



PENNSYLVANIA BARGE CLUB
MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK





PHILADELPHIA, PA

Dear Member

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Pennsylvania Barge Club, I want to thank you for your interest and welcome you as a Member of our rowing club.

We have a proud heritage dating back to 1861, which includes many Olympic and National Championships. Our historic building has housed many organizations which have been instrumental in the advancement of American Rowing, including the Schuylkill Navy of Philadelphia, the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen and the US Rowing Association.

Many notable people in the history of American Rowing have called Pennsylvania Barge their home. Among these are Max Schmitt, six-time single sculls champion; Thomas Eakins, the great American realist painter; and Ernest Bayer, the father of American women's rowing.

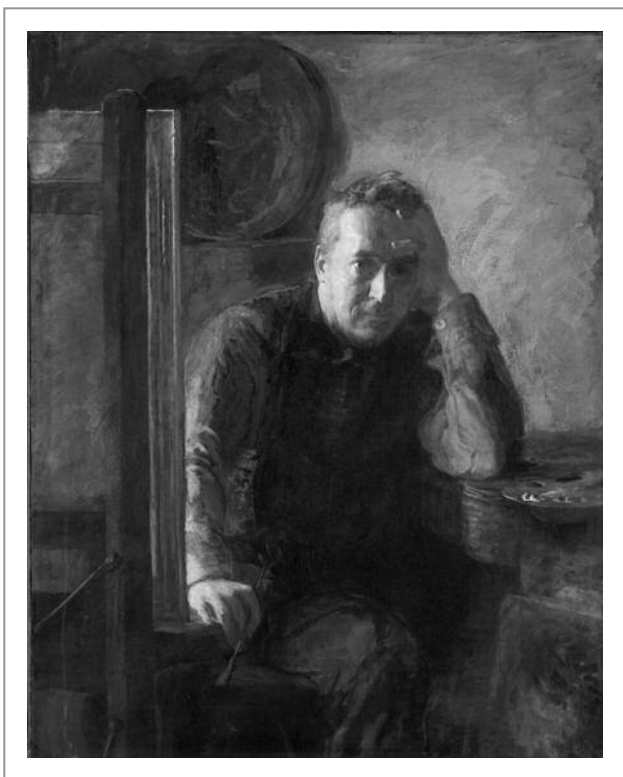
Today, our Members enjoy top-notch rowing shells and equipment, as well as beautifully appointed public and private spaces. We proudly display a rich collection of rowing artifacts and memorabilia.

Our Members compete at all the Philadelphia regattas, as well as the Head of the Charles, USRA Masters Nationals and FISA World Masters. We also sponsor the annual Philadelphia Frostbite Regatta, which is held on the last regatta weekend in November, and features events for junior, collegiate and master men and women.

We hope that you will share with us the glory of the past and our enthusiasm for the future. Enclosed please find your membership card. You are now a Member of an amateur athletic organization with an important history and a bright future.

Sincerely,

President Emeritus



THOMAS C. EAKINS

AMERICAN PAINTER, SCULPTOR, PHOTOGRAPHER

MEMBER: PENNSYLVANIA BARGE CLUB

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HISTORY OF PENNSYLVANIA BARGE CLUB

The Pennsylvania Barge Club was founded in 1861. In the beginning, Members stored their equipment at the Quaker City Barge Club, which is now the site of the Fairmount Rowing Club. As membership grew rapidly, the Club subsequently engaged Philadelphia architect Louis Hickman to design an enlarged two-story Victorian-style stone building, in the lot adjacent to Quaker City, containing additional private and public spaces. This was completed in 1869. The building was clad in Wissahickon Schist, a very popular 19th century building stone quarried in Valley Green. Its most notable and distinguishing features are the first floor "Witches Hat" enclosing the circular stairway to the boat bays, and the large and inviting front porch overlooking the bike path in Fairmount Park. In 1912 extensive modifications were made to the second floor, adding function spaces, a Pub, and kitchen. A third floor with locker rooms was also added. The entire building was extensively renovated beginning in 2009, and modern electric, heating, cooling and plumbing facilities were installed.

PBC rowers were extremely successful from the earliest days of the Club, and dominated in single sculls competition during the 1860's and 1870's. Thomas Eakins, the great American realist painter, was a member of the Club during this period, and completed all of his rowing subjects between 1871 and 1874. His first during this period was entitled "Max Schmitt in a Single Scull". Schmitt was a very close friend of Eakins and a six-time single sculls champion for PBC. Eakins' very last rowing subject, also depicting his friend Schmitt, was entitled "The Pennsylvania Barge Club Four." PBC remained highly successful in competition, winning fourteen National Championship events, and six Olympic medals in the Games of 1920, 1924, 1928 and 1932. Many artifacts, medals, photos, banners and memorabilia celebrating these victories are on display throughout the Club.

Tragically, the Club lost many members during World War II and the Korean War, and became unsustainable as a rowing operation in 1955. The Club resigned from the Schuylkill Navy and transferred all of its assets, including the building, to a new nonprofit organization called the Schuylkill Navy Association. This entity maintained the building and leased portions of it to various administrative rowing organizations, including the Schuylkill Navy and the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen. In 1958 the boat bays were leased to Drexel University for their rowing program, which remained at PBC until 2008. Over the years, several other organizations leased facilities at the Club, including the US Rowing Association (successor of NAAO), the Masters Rowing Association, the Schoolboy Rowing Association, the Middle States Regatta Association, the Dad Vail Regatta and the Pennsylvania Rowing Program for the Disabled. The Schuylkill Navy Association was later reorganized as the US Rowing Society and then again as the Philadelphia Rowing Society, which in 2008 revived The Pennsylvania Barge Club

as an operational rowing entity, and rejoined the Schuylkill Navy.

Many luminaries of our sport called PBC home, including Max Schmitt, our eighteen Olympic medalists, Thomas Eakins, James Juvenal, and many National Champions. But none has made such a deep and lasting impact on our sport than Ernest Henry Bayer (1904-1997):

Olympic Silver Medalist - Amsterdam 1928	Author, USRA Rules of Rowing
National Champion	Co-Founder, Schoolboy Rowing Association of America
President, Pennsylvania Barge Club	Olympic Team Coach and Official
President, Schuylkill Navy Association	USRA and FISA Referee
Commodore of the Schuylkill Navy	Head Referee, Dad Vail Regatta
President, National Association of Amateur Oarsmen	Winner, USRA Carlin Award
Treasurer, National Association of Amateur Oarsmen	Inductee, USRA Hall of Fame

He was also one of the founding fathers of American women's rowing and was an advocate for competitive women's rowing. He taught his wife, the legendary Ernestine Bayer, to scull while holding on to her gig on the PBC docks at night, so as to avoid detection. Women were not permitted as members on Boathouse Row during this time. Ernestine was an early star in American women's rowing, and was later inducted into the USRA Hall of Fame. Their daughter, also named Ernestine, was one of the first of the great generation of international women rowing athletes in the 60's. He coached the 1967 "Vichy Eight" which was the first US women's crew in international competition. He was inducted into the USRA Hall of Fame twice; first as an Olympic Athlete, and later as the coach of the Vichy Eight. Our Club's annual service award is dedicated to preserving the memory and legacy of Ernest Henry Bayer.

Today, PBC members enjoy top-notch rowing shells and equipment, as well as beautifully appointed public and private spaces, including the Board Room, Trophy Room, Main Reception Room, Bathrooms, Kitchen and a brand new Pub. There are new Men's and Women's Locker Rooms on the completely renovated third floor. The Club has two large-screen TV's on the second floor, and Wi-Fi throughout. Club members compete at all the Philadelphia regattas, as well as The Head of the Charles, USRA Masters Nationals and FISA World Masters. PBC also sponsors the annual Philadelphia Frostbite Regatta, which is held on the last regatta weekend of November, and features events for junior, collegiate and master men and women.

BOATHOUSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Pennsylvania Barge Club is a significant building in American rowing history, and is designated on the National Register of Historical Places by the U.S. National Park Service. The Board of Directors of PBC has invested heavily in restoring the building to near-original condition, while upgrading the facilities with modern conveniences. A paramount objective of the Board is to maintain the building as a showcase of valuable American rowing artifacts, media and documents, and to provide a pleasant, interesting, well-run, clean and organized meeting and event space for members, multiple tenants and renters. It is in this spirit that the following House Rules have been authorized by the Board.

No Smoking in the Building. No Alcoholic Beverages are permitted for anyone under age 21. No Plastic Water Bottles, in accordance with Schuylkill Navy Regulations. All doors must be kept closed and locked except for entering and exiting. Windows if opened must be shut and locked after use. Animals and unattended children are prohibited.

Common Areas are as Follows:

First Floor Trophy Room

First Floor Board Room

First Floor Ladies Room

Second Floor Meeting Room and Kitchen

Second Floor Pub Room

Second Floor Men's Room

Restricted Areas are as Follows:

Boat Bays: LSCHS & PBC Members

Office in the First Floor Trophy Room: PA Center for Adapted Sports

Coaches Office on the First Floor: Schuylkill Navy, PBC, LSCHS

Pub Room Closet on Second Floor: PBC Members Only

Third Floor: PBC Members Only

Tenants:

La Salle College High School (LSCHS)

Pennsylvania Center for Adaptive Sports

Schuylkill Navy of Philadelphia

Tenants Leased Areas:

LSCHS: Boat Bays, Side Yard and First Floor Coaches Office

PA Center for Adaptive Sports: First Floor Trophy Room Office

Schuylkill Navy: First Floor Board Room and Coaches Office

PBC Members:

PBC Individual Members

PBC Corporate Members

Meetings and Events Not Taking Place in the Tenant's Leased Area Must Be Scheduled via PBC Website or calling the Club President Gene Gallagher at 610.955.5316.

Use of the Common Areas is subject to Rental Charge.

Students and Coaches are permitted only in the Tenants Leased Area. While security key card access to Common Areas will be granted to a limited number of coaches, such access should be limited to emergencies and exceptional situations. Any non-emergency use of the Common Areas by Students and Coaches must be scheduled and approved in advance, and Students must be closely supervised at all times by Coaches and/or Adult Chaperones. This includes events sponsored by La Salle Crew and the La Salle Crew Parents Association.

Erging on the Second Floor is permitted only for PBC Members, and only when the ergs are removed immediately after use and returned to the Third Floor for storage. No ergs may be stored on the Second Floor.

After each pre-approved and authorized use, all Common Areas must be returned as found. That is, tables and chairs returned to storage areas, kitchen cleaned, rugs straightened. Upon completion of a meeting, function, or rental, all equipment, materials, and non-PBC property shall be removed. House must be vacated one hour after scheduled function ends.

Storage of any materials in the Common Areas is prohibited.

No unused food shall be left in the kitchen, refrigerator or Pub room. All trash must be placed in trash bags, trash cans emptied and taken curbside. Cleanup is the responsibility of the user.

As PBC has many tenants, playing loud music, other than part of a scheduled event, is prohibited.

Use of all Common Areas must be scheduled: there are no exceptions. Reservations are made by calling Club President Gene Gallagher at 610.955.5316.

Violation of these rules will result in loss of Common Area privileges or loss of security deposit.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Personal Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Weight: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____

Mailing address

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Family Status: S _____ M _____ HH: _____ W: _____

Emergency Contact name and phone # _____

Permanent address (if different from above)

Street: _____ City: _____

State _____ Zip _____

Educational/Professional Information

High School: _____

College/University: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____ Years with Employer: _____

If still a student, what year: _____ Self History: (What are you studying in school? What do you do for a living? What hobbies? Honors or rowing involvement?)

Rowing information:

Rowing experience: Yes/No _____ Number of Years: _____ Sweep / Scull / Both

Current Membership _____

Previous Clubs: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Are you planning to race? _____

Please circle your skill level in each boat classification:

Sculling: Novice/None Junior Intermediate Senior/Elite Master

Sweep: Novice/None Junior Intermediate Senior/Elite Master

Membership Category: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Full Member: \$500.00

House access during practice and regattas

House access to ergometers

House access to locker rooms

Discounted House Rental (approved by committee)

Rowing access

Note: New full members are subject to a \$500.00 improvement fee payable over 5 years at \$100.00 each year plus \$500.00 member dues.

Charter Member: \$3000.00

Recognition as Charter Member

Seven years rowing membership

House access during practice and regattas

Access to ergometers

House access to locker rooms

Discounted House Rental (approved by committee)

Rowing access

Life Member:

Based on merit and vote of board members

Recognition as Life Member

House access during practice and regattas

Access to ergometers

House access to locker rooms

Discounted House Rental (approved by committee)

Rowing access

Dues invoice payable upon receipt.

Check payable to: Pennsylvania Barge Club

Mail payment to: Mark Gibbons, Treasurer
8605 Cheltenham Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA 19038



EVENT RENTAL AGREEMENT

To book a rental, call the Club President, Gene Gallagher at 610.955.5316

This Agreement, governing the rental of the captioned premises (premises or Clubhouse) From the Pennsylvania Barge Club (PBC) is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20_____, on the terms and conditions set forth below. Intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

NAME OF RENTER: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE NO: (Day) _____ (Cell) _____
ORGANIZATION: _____
ADDRESS: _____

Date of Rental: _____
Time: from _____ to _____
Type of affair: _____
Number of people expected: _____ **Rental fee:** \$ _____
Deposit: 50% of rental fee \$ _____

Payment: The above stated deposit shall be paid at signing, Rental fee shall be paid 30 days prior to day of rental. Checks should be made payable to: Pennsylvania Barge Club, and mailed to: Mark Gibbons, Treasurer
8605 Cheltenham Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA 19038.

The deposit shall cover damage to the premises that arises in any way from the rental covered by this agreement and as security for compliance with all conditions of the rental as set forth in the agreement.

The deposit will be returned to renter by PBC promptly, after inspection following conclusion of the rental, to the extent no damage is found. (Please submit a self-addressed envelope to expedite the return). Renter agrees to reimburse PBC for all costs of repair in excess of the amount of the deposit.

USE OF PREMISES: First floor trophy room and lady's room, second floor bar room, main room, kitchen, and men's room. Renter agrees that no one shall be permitted entrance into the boat basement or onto the dock area at any time. Use of outside facilities shall be limited to front porch and upper rear deck. Decorations shall not be taped, tacked or stapled, to wall and ceilings. Front door must be closed at all times.

TIME OF RENTAL: Renter specifically agrees to conclude the event at the time indicated above. One hour beyond this time is permitted for cleanup.

CLEANUP: Renter is responsible for returning the boathouse to the condition it was in, at the time of the rental. Renter is not responsible for mopping floors, however floors shall be swept, decorations removed, all spills cleaned, and all trash and food removed from the premises at the conclusion of the rental. All PBC supplies used by renter, such as dishes and glasses, shall be washed and put away. Trash must be securely tied in plastic bags and placed outside next to the city trash container.

USE OF ALCOHOL ON PREMISES: In entering into this agreement, renter expressly acknowledges that it bears sole responsibility for the consumption of alcohol by guests on the premises during the rental. Renter further expressly agrees and represents that no alcoholic beverages shall be sold on the premises or served to individuals under the age of 21 years. Beer in kegs is prohibited, without the prior written approval of PBC.

CATERING: Pennsylvania Barge Club has a house caterer that must be used for all catered food. Contact: Chef's Table Catering, 2900 Grays Ferry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19146. Phone 215-925-8360 • www.cateringphiladelphia.com
Renter may provide their own alcoholic beverages.

If, in the sole opinion of a representative of PBC, renter has violated any on the terms of this agreement, this shall be sufficient cause for PBC to terminate the rental immediately, confiscate the deposit, and take such other action as PBC deems appropriate.

CHAPERON: A Pennsylvania Barge Club representative may be present during the course of the rental.

INDEMNIFICATION: In the event of any damage or injury to any person or property arising in whole or in part from the use of the premises by renter and its guests under this agreement, renter agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless PBC and any member thereof for any liability, costs or loss resulting in whole or in part from such damage or injury. The foregoing indemnification shall apply regardless of any allegation of fault on behalf of a PBC member or representative.

Pennsylvania Barge Club	Date
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Renter	Date
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GUEST ROWING RULES

These rules will be in force for a calendar year, with yearly review by the Board.

Pennsylvania Barge Club, in offering guest rows, maintains that in order to do so, the following is the criteria:

- ❖ Ensure rower safety
- ❖ Protect Pennsylvania Barge Club equipment
- ❖ Perhaps cultivate member recruitment (if applicable) or offer guest rows to be hospitable
- ❖ Limit impact on current members

Members in good standing (those who are fully paid) may extend limited, introductory rowing to a guest.

- ❖ A guest is welcome to row with Pennsylvania Barge Club up to five (5) times/rows in a calendar year.
- ❖ The guest must be accompanied by the sponsoring member who is in good standing. The sponsoring member is responsible for ensuring that the guest complies with all requirements stated herein.
- ❖ Advance approval from a club officer is required or from the PBC Captain. The PBC officer, in consultation with the captain will determine whether an individual's stated experience is sufficient to allow his or her participation. Novices may row with an experienced member with the approval of the Captain.
- ❖ Guests must be approved, with notice as outlined above.
- ❖ All guests must complete and sign the US Rowing waiver and emergency form prior to rowing from PBC. Forms are located with the rowing log book in the Trophy Room.
- ❖ A guest's name must be printed in the rowing log along with the name of the sponsoring member. The log book is located in the boat bay.

Equipment

- ❖ Members may take a guest out in PBC boats. Use of non club equipment is prohibited.
- ❖ Single or gig guest use is prohibited.
- ❖ A Member must row in the bow seat of any team sculling boat.
- ❖ A guest and sponsoring member must adhere to all guidelines/restrictions related to boat usage in accordance with PBC policies.
- ❖ A sponsoring member must check equipment availability with the Captain.
- ❖ Guests cannot use launches.

Family members (child guests)

Children of members who have rowing experience, and would periodically be home, e.g., college vacation, and in a position to row, are permitted to row at PBC when accompanied by their sponsoring parent member. The parent member assumes all duties and responsibilities. All guest rules must be followed.

There is no cost to guest rowing up to five times. After the fifth row, or well beforehand, a guest is urged to join PBC if they are suitable candidates for membership.

Guests are not to be given keys or permitted access to the club without a sponsoring member.

Guests must know how to swim.

Guests may not occupy the club without their sponsoring member.

Composite competitive crews will be permitted only with approval of the Captain and subject to the same guest rules noted above.

Guest Rowing Rules approved by the Board of Directors: 7/28/2015

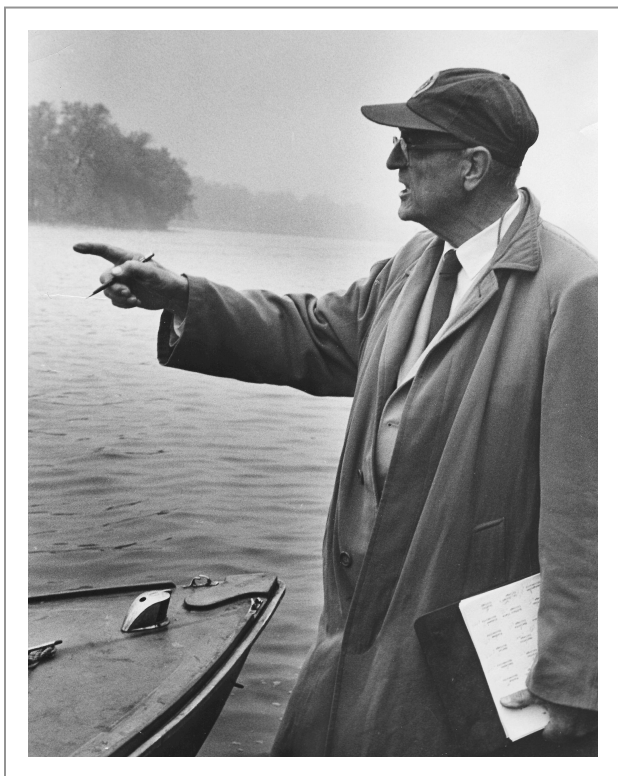
HOUSEKEEPING POLICY

One of the great privileges our Members enjoy is hosting private events and get-togethers at our Club. These can be arranged by Members within the limits of the Club's events and catering policies, and with prior approval by the President. However, since we share our Club's facilities with other Members, and Tenants, any Member who sponsors an event or get-together assumes responsibility for thorough housecleaning immediately afterwards. In general, the spirit of this policy is, "Each Member is obligated to leave the Club at least as clean and tidy, if not better, than the way it was before the event." There are two post event house cleaning obligations; one, the immediate trash removal and kitchen/bar clean-up, and secondly, the final cleaning. The immediate trash removal and kitchen/bar clean-up duty must take place immediately after the event, before the Member leaves the building, and cannot be delayed until the next day or later. This includes the following:

1. All trash must be placed at the curb outside, and each trash can should have a fresh trash bag of the appropriate size placed in it, with additional fresh bags of the appropriate size, placed underneath for the next Member.
2. All remaining food must be discarded or taken home.
3. Any beverages left behind become the property of the Club. These must be placed in the appropriate storage, i.e. liquor in the bar cabinets, beer in the refrigerated store in the bar, etc.
4. All bar and kitchen surfaces must be wiped clean, including the stove top.
5. All dishes, glasses and utensils must be washed, dried and put away. Nothing should remain in the dish rack on the kitchen counter.
6. Any appliances, serving trays, etc. brought in for the event must be removed.
7. All tabletops should be cleaned of any napkins, crumbs, trash, etc.
8. Chairs should be stacked along the stairwell wall.
9. All doors must be locked, lights turned off, and keys put in their proper place.
10. *Final cleaning may take place, at the latest, the morning of the day after the event, and consists of all tasks on the following "Private Event Clean-up Checklist."*

PRIVATE EVENT CLEAN-UP CHECKLIST (MEMBERS)

- ☐ Clean, dry and put away all dishes, utensils, glassware and barware. Nothing should be left in the dish drainer next to the sink.
- ☐ Clean and wipe down all kitchen and bar surfaces including the bar top. Use disinfectant wipes as necessary.
- ☐ Clean and wipe range top, using disinfectant wipes as necessary.
- ☐ Clean and wipe refrigerator shelves, using disinfectant wipes as necessary.
- ☐ Put away all alcoholic beverages and store in the appropriate place in the bar.
- ☐ Discard or take-away all food and beverages supplied for the event. Leave no leftovers in the refrigerator.
- ☐ Clean & take home any personal appliances, utensils, candles or other materials.
- ☐ Empty trash cans, tie-up trash bags and place outside for pick-up.
- ☐ Leave extra trash bags at the bottom of each trash container and place a new trash bag in each. Trash bags are under the sink in the kitchen; extras are in the closet underneath the stairs leading up to the third floor, and in the third floor supply closet.
- ☐ Vacuum wood floors, rugs and steps using the canister vacuum in the closet underneath the stairs going up to the third floor. There are extra HEPA vacuum cleaner bags in this closet and in the third floor supply closet.
- ☐ Stack all chairs. Put tables in original positions.
- ☐ Check bathrooms: remove trash, clean and wipe down sinks and toilets with disinfectant wipes as necessary; replenish all supplies as necessary. Supplies are in the closet in the hallway on the third floor.
- ☐ Check tablecloths; remove those that need cleaning; take home to wash, dry, iron and return ASAP.
- ☐ Take home any dishtowels requiring cleaning; wash, dry and return ASAP.
- ☐ Turn off all lights and A/C units.
- ☐ Lock-up kitchen, bar and third floor, and return keys to their proper location.



ERNEST HENRY BAYER
1904-1997



Contestant Ribbon Worn by
PENNSYLVANIA BARGE CLUB ROWERS
at the
1920 Olympic Games in Brussels



2026 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President and Captain: Gene Gallagher

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