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Boat Club
Manual**

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Malta Boat Club – 1985

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Preface

The first edition of The Malta Boat Club Manual was published near the occasion of the Club's Seventy-fifth Anniversary in 1935. This second edition is to commemorate another special anniversary of the Club, our One Hundred Twenty-fifth. Material presented in this edition was obtained from the first edition, as well as from original sources, such as Club records, minutes of meetings (which have been preserved since 1873), personal recollections of members and secondary sources such as newspaper accounts, including The North American of August 11, 1907, The Evening Ledger and The Evening Bulletin, all former Philadelphia tabloids, and "The Schuylkill Navy of Philadelphia", Volumes I and II.

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Edward T. Lentz

History

1860-1960

The Club was founded as the Malta Barge Club on February 22, 1860 by members of the Minnehaha Lodge of the Sons of Malta: William S. Gregory, Thos. M. Apple and Thomas J. Barger. Co-founders, joining shortly thereafter, were George Pride, William A. Bell, Charles H. Clampert and Gustavus Dubosq. The Club initially used a house on Smith's Island in the Delaware River, off Chestnut Street. The Island has since been removed by dredging. There, the Club kept its first boat, a six-oared barge called the MINNEHAHA.

In 1863, the Club moved to "Pop's Boathouse," located on the east side of the Schuylkill, just above the present Spring Garden Street Dam, although some accounts have it that the old boathouse was moved from the Delaware and anchored at that site. Also in 1863, the Club underwent a reorganization. In that year, the original seven members resigned their memberships and the following persons joined the Club: Louis F. Barger, William H. Lees, Charles T. Illman, Samuel H. Illman, Julian S. Illman, Harold W. Illman, Frank Barnard, James Osborne and George E. Brown. The move to the Schuylkill and the reorganization signaled the coming growth and success of the Club. Early Club members apparently looked on these events as the real beginning of the Malta Boat Club. Indeed, the Club's Twenty-fifth Anniversary was celebrated in 1888, twenty-five years after the reorganization.

Rowing trips were popular with early members. In June, 1860, the MINNEHAHA was rowed down the Delaware to the Chesapeake Bay and up the Elk River. The next year, a rowing outing took the men of Malta to Port Deposit and Havre de Grace on the Susquehanna. These and other trips established a precedent for what may be Malta's most memorable trip,

taken in 1887. In that year, Club members rowed a barge from Kensington up the Delaware, through the Delaware and Raritan Canal at Bordentown and then to New York City. In New York, they were hosted by the Nassau Club and by the New York Athletic Club.

In 1865, the Club purchased the clubhouse of the Excelsior Club, which stood on the site of the present boathouse. As part of a package, Malta also purchased its second barge, the INTREPID, which unlike the MINNEHAHA, was equipped with outriggers. In 1869, the Malta Boat House Association issued capital stock, \$25.00 per share, to Club members to finance reconstruction of the boathouse which, following the reconstruction, consisted of what we now refer to as the Senior Locker Room (the McTague Room) and the bay beneath it.

During these early years, the Club was quite active. Club membership grew to about forty men by the 1880's. Business meetings were held monthly, in much the same manner as present day business meetings. These were usually held at the homes of members, although later on, they were often held at local hotels such as the Colonnade and the Hotel Majestic. The House was kept up by a salaried janitor and by regular maintenance paid for by the Malta Boat House Association, which raised money by issuing notes to members. The Club gradually bought back the shares of stock in the House and repaid the loans. Frequent improvements were made to the house. In 1879, a bay window was added to the side of the house at a cost of \$588.00. In the 1880's, the House was expanded to include what are now the Ladies' Room, the shop and the two bays beneath them. As the Club has in 1985 completed construction of a new river side porch, it is of interest to note that the last porch was constructed in 1890, at a cost of \$228.50. In 1901, issuance of \$12,000 in bonds was

authorized to expand the house to its present size, which construction was completed in February, 1902. In about 1907, the boat bay floor was lowered to its present depth and the cellar was filled in. The Club was admitted to the Schuylkill Navy on August 22, 1865 and was incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 25, 1884.

Throughout its history, the Club has been very active in competitive rowing. In 1865, Malta's first regular racing crew was entered in the six-oared gig event in the Schuylkill Navy Regatta. C. F. Illman (B), J. L. Illman, S. C. Collis, L. F. Barger, F. Barnard, S. H. Illman (S) and W. H. Lees (cox) rowed the 3-mile course with one turn (from Boathouse Row, through Columbia Avenue and back) in the INTREPID in 23 minutes. That winter, the INTREPID was sold and replaced by the HIAWATHA, a faster boat built by Stephen Roberts of Harlem, New York. In 1869, Malta won the six-oared barge race for its first Schuylkill Navy Regatta victory. C. W. Whittaker (B), L. O. Hopper, E. G. Lukens, R. A. Hamilton, E. Illman, F. Barnard (S) and I. Bedichimer (cox) beat the Pennsylvania Barge Club barge in a time of 19:21. In 1873, after some debate, the membership authorized the purchase of "a light boat for racing" (quotation from minutes). In the 1880's competitive rowing boomed at Malta. The squads were led by the likes of Horace Draper, Edw. Illman, J. Evans, H. Hutchinson, Caldwell, Cunningham, Willoughby, Thomas Downing (who won the Championship Belt in 1886), and Abe Rockhill, N. L. Toy, W. C. McIntyre, Jules J. Vogel, Frank Henderson, A. J. Carty, G. Howell Finn, W. R. Munce, W. H. Brown, Jr., F. McDonald, Edward Milligan, P. J. Finnessy, Young, Marlow, Herder, and McMahon. In 1883, a purchase of four rowing machines, for training, was authorized. Malta is generally acknowledged as one of the original supporters of eight-oared shell rowing. The Club's first eight-oared shell was purchased in 1884. The Club adopted the Bob Cooke Stroke in 1885, laying the groundwork for victories in the eight-oared shell event in the Schuylkill Navy Regatta in 1885 and 1886

and for two victories in the then-famous Sharpless Cup in the years of 1885-1887. The 1887 crew went to the N.A.A.O. National Championship Regatta on Chautauqua Lake where they finished a close second to Vesper.

As early as 1880, members of the Club participated in what has become the Schuylkill Navy Thanksgiving Day Run. In those days, instead of a cross country run, Athletic Games were held. Events were the Standing Long Jump, Running Long Jump, Running High Jump, Hammer Throw, Shot-put, 100-yd. Dash, 1-mile Walk, 3-legged Race and Tug-of-War.

Under Captain J. M. McCready and Coach George Van Vliet, a resurgence of activity in the Club began in 1899. The 1901 eight, stroked by Freeland and coxed by Ayres, set the Harlem River one mile record at 4 1/2 minutes. The same crew lost narrowly to the Winnipeg eight at the National Regatta in Philadelphia. In the early 1900's, Club membership totalled nearly 200.

In 1916, Malta's eight, stroked by Bill Hammill won at the American Henley Regatta. In 1920, eight-oared victories were won by junior and intermediate crews. In 1924, using the Ed Marsh stroke taught by Coach Lewis "Cap" Kenney, Malta won the junior eight in the American Henley. In 1925, O. E. Pfeil (B), E. H. Barten, R. Donovan, J. C. Bratten, J. C. Armstrong, W. F. Donovan, J. J. Joeckle, E. F. Hagerty (S) and W. E. Bouvier (cox) set the American Henley course record.

Cap Kenney, who conducted experiments and published on the physics of rowing, was instrumental in the development of lightweight rowing during this period. In 1920, the double of Frank Knowlan and Charles Sherwin placed 2d in the first lightweight event in a Schuylkill Navy Regatta. In 1931, Henry Hosbach and Fred Symes won the inaugural junior lightweight doubles event in the same regatta.

The Depression years, of course, were hard on the Club. By the mid-1930's, though, Malta was a dominant figure in

lightweight sculling. Frank Sheperdson won the SN Championship Belt in August, 1942 and June 1950 and Harold Finigan won it in June 1943 and September 1946. They thus joined Tom Downing as the only Malta members to have won the Belt. Other successful crews included the E. Wisler and F. Sheperdson double; the F. Weiss, Monaghan, F. Kieser and McConville quad; the R. Wilson, J. Cochrane, E. Wisler, J. MacNew and F. Weiss (cox) four with; the J. Cochrane and J. MacNew double; the S. Hanna, Comfort, Mooney and Doyle quad; Gus Constant in the single; and, the junior eights which won the SN Regatta in 1948 and 1949.

The Willows

The Willows, Malta's up-river house, originally opened in July, 1888 at a house, "in the West Park opposite Strawberry Mansion." In 1892, the Club was forced to vacate the house by the Park Commission which was "making a new road to connect with the new bridge over the Railroad" (quotations from minutes). That year, a new house was built by the Willows Association on ground donated by the Park Commission on the West Drive near the Strawberry Mansion Bridge, overlooking the River. Around the new house were tennis courts, a baseball field, quoit ground and a cricket crease. The Willows was used for social events, including the very popular "barge parties" during which barges and ladies boats would be rowed to the Willows for picnics and other celebrations. The Willows was finally closed in 1932 following, it seems, a shooting incident involving a tenant living in the house.

Prominent individuals and families

Malta can count among its members and their families, past and present, many outstanding members as well as many prominent businessmen, professionals, athletes and politicians. Included among these in roughly chronological order are:

The Bedichimer Family. Isaac, who joined in 1865, purchased the first shares of stock in the Malta Boat House Association. Mr. Bedichimer was one of

the original signers of the Schuylkill Navy charter of incorporation in 1882. Louis and Harry joined the Club in 1908. I. Bedichimer and Co. Jewelers at 731 Sansom Street, which was founded in about 1860, will be closing its doors in 1985.

The Illman Family. Starting with Charles T., Samuel H., Julian S. and Harold W., who joined the Club in 1863, members of the Illman family have contributed greatly to the Club. Samuel was treasurer from 1863 until 1893. Charles was president from 1873 until 1890. Other Illmans who were Club members include Alfred (1864), Edwin (1868) and Dr. George M. Today, the Dr. George Morton Illman Award is given annually by the Club to persons who have made outstanding contributions, without accolade, to rowing on the Schuylkill.

William H. Lees served the Club as Secretary from 1870-1890.

John Drew, who joined in 1873, was a famous actor.

The Eisenlohr family. C. J., August and Otto Eisenlohr joined the Club in 1885. Louis H. Eisenlohr joined in 1887.

Charles A. Clark, who joined in 1885, was the featherweight boxing champion of the United States in 1886.

George Harkins was the lightweight wrestling champion of the United States in 1886.

Howard E. Young, who joined in 1885 and was secretary of the Guaranty Trust Company, served the Club as Secretary from 1891 and as Treasurer from 1893 until his death in 1933. Mr. Young was also Treasurer of the Schuylkill Navy for many years.

James M. Beck, who joined in 1888, was a member of Congress and a Solicitor General of the United States.

Henry Penn Burke served as President of the Club for over twenty years. Among numerous other positions, Mr. Burke was on the Executive Committee of the N.A.A.O. prior to serving as

President of that organization. In Vol. II of "The Schuylkill Navy", Charles Kain remembers Mr. Burke for having established an unequalled record for honors and accomplishments. Indeed, the Henry Penn Burke monument on Boathouse Row stands in testimony to his accomplishments and contributions.

Samuel H. Truitt is credited by Lou Heiland in "The Schuylkill Navy of Philadelphia" with a "conspicuous record of service." He served as an Officer of the Club and of the Schuylkill Navy as well as President of the Middle States Regatta Association and as a member of the Executive Committee of the N.A.A.O. As stated, again by Lou Heiland, he "was universally recognized as a most conscientious and faithful official in rowing. He worked diligently to advance the best interests of amateur rowing and to maintain it on a high plane of dignity and efficiency. To this sport he made a generous contribution by his indefatigable efforts."

Edward Marsh competed for Malta in the 1890's and then went to Paris in 1900 in Vesper's Olympic eight. He returned to coach Malta to many victories from about 1912 to 1920.

Lewis H. "Cap" Kenney served the Club as Coach and as President. He is acknowledged as the originator of the Schuylkill Navy Match Races with the assistance of fellow Club member, John M. Clarke. He was a principal supporter of lightweight rowing and was instrumental in getting lightweight events added to many regattas, including the N.A.A.O. Regatta. Cap joined the Club in 1910 and began coaching in 1921.

Harold Finigan has been competing for over fifty consecutive years and has contributed much during this time.

John E. McTague won the mileage award three times. He averaged 1400 miles per year from 1923-1935. His bequest to the Club in 1971 placed the Club on sound financial footing into the foreseeable future.

Alfred C. Wilson served the Club for many years. A memorial fund was set up

in his honor in 1961 to prolong the life of the Club in the event of an emergency.

Charles F. Kelley was the Philadelphia District Attorney in and about 1936.

Frederick Weiss has been a tremendous supporter of Malta's competitors during his fifty-plus years as a Club member. He held several Offices in the Club and in the Schuylkill Navy.

Dr. Robert C. White was the Philadelphia City Controller in the 1930's and was the first recipient of the Dr. George Morton Illman Award.

The Cochrane Family. Will Sr. was active for many years. He served as Vice-President in 1937, 38, 39, 40 and 42 and as President from 1976-1979. His brothers, Joe and Phil, also held Club Offices as did his son, Will Jr., who was Vice-President from 1974-1983 and Secretary from 1964-1971.

William J. Knecht rowed in Vesper's 1960 Olympic eight and has served many years in the N.A.A.O./U.S.R.A.

John Dever has served the Club as Secretary for 14 years and counting. He has also served the Club as coach and has been a regatta official for many years.

Richard E. Stehlik, who joined the Club in 1965, served as Coach for 13 years and was primarily responsible for revitalizing the Club in the 1970's. Rick rowed with Fred Duling in the bronze medal-winning double at the FISA Lightweight Regatta in 1977 and coached Stan Depman and Fred Duling to a bronze medal in the same regatta in 1978. A constant supporter of club rowing, Rick led the early legal challenges to the closed camp system of national team selection. His contributions to the recent success and vitality of the Club cannot be underestimated.

Of course, many others have made outstanding contributions to the Club, each in his own way. Included among these are: George Hines, Charles Colgan, Dr. George Root, William West,

John C. Bratten, Al C. Wilson, Robert Ayres, James F. Brannon, James MacNew, William Hammill, William Bookhamer, Samuel Hanna, William Donovan, Victor E. Moore, Frank Sheperdson, Fred Duling, George Rapp, Horace Draper, Samuel M. Drew, Frank Kieser and others, including our fifty year members: Frank A. Knowlan (1919), Algernon Fitzpatrick (1921), Axel Bergholm (1922), Fred Symes (1930), Robert Wilson (1931), Philip Cochrane (1934) and, noted previously, Fred Weiss (1934) and Harold Finigan (1929).

Past Commodores of the Schuylkill Navy are: Henry Penn Burke (1907-08), Samuel H. Truitt (1923-30), Dr. Robert C. White ((Penn. A.C., 1930-34), George G. Melloy (Undine, 1914-1917) and Charles V. Doyle (Undine, 1934-35).

Past Vice-Commodores are: Edward G. Lukens (1871), Isaac Bedichimer (1878-81), John F. Hunecker (1882-84), Dr. George F. Root (1895-97), Henry Penn Burke (1906-07), George G. Melloy (Undine, 1913-14), Samuel H. Truitt (1921-23), Dr. Robert C. White (Penn A. C., 1929-30), Charles V. Doyle (Undine, 1930-34) and John C. Bratten (1949-51).

Other Malta men who served the Schuylkill Navy include Charles T. Illman (Secy.-Treas., 1868), Louis F. Barger (Secy.-Treas., 1868-70), Howard E. Young (Treas., 1899-33), Frank A. Knowlan (Treas. 1934-53), Walter H. Rogers (Log-Keeper, 1890-97), Samuel Drew (Secy. 1943-46), Fred Weiss, Jr. (Sec. 1955-59), Fred Symes (Custodian, 1957-59) and Kevin Colgan (Secy. 1984-).

Thanksgiving Day runs

Since the first race in 1899, Malta has won the team prize in the Thanksgiving Day Run 5 times (1931, 32, 47-49). Individual winners are: Robert Ayres (1901, 33:31), K. Schested (1915-16, 32:41, 30:25), George F. Rapp (1929-33, 31:46, 33:06, 31:09, 31:04, 31:28), John M. Clarke (1929, 31, 34-37, 31:46, 31:09, 32:40, 32:32, 31:34, 31:32), Philip Cochrane (1938-39, 32:05, 32:33) Joe Cochrane (1945, 21:39), Frank Kieser (1945, 21:39) and Gus Constant (1949-50, 31:00, 33:08).

Schuylkill Navy regatta records (one mile)

Malta Boat Club holds seven SN records, all at the one mile distance. These are: Nov. Ltwt. Gig (Thomas Brophy, 1950, 8:36.8); Jr. Ltwt. Sgl. (Gus Constant, 1948, 6:13.3); Inter. Sgl. (Jas. L. Brown, 1919, 6:03.6); Sr. Ltwt. Sgl. (Philip H. Cochrane, 1938, 6:03.6); Jr. Ltwt. Double (John Hagerty (B) and John Laurenz (S), 1948, 5:49); Sr. Ltwt. Double (Fred Symes (B) and Philip H. Cochrane (S), 1938, 5:43); and Jr. Four With (Ignatius Piechoski (B), Robert Weimann (2), Frank Sheperdson (3), Richard Mooney (S) and Bones McDonnell (C) 1948, 5:41.3).

Twenty-five year commemorations

25th. A commemorative race was held on September 22, 1888.

50th. A dinner was given at the Hotel Majestic (Broad and Girard) on February 26, 1910. Honored guests included then Mayor Reyburn, City of Philadelphia.

75th. A dinner was given at the Boathouse on November 16, 1935 with dancing and entertainment provided by Jimmy Tyson.

100th. A dinner was given at the Boathouse on May 21, 1960 followed by dancing. The Hall of Acclaim was inaugurated that year.

125th. Among several other events planned during 1985, a dinner followed by dancing will be given at the Boathouse on September 14, 1985.

1960-1985

1960 saw the Club at somewhat of an ebb of activity. According to The Evening Bulletin of February 23, 1960, the average age of Malta's rowing members was then 65 years. As the 60's progressed, rowing from the Club consisted mainly of schoolboy activities. The coaching chores were handled by George Hines who also coached LaSalle High School. He enjoyed success with his squad, including a National Championship for Schoolboys' Eights. The summer program consisted of oarsmen

primarily on the junior and intermediate levels. The primary exceptions to this were the continuing successes of Harold Finigan on the Masters Level and the emergence of Fred Duling as an Elite Lightweight sculler. John Dever also coached during this period. Towards the end of the 1960's, Charles Colgan became involved in establishing the junior rowing category as a national presence and developed several fine junior crews from Malta. In the late 60's, the junior double of Walt Konopoka and Jack Edling competed in the World Championship and almost won the gold medal.

Lack of financing made maintenance of the Club a constant struggle. Members such as Fred Weiss, Will Cochrane Sr., and Bill Donovan helped to keep the house in operation. The rowing program gradually declined in the late 60's after George Hines left to coach LaSalle College. Other members of the rowing team drifted to other clubs. Rick Stehlik emerged as an elite single sculler but was without other oarsmen to team with for crew competition. Club equipment was antiquated and in disrepair.

It was against this backdrop that the fortunes of the Club took a turn for the better in 1971. With the establishment of the John McTague Trust, the Club had the financial means to improve all aspects of the Club. A new roof was provided for the Club, the McTague Locker Room was built, and gradually old equipment was replaced. Income for operating the Club now comes largely from the McTague Trust with lesser amounts contributed by dues, school/college tenants (until 1982 when La Salle College moved out) and evening rentals.

In 1972, Rick Stehlik became coach as well as continuing his own competitive career. There were few experienced oarsmen in the club and a new program was begun from scratch. Beginning on the junior and intermediate levels with high school and novice oarsmen, the Club gradually re-emerged as a rowing power. In 1974, Pat Brown won the 145 lb. Single event in the Canadian Schoolboy

Championships. In 1976, Malta won its first National Championship in 25 years. In 1977 and 1978, Rick Stehlik (S) and Fred Duling (B), then Stan Depman (S) and Fred Duling (B), won Bronze Medals in the F.I.S.A. Lightweight Regatta. Gold Medals were won in the Maccabiah Games by Jack Plackter (Single, Double, Quad, 1977), Joel Augenblick (Double, Quad, 1981) and Jon Ship (Quad, 1981). Frank Sheperdson reunited with Harold Finigan to spearhead Masters rowing which gained increased popularity during the late '70's. Among other prestigious events, "Shep" and Harold won in the double, and Harold won in the single, in the World Master's Meet at Heidelberg in 1981. Several N.A.A.O./U.S.R.A. Championship and Canadian Henley races, listed below, were won. By the 1980's, Malta was and continues to be ranked with the best club programs.

Underlying the successes in the late '70's and in the '80's, indeed at the very fabric of our Club, are the numerous dedicated intermediate and senior oarsmen who participated as members and competitors during these years. Among these are Pat O'Connor, Chuck Brown, Pat Brown, Jon Ship, Joel Augenblick, Joe Harris, Dan Eck, Chuck Patterson and others.

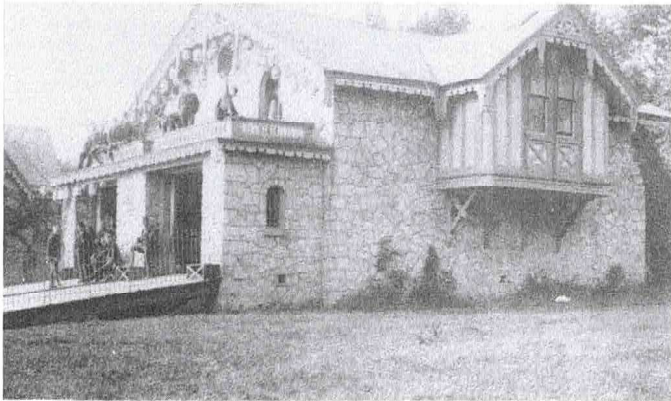
In the 1980's, challenges come from new sources. The sport of rowing is changing with a new emphasis on international competition and less attention to local regattas and club programs. The Club now competes with numerous other activities available to a mobile society. Ed Lentz will attempt to continue development of the racing program as he takes over as coach in 1985.

As the Club goes beyond 1985, it can look back to the last 25 years as a period of great change for the Club. Malta is still in the enviable position of being able to chart its course with strong financial and human resources to draw upon. The upsurge of Masters Rowing gives new opportunities to members to continue competition and involvement in Club activities. The future looks bright.

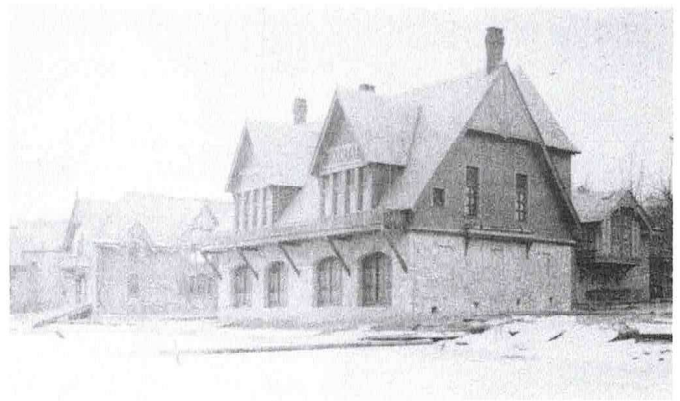


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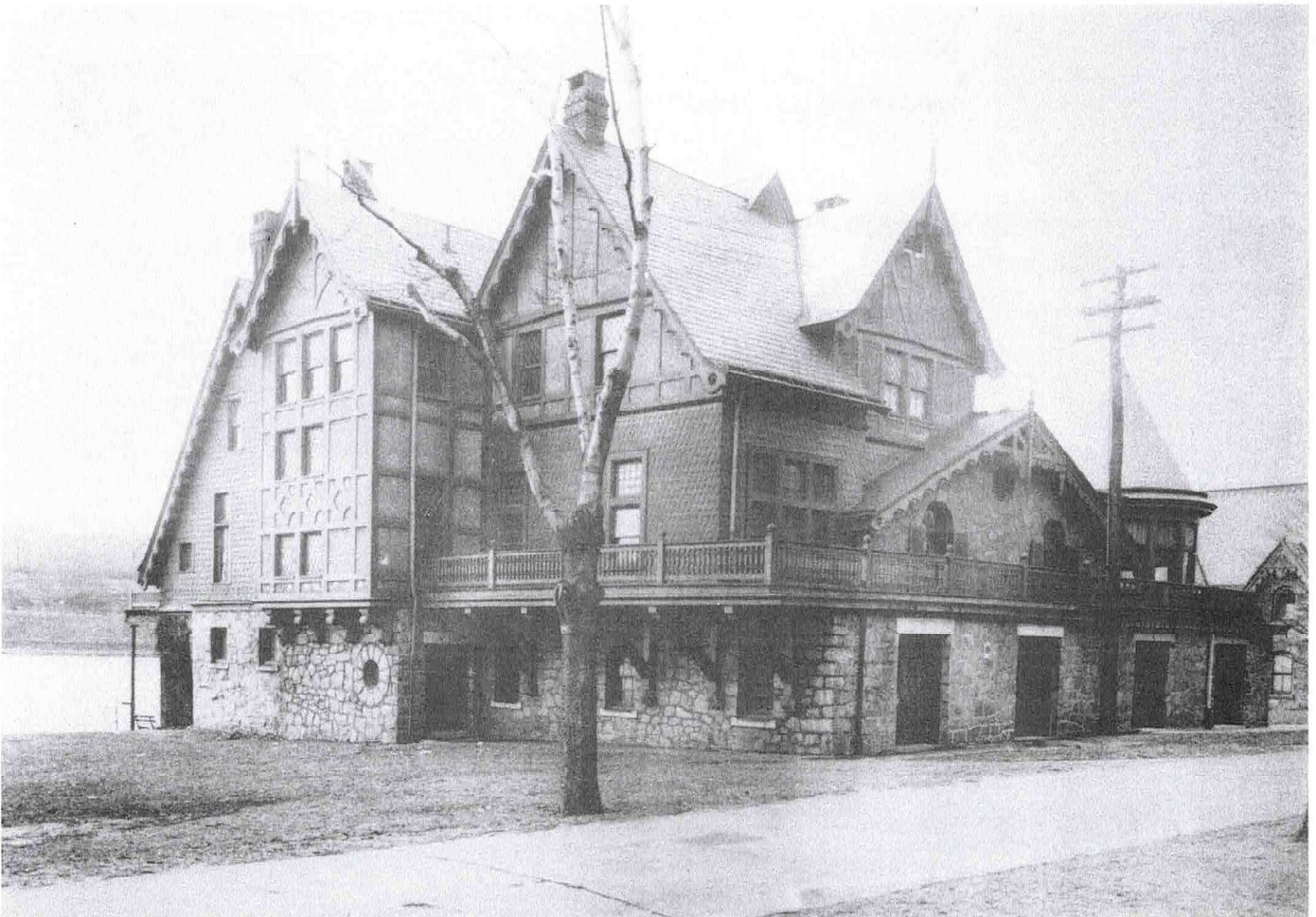


1883 Malta Boat House. Decorated to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Schuylkill Navy.

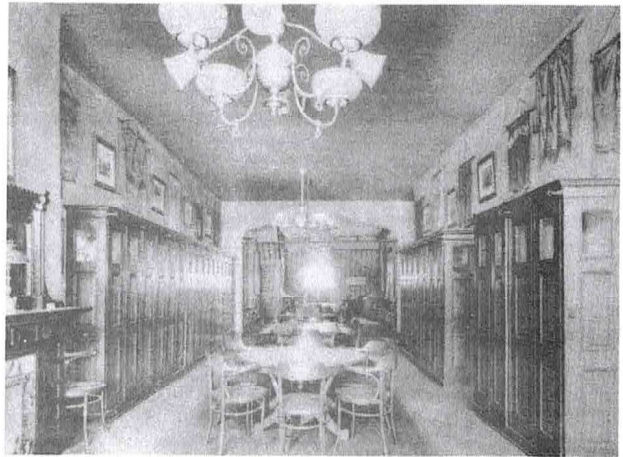


1885 Malta-Vesper. Built onto front of foregoing structure.

1940 Malta Boat House, circa 1940.



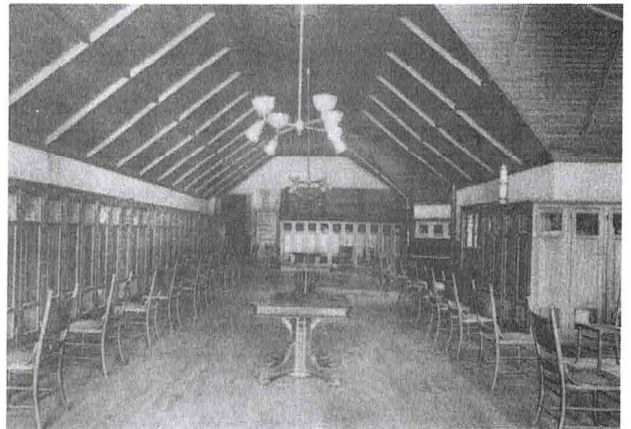
Meeting Room, circa **1905**



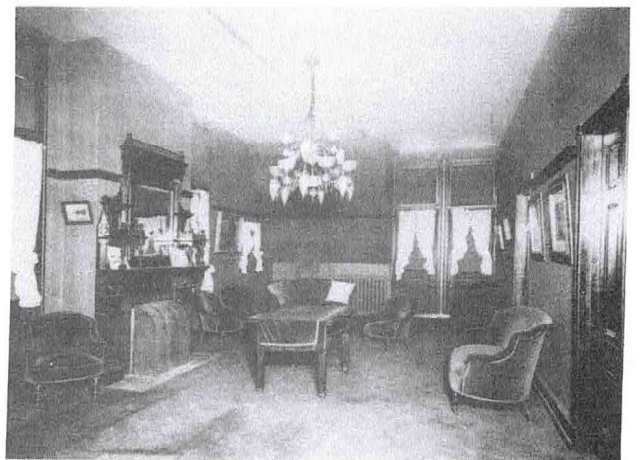
Trophy Room, circa **1905**

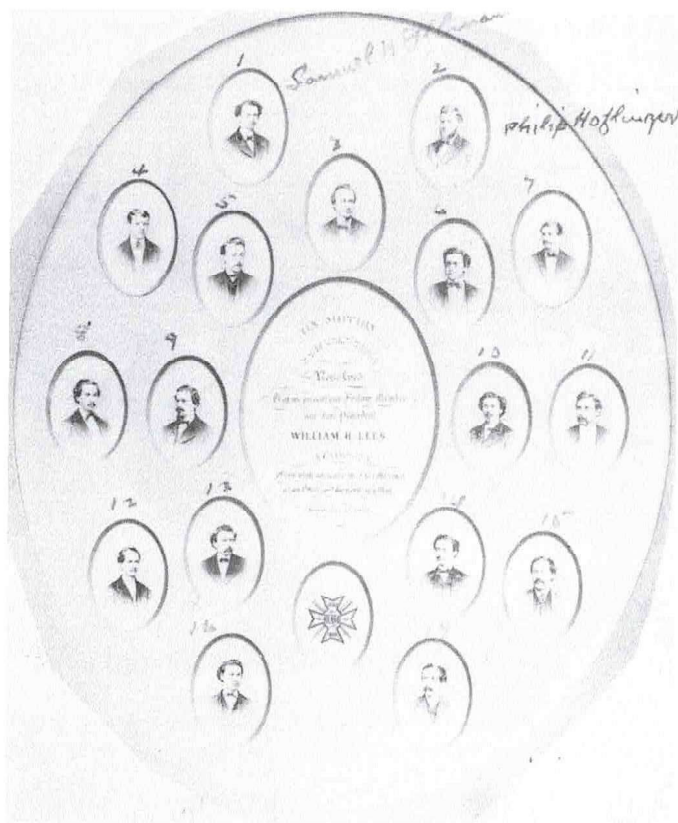


Locker Room, circa **1905**



Ladies Room, circa **1905**

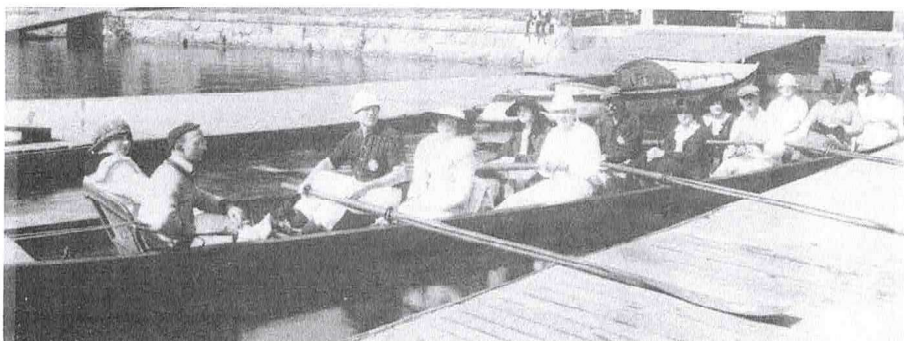
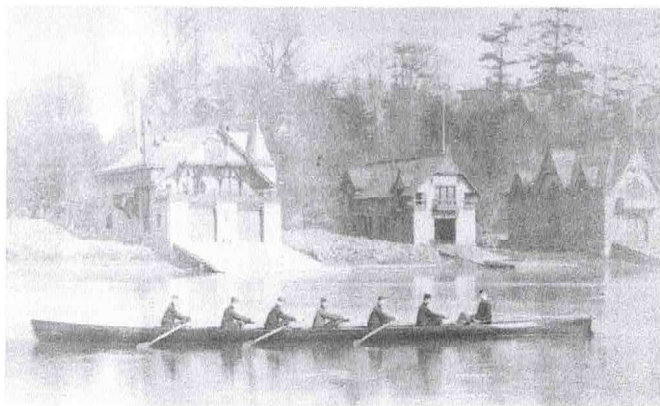




1869

1. Samuel H. Illman, 2. Philip Hoflinger, 3. Wm. Lees, 4. Levi Hopper, 5. George Brown, 6. Lou Barger, 7. Issac Bedichimer, 8. _____, 9. Chas. Collis, 10. Julian Illman, 11. _____, 12. Alfred Illman, 13. Charles T. Illman, 14. Frank Barnard, 15. Harold Illman, 16. Edwin Illman, 17. _____.

1883 Six-oared barge.

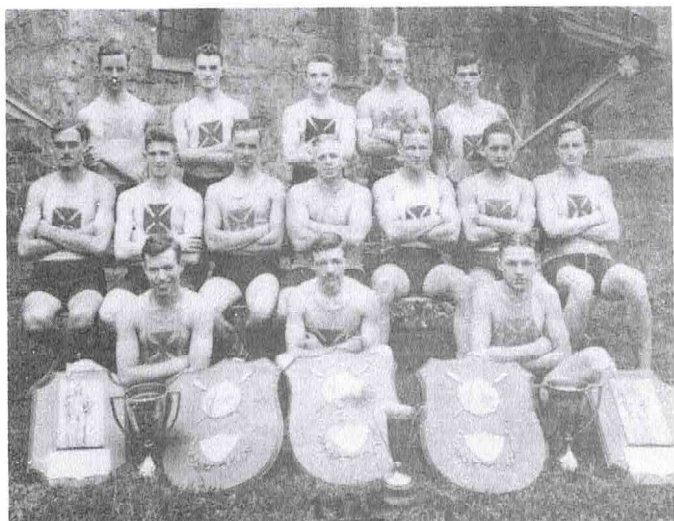


1916

Barge Party to Lafayette, October 1, 1916.



1912 Standing: Brogan, _____, Clayton, Marsh, _____, Headley, H. Zahn, _____, Shellope, _____, _____, Cox, Kenney. Seated: Hartline, W. Geuting, McMasters, _____, G. Geuting, _____, _____, Campbell, _____.



1920 Racing Team.



Algernon Fitzpatrick **1924**
NAAO Champion, One-quarter Mile.



1935 Bob Wilson(B), Phil Cochrane, George Rapp, Fred Symes(S).



1948 Frank Sheperdson(B), Harold Finigan(S)—NAAO
Champions, Senior Double.



1958 Al Wilson (extreme lower left corner), Jim Brannon,
Wm. Bookhamer, Jim Beckett, Will Cochrane, Jim Monaghan,
Harold Finigan, Frank Sheperdson, Bill Cochrane, Fred Weiss,
Will Cochrane, Jr., Fred Symes, Wm. Donovan, Wm. Hammill,
Sam Drew, Ray Hookey, John McTague.



1954 Fred Weiss, Jim McKissock—Club Regatta.

1976 Fred Duling(B), Stan Depman, Fritz Sutter, Rick Stehlik(S)—NAAO Champions, Lightweight Quad.



1977 Fred Duling(B), Rick Stehlik(S)—FISA Lightweight Regatta.

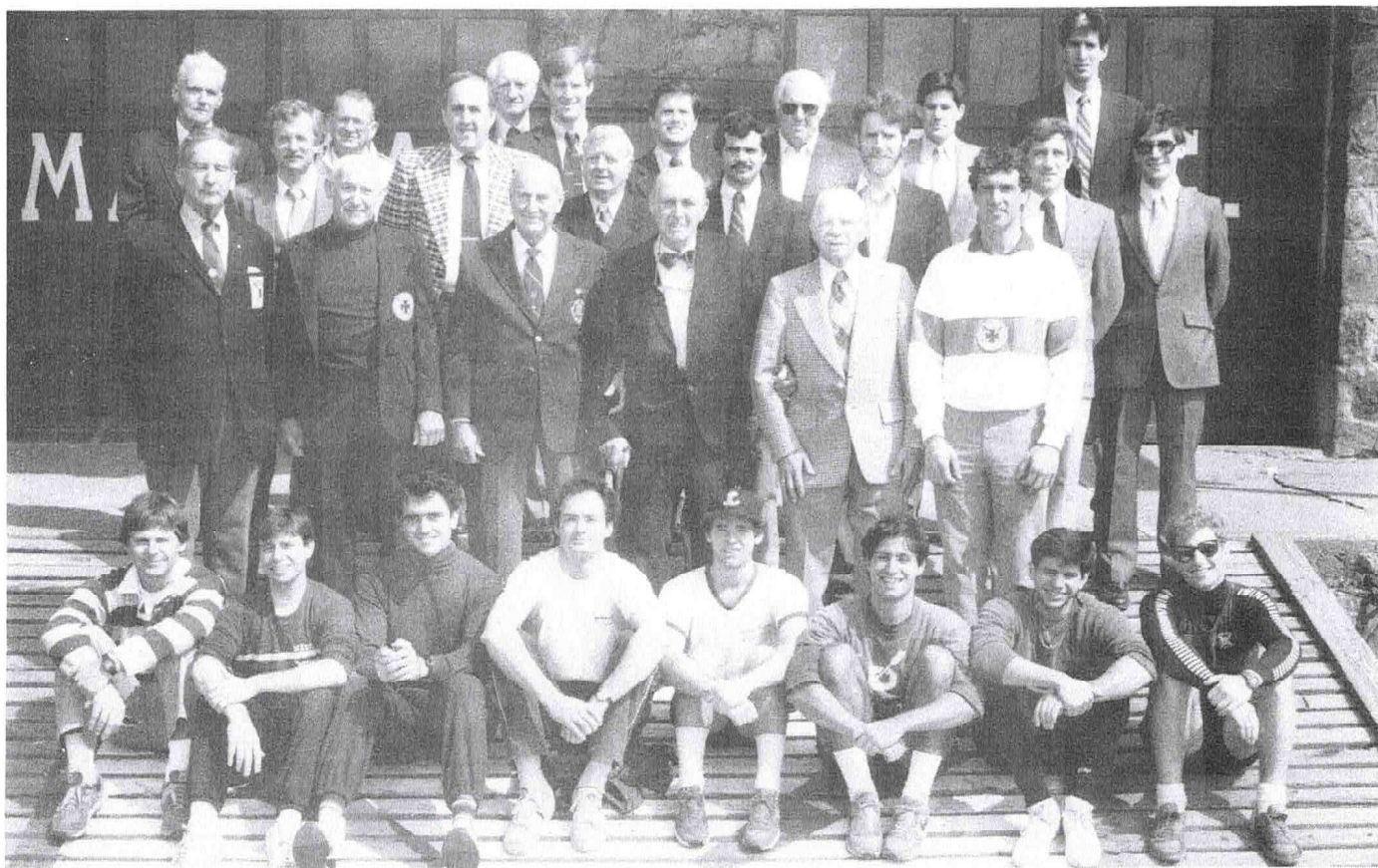


1982 Stan Depman(2), Tony Mattson(B), Mac Good(3), Rick Stehlik(Coach), Ed Lentz(S)—USRA Champions, Lightweight Quad.



1985 Harold Finigan, Algernon Fitzpatrick, Frank Knowlan, Axel Bergholm.

1985 Seated: Dennis Russom, Tony Weber, John Culkin, Mike Keenan, Chris Walsh, Alan Rifkin, Andrew Fieo, Sandy Sandborn. Standing, front row: Harold Finigan, Mike Weinstein, Algernon Fitzpatrick, Axel Bergholm, Greg Sciolla. Middle row: Ed Lentz, Joe Majdan, Jim MacNew, Rick Stehlik, Kevin Colgan, Pat Brown, Chuck Brown. Back row: Sid Salomon, Joe Cochrane, Frank Shepherdson, Dan Knecht, Tony Mattson, Bill Knecht, Mike Brown, Joel Augenblick.



Championships

N.A.A.O./U.S.R.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1924 and 1925	Senior Quarter Mile Dash *	Algernon E. Fitzpatrick
1925	Senior Double *	Edward T. Hagerty (B) Algernon E. Fitzpatrick (S)
1935 and 1936	Senior 145 lb. Quadruple *	Robert A. Wilson (B) Philip H. Cochrane (2) George F. Rapp (3) Frederick H. Symes (S)
1938 and 1939	Senior 145 lb. Quadruple *	Robert A. Wilson (B) Frederick H. Symes (2) W. Lennig Travis (3) Philip H. Cochrane (S)
1943	Senior 145 lb. Double *	Philip H. Cochrane (B) Frederick H. Symes (S)
1949	Senior Double *	Frank H. Sheperdson (B) Harold S. Finigan (S)
1951	Senior Quarter Mile Dash *	Harold S. Finigan
1972	Association Single	John S. Trinsey III
1976	Elite Ltwt. Quadruple	Richard E. Stehlik (S) Frederick Sutter (3) Stanley Depman (2) Frederick Duling (B)
1977	Senior Double	Francis Sutter (B) Stanley Depman (S)
	Elite Ltwt. Double Sculls	Frederick Duling (B) Stanley Depman (S)
1982	Elite Ltwt. Quadruple	Anthony P. Mattson (B) Kevin Colgan (2) Maclyn Good (3) Edward T. Lentz (S)
	Senior Ltwt. Double	Kevin Colgan (B) Anthony P. Mattson (S)
1982 and 1983	Senior Ltwt. Single	Edward T. Lentz
1983	Elite Ltwt. Quadruple	Anthony P. Mattson (B) Stanley Depman (2) Maclyn Good (3) Edward T. Lentz (S)
1984	Elite Ltwt. Quadruple	Michael Brown David Poley (combination crew)
	Senior Quadruple	Michael Brown David Poley (combination crew)

* These Senior races were equivalent to today's Elite category. Junior/Intermediate events were not then part of the National Championship Regatta.

ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY CHAMPIONS

1969	Assoc. Single	Richard E. Stehlik
1971	Champ. Single	Richard E. Stehlik
	Assoc. Single	J. S. Trinsey III
	Open Dash	J. S. Trinsey III
	Junior Single	J. S. Trinsey III
1973	Jr. 145 lb. Double	Dennis Normile
		Stephen Shaud
1974	Jr. 145 lb. Single	Dennis Normile
1975	Sr. 145 lb. Double	Dennis Normile
		Frederick Duling
1976	Jr. 155 lb. Single	Stanley Depman
	Open Quadruple	Frederick Duling (B)
		Stanley Depman (2)
		Richard E. Stehlik (3)
		Jack Plackter (S)
Sr. Double	Frederick Duling (B)	
		Richard E. Stehlik (S)
1979	Sr. 145 lb. Single	Frederick Duling
	Sr. 155 lb. Double	Frederick Duling (B)
		Stanley Depman (S)
1980	155 lb. Quadruple	Frederick Duling (B)
		Stanley Depman (2)
		Edward T. Lentz (3)
		Richard E. Stehlik (S)

N.A.A.O./U.S.R.A. MASTER'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

1978	Single	Frank Sheperdson
1980	Single 27+	Joel Augenblick
	Single 32+	Greg Sciolla
	Single 60+	Harold Finigan
	Single 60+	Frank Sheperdson
	Double 32+	Jeff Foltz
		Joel Augenblick
1981	Double 32+	Greg Sciolla (mixed entry)
1982	Double 32+	Greg Sciolla (mixed entry)
	Double 60+	Frank Sheperdson (mixed entry)
	Four With 27+	Greg Sciolla (mixed entry)
	Eight 27+	Greg Sciolla (mixed entry)
	Eight 52+	Frank Sheperdson (mixed entry)
1983	Grand Mast. Single 60+	Frank Sheperdson
	Double 66+	Frank Sheperdson (B)
1984		Harold Finigan (S)
	Double 66+	Frank Sheperdson(B)
		Harold Finigan (S)
	Four With 66+	Frank Sheperdson
		Sid Saloman (mixed entry)
	Four With 60+	Harold Finigan (mixed entry)
	Eight 27+	Greg Sciolla (mixed entry)

N.A.A.O. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

OUTSTANDING ATHLETES

1969	Double	Jack Edling Walter Konopka	Fred Duling	1965	Fran Sutter	1975
1971	Quadruple	Bruce Konopka Robert Lavelle Charles Dombrowski Robert Prodoehl	Vince Madden	1966	Fred Duling and Jack Plackter	1976
1972	Quadruple	Bruce Konopka Charles Brown Robert Lavelle Charles Dombrowski	Walter Konopka	1967	Fred Duling and Rick Stehlik	1977
			Rick Stehlik	1968	Stan Depman and Fred Duling	1978
			John S. Trinsey III	1971	Ed Lentz	1982
1975	Ltwt. Double	Michael Brown Robert Engel	Bruce Konopka	1972	Mac Good	1983
	Ltwt. Single	Peter Cosenza	Dennis J. Normile	1973, 1974	Mike Brown and Dave Poley	1984
1978	Quadruple	Patrick O'Connor (mixed entry)				

ILLMAN AWARD WINNERS

The Dr. George Morton Illman Award was established by Malta Boat Club on March 8, 1960 as an annual award given to that person along Boat House Row, other than an oarsman, who has done the most for rowing. The award was to be financed from the annual return from a \$1000 contribution made to the Club by Dr. Robert C. White for this purpose only.

The Award is presented each year at a champagne party in honor of the recipient in May on the evening of Stotesbury Cup Regatta Day.

1984	Edward C. P. (Ned) Thomas, University Barge Club
1983	George A. Mattson, Penn A. C. Rowing Assn.
1982	Evelyn K. Bergman, Phila. Girls Rowing Club
1981	Charles P. Colgan, Vesper Boat Club
1980	Elizabeth C. Bergen, Phila. Girls Rowing Club
	Michael A. Bergen, Undine Barge Club
1979	Albert P. Wachlin, Fairmount Rowing Assn.
1978	William M. Hollenback, Jr., University Barge Club
1977	William Robinhold, Undine Barge Club
1976	Dr. John A. Bergen, Penn A. C. Rowing Assn.
1975	Wayne F. Neal, University of Pennsylvania
1974	Thomas V. Dowd, Fairmount Rowing Assn.
1973	Dr. Thomas Kerr, Jr., Bachelors Barge Club
1972	Donald P. Schnorr, Vesper Boat Club
1971	William F. Donovan, Malta Boat Club
1970	Franklin H. Bates, The Philadelphia Inquirer
1969	Joseph M. Dougherty, Penn A. C. R. A./La Salle Univ.
1968	Ted A. Nash, University of Pennsylvania
1967	James J. Beckett, Malta Boat Club
1966	Philip H. Daly, Fairmount Rowing Assn.
1965	William J. Cochrane, Malta Boat Club
1964	John R. Galloway, Penn A. C. Rowing Assn.
1964	George C. Hines, Malta Boat Club
1962	Francis H. Ludwig, Undine Barge Club
1961	John C. Carlin, Fairmount Rowing Assn.
1960	Dr. Robert C. White, Malta Boat Club

Officers – past and present

PRESIDENTS

Wm. J. Gregory	1860	Samuel M. Drew	1943 - 45
Thos. J. Barger	1861	Al C. Wilson	1946 - 47
Chas. Clampert	1862	G. T. Ketterer	1948 - 50
Wm. H. Lees	1863 - 68	John C. Bratten	1951 - 53, 56-58
Ed Grafton Sukens	1869 - 72	James J. McKissock	1954 - 55
Charles T. Illman	1873 - 90	Fred H. Symes	1959 - 62
Thomas H. Fenton	1891	Fred A. Weiss, Jr.	1963
Dr. Henry Beates	1892	James J. Beckett, Sr.	1964
Edwin Gaw Flanigen	1893 - 96	James J. Brannon	1965
James J. McEvoy	1897 - 02	Frank H. Sheperdson	1966
Frank C. Welsh	1903 - 04	Wm. F. Donovan	1967
George F. Root	1905	Wm. F. Bookhamer	1968 - 70
Horace Draper	1906 - 08	Frank B. Kieser	1971 - 72
Joseph M. McCready	1909	Robert A. Wilson	1973 - 74
Henry Penn Burke	1910 - 30	George C. Hines	1974 - 76
Lewis H. Kenney	1931 - 34	Wm. J. Cochrane, Sr.	1976 - 79
Frank A. Knowlan	1935	Richard E. Stehlik	1980
Victor E. Moore	1936 - 42		

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Thos. J. Barger	1860	Joseph M. McCready	1906 - 08
Theo. M. Apple	1861 - 62	Henry Penn Burke	1909
Harold W. Illman	1863 - 64	Samuel H. Truitt	1910 - 30
George E. Brown	1865, 69	Samuel M. Drew	1931
S. Chas. Collis	1866 - 67, 70	Alfred C. Wilson	1932 - 36, 43-45
Moyer Fleisher	1868	Wm. J. Cochrane	1937 - 40, 42
Wm. A. Jebb	1871 - 72	George F. Rapp	1941
Robt. T. Pharo	1873 - 74	John E. McTague	1946 - 47
Chas. E. Brelsford	1875 - 76	O. D. Moore	1948 - 49
Peter A. Schemm	1877	James J. McKissock	1950 - 53
Wm. H. Mellick	1878	Philip H. Cochrane	1954
Henry G. Harris	1879	John C. Bratten	1955
Samuel E. Cavin	1880 - 81	Fred H. Symes	1956 - 58
Wm. K. Evans	1882 - 83	James E. Monaghan	1959 - 61
Abraham C. Rockhill	1884	Fred A. Weiss, Jr.	1962
Moses Stevenson	1885	James J. Beckett, Sr.	1963
Thomas C. Barr	1886	James F. Brannon	1964
Dr. T. H. Fenton	1887 - 90	Robert J. Donohue	1965 - 66
C. Stanley Hurlbut	1891 - 93	Wm. F. Bookhamer	1967
James J. McEvoy	1894 - 96	George C. Hines	1968 - 71, 73-74
Dr. Wm. Rouff	1897	Robert A. Wilson	1972
Wm. P. Gilmore	1898 - 99	Wm. J. Cochrane, Jr.	1974 - 83
Horace Draper	1900 - 05	James MacNew	1984 -

SECRETARIES

Wm. A. Bell	1860	Wm. J. Cochrane	1934
Wm. J. Gregory	1861 - 62	John M. Clarke	1935 - 39
Louis F. Barger	1863 - 66	Frank W. O'Donnell	1940 - 41
Issac Bedichimer	1867	George F. Rapp	1942 - 52
Philip J. Hoffliger	1868	Fred A. Weiss, Jr.	1953 - 62
S. Chas. Collis	1869	Robert J. Donohue	1963
Wm. H. Lees	1870 - 90	Wm. J. Cochrane, Jr.	1964 - 71
Howard E. Young	1891 - 1933	John J. Dever	1972 -

TREASURERS

George Pride	1860 - 62
Charles T. Illman	1863 - 64
Samuel H. Illman	1865 - 67, 70-92
George W. Devinny	1868 - 69
Howard E. Young	1893 - 33
John M. Clarke	1934 - 39
Frank W. O'Donnell	1940 - 41

George F. Rapp	1942 - 52
Fred A. Weiss, Jr.	1953 - 57, 65-75
James F. Brannon	1958 - 64
John J. Dever	1976 - 77
Arthur C. Edginton	1978
Samuel J. Hanna	1979-

CAPTAINS

Wm. J. Gregory	1860 - 61
Thos. J. Barger	1862
Louis F. Barger	1863
Charles T. Illman	1864, 67 - 68
Moyer Fleisher	1866
Isaac Bedichimer	1869, 71
Wm. H. Lees	1870
Philip J. Hoffliger	1872
John M. McCurdy	1873 - 74
John F. Hunecker	1875, 78
Joseph Dunton	1876
Wm. T. L. Warthman	1877
John C. McShain	1879
Edward B. Malone	1880
Edwin Illman	1881 - 82
Haviland Wright	1883 - 84
Thomas H. Downing	1885 - 86
Abraham C. Rockhill	1887 - 89
N. L. Toy	1890
Dr. Henry Beates	1891
Jules J. Vogel	1892
Herman Herder	1893
Walter J. Snyder	1894
Frederick E. Schwartz	1895
J. M. Niskey	1896
Hartman K. Gilmore	1897 - 98
Joseph M. McCready	1899
Thos. P. James	1900
George H. Wobensmith	1901, 03
Robert C. Ayres	1902
Henry Penn Burke	1904
Willard N. Lanch	1905

J. F. McMenamin	1906
G. Theo. Ketterer	1907
Samuel H. Truitt	1908 - 09
W. L. Bouvier	1910
J. Albert Barron	1911 - 12
Samuel M. Drew	1913
Lewis H. Kenney	1914 - 16, 22
Wm. E. Hammill	1917 - 20
Oswald D. Moore	1921
Victor E. Moore	1923
James J. Pettit	1924 - 25
Edw. F. Hagerty	1926 - 27
Frank A. Knowlan	1928 - 31
Henry L. Hosbach	1932
Fred H. Symes	1933 - 36, 55-56
W. Lennig Travis	1937 - 40
Robt. A. Wilson	1941
Philip H. Cochrane	1942 - 43
Harold S. Finigan	1944 - 45, 54
Joseph Cochrane	1946
Harvey Rutter	1947
Fred A. Weiss, Jr.	1948
Frank H. Sheperdson	1949
Ignatius Piechoski	1950 - 53
Romeo Boyd	1957 - 58
Wm. F. Donovan	1959 - 60, 69
Wm. J. Cochrane, Jr.	1961 - 62
George C. Hines	1963 - 67
Fred Duling	1968
John J. Dever	1970 - 71
Richard E. Stehlik	1972, 74 - 81
Vincent W. Madden	1973
Edward T. Lentz	1982 -

Membership

Sam Albert	Andrew Fieo	Ed Lentz	Alan Rifkin
Joel Augenblick	Harold S. Finigan	Joel Lowenthal	Dennis Russom
Joe Ayala	Harold Y. Finigan	Ray Lubecki	Sid Saloman
Rich Bartlett	Al Fitzpatrick	Rich Macko	Sandy Sanborn
Carl Baum	Steve Foldes	Jim MacNew	Richard Schneider
Jim Beckett	Jeff Foltz	Frank Madden	Paul Schugsta
Anthony Benedetto	Stephen Forry	Vince Madden	Greg Sciolla
Axel Bergholm	John Gaffigan	Hugh Maguire	Dennis Scott
Frank Bernt	Mark Gaylo	Joe Majdan	Geoffrey Scott
Robert Borgese	Peter Glick	John Manos	Tillman Seebomh
George Braceland	Jim Goff	Tony Mattson	Frank Sheperdson
Jim Brannon	Ron Goldstein	K. Craig McChesney	Jon Ship
Ryan Breslin	Mac Good	Steve McChesney	Rick Stehlik
Chuck Brown	Brian Gottlieb	Ron McConnell	Fran Sutter
Dave Brown	Jim Gunderson	Dan McCubbin	Jim Swift
Michael Brown	Sam Hanna	Frank McDade	Fred Symes
Pat Brown	Joe Harris	Bart McDermott	Robert Talecki
Tom Bullock	Joe Harrison	Dan Mechenbier	Brian Thomas
Bill Burns	Rich Harrison	Ed Michnowicz	Jim Thompson
David Carris	Mike Hershman	Moustafa Mohamed	Jack Tomarchio
Joe Cochrane	Steve Hershman	Vladimir Morosz	Herb Treffeisen
Phil Cochrane	George Hines	Mike Morrison	Mark Treshock
Will Cochrane, Jr.	Seth Hoard	Jim Muenzer	Jody Trinsey
Kevin Colgan	Bill Hou	Brian Murphy	Joe Tucker
Mark Colm	Matt Horvat	John Muzi	Dave van Kouron
Vince Croce	John Hughes	John Neff	Mark Vannorsdall
John Culkin	Doug Irwin	Dennis Normile	James Vito
Mike Curry	John Jackson	Pat O'Connor	Carl Voss
Chip Cushman	Tom Jadlos	Dan Orlow	Chris Walsh
Mark Daniel	Rich Jaffe	Jim Orlow	Tony Weber
Stan Depman	Michael Jihm	Chuck Patterson	Kevin Weinstein
John Dever	Jack Kaskey	Bruce Pergament	Mike Weinstein, Jr.
Cornelius Donohue	Mike Keenan	Nick Placentra	Mike Weinstein
Fred Duling	Jack Kelly	Jack Plackter	Fred Weiss
William Dwyer	Jim Kiernan	Dave Poley	Fred Wheeler
Dan Eck	Frank Kieser	Warren Ponvert	Bob Wilson
Art Edginton	Bill Knecht	Robert Prodoehl	Erwin Wisler
Bernie Farley	Frank Knowlan	Mike Pushkarewicz	Brian Yeaton
John Ferree	Bill Landahl	Tom Quarry	Robin Zielinski
Bill Fields	Mark Lange	Steve Richmond	Greg Zukowsky