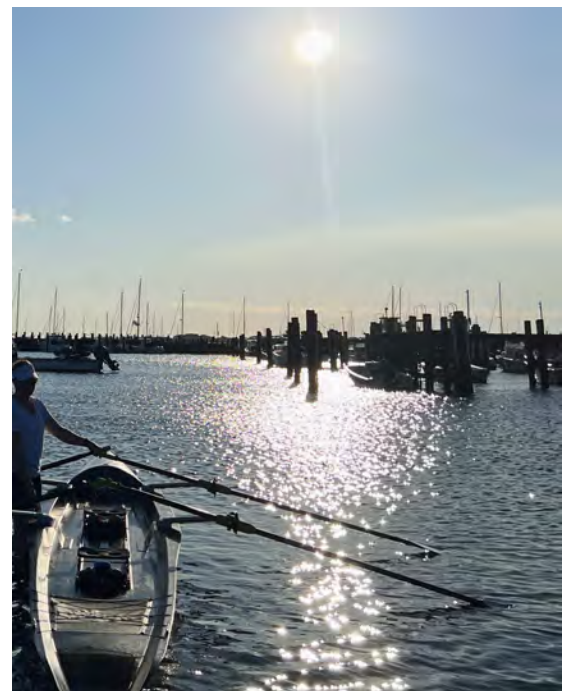
The GlideSolo is designed for those learning the sport of rowing or those who want a more stable platform for leisure, touring, or exploring. The hull is designed for agility, is portable and even has a spring-loaded fin so it can rest on the ground rigger up. The boat is very durable and made with a minimum of moving parts to reduce maintenance. This hull with its large volume can be used for training and non-traditional rowing in rougher water.



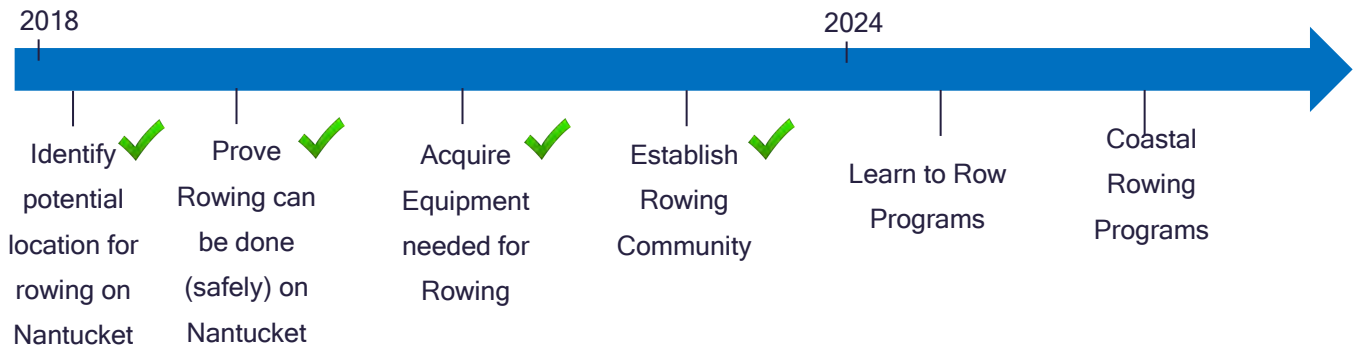
## Coastal Rowing



Coastal Rowing is a whole different kind of rowing that takes place on beaches where you typically see surfers. Coastal Rowing will likely make its Olympic debut in 2028 in the Los Angeles Olympics. There is a head-to-head beach sprint race as well as 6K endurance race around buoys that is in the format of sailing races. Nantucket Rowing intends to move from rowing on the Harbor in 2023 to testing the waters on the South shores. The Learn to Row boats are constructed to also serve as Coastal boats and Nantucket is one of the few places that you can row on a flat-water lake and drag a boat over a beach to the ocean.



# 2024 AND BEYOND



## OUR VISION

Imagine a sport that enables ten or more Nantucket High School students a year to have scholarship opportunities and academic selection advantages to many of the best colleges in the world. Imagine children at the Boys and Girls Club having a chance to participate in a sport that builds confidence, provides outdoor exercise, and builds social skills. Imagine a sport that brings together people of all ages, provides a sense of community, provides low impact exercise, and enables residents and visitors to enjoy the natural resources of the Island. And imagine an organization that attracts elite athletes to travel to because of both traditional calm water rowing and coastal rowing. This is the future of Nantucket Rowing.

We have been on a journey with the support of many generous people to get where we are today, and we can't say thank you enough. All that we do with this program and sport we do with an emphasis on safety and building on Nantucket's iconic rowing history.





# DONATIONS

In 2023, Nantucket Rowing, Inc a 501c3 (IRS Public Charity, EIN: 84-2486830) was set up on Venmo and Paypal to take donations in addition to donations via check. We now also have access to a database generously provided by John Seitz of FoundationIQ consisting of foundations that donate to rowing organizations. Any amount of a donation is appreciated and 100% of donations are used directly with the rowing program.

## Check

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## PayPal

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