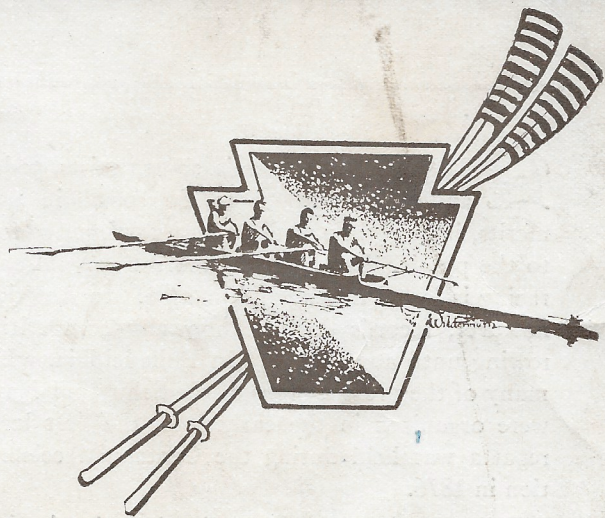




Rowing

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ROWING, a real man's sport, exists today and will continue to do so on its own merits, it being one of the oldest pastimes offered to the public. The earliest record of actual boat racing is found in England in 1826. In America, however, records do not show any competitive rowing until about 1860. In Philadelphia, while many of the present clubs of the Schuylkill Navy were organized in the early '60s, the first large regatta was held during the Centennial celebration in 1876.

Being purely amateur, rowing is maintained in Philadelphia and other cities by organized clubs, consisting of those who have known the thrill of the sliding seat, the rhythm and swing of the bodies of a well trained crew, the leap and the run of the frail craft at each stroke as every muscle is exerted to win the race; and also of those who realize the benefits derived from crew training as a most healthful exercise.

"Once an oarsman—always a 'fan'" has proved the rule for generations, and today the most

enthusiastic followers are those who faced the starting line back in the '80s and '90s.

Realizing how few are really familiar with racing shells and the benefits obtained from rowing, and how, through co-operation, such a sport can be enjoyed at slight individual cost, *The Pennsylvania Barge Club* invites you to inspect its clubhouse and equipment and receive first hand information concerning the sport.

Aside from rowing *The Pennsylvania Barge Club* offers many unusual attractions and amusements in its club life. Being situated in a beautiful section of Fairmount Park, convenient to the centre of the city, the club has always been a popular meeting place at any time of the year. During the winter months especially, social events and activities afford the members and their friends many enjoyable occasions—the clubhouse possessing numerous social facilities.

The Pennsylvania Barge Club was founded in 1861. Its then list of members contains the names

of young men, many of whom afterwards became prominent merchants and manufacturers of this city.

The start was crude, a one-story one-room building and a single boat capable of carrying 14 men.

By steady development and rebuilding, the club house today is a beautiful three story stone building, housing boats sufficient to carry over 125 men, large airy, well-furnished club-rooms, shower baths, locker rooms, pool tables and facilities found only in the large clubs in the centre city district.

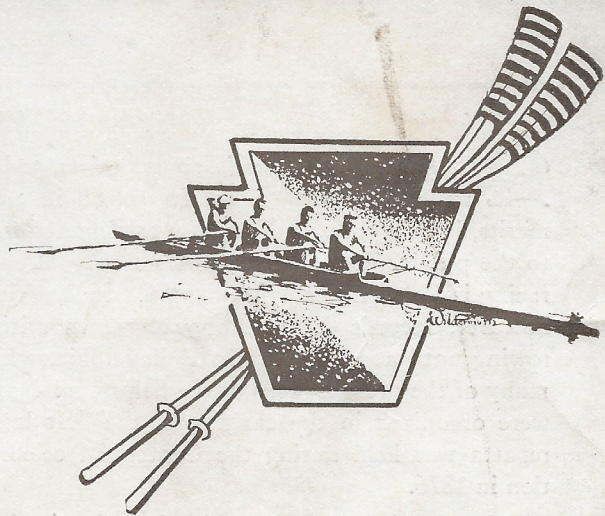
Every advantage is given a young man to develop. The trophy room contains flags, banners and cups representing victories won in many cities where regattas are held.

In 1920 a four-oared shell crew from this club won the right to represent this country at the Olympic games in Antwerp.

Besides rowing, swimming is indulged in by those who enjoy it; a plunge into the river directly from the boat slip is particularly refreshing after a hot day in the city.

The club house is situated along the river drive just a short distance beyond Green Street entrance to the park; many car lines bring you within a few squares.

While the dues are far less than obtain in any club owning its club house in the city, the class of membership is restricted so that it is representative of all that is best.



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