

ROWING & NATURE *RENEWS* BODY & SPIRIT!

JOIN THE *EXPANDED* BEAUFORT OARS

A New Center For An Old Tradition

Building on an old Outer Banks tradition, an exciting new program is underway sponsored by the North Carolina Maritime Museum and Friends of the Museum. The Museum is expanding the Beaufort Oars gig program to include sliding seat rowing shells, starting with recreational singles. A new dock, boathouse and boat racks will be built at the Museum's Gallant Channel site providing rowing opportunities for adults and youths to explore Beaufort's rich ecosystem of islands and bays.

The development was triggered by the arrival in town of Marj Martin Burgard, a US Rowing certified coach. Marj is the mother of Dizzy Brown who established the Oars in 1991 using an adaptation of the six-oared Cornish gig. Gig rowers currently row three times weekly out of the Gallant Channel site. Marj is also the widow of Arthur Martin who designed the Alden Ocean Shell, the world's largest selling recreational shell. Both gigs and shells take advantage of Taylor's Creek, one of the finest protected rowing sites in the southeast, running right along the waterfront.

[Insert gig photo here]

Anyone interested in rowing single shells can join the new sliding seat program upon payment of the annual dues. The program's future plans also include developing similar programs at the Manteo and Southport Museum branches plus establishing high school rowing programs throughout the Outer Banks.

[Insert sliding seat photo here]

SLIDING SEAT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Use of club boats year round.** 18' and 16' recreational Echo and Alden singles designed for safety and easy handling will be available to all members.
- **Clinics for beginning rowers.** Under the supervision of Coach Burgard.
- **Use of club facilities.** This will include an access dock and float, a boathouse to store oars, rowing machines and other equipment plus outside racks for the shells.
- **Training on the club rowing machine.** A Concept 2 rowing machine used by Olympic rowers will be available to all members.
- **Liability rowing insurance.** Provided by Friends of the Museum.
- **Rack space for privately owned shells.** For an extra fee [see below].
- **Maritime Museum subscriptions and discounts:** Subscription to the Museum's Waterline newsletter; Calendar of Events plus a 10% discount on all Museum store purchases.
- **Participation in group rows.** Group tours and picnics to our beautiful islands and bays.
- **Participation in informal club races** on Taylor Creek. Future regattas with other clubs.
- **A leisurely passport to nature.** Rowers explore nature at four miles an hour surrounded by egrets, pelicans, dolphins and wild horses.
- **Physical and emotional fitness.** Regular aerobic rowing builds bodies, reduces weight and creates a sense of emotional well-being that bypasses pills!

For further information: Call The Friends office 252-728-1638

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Sliding Seat Rowers: Annual Rates:

Individual Members: \$100 + Friends membership (\$25 and up).

Family Membership: \$175 + Friends membership [available to partners living in same house].

Personal Rack Space for privately owned shells: additional \$150

All prospective members will be given an orientation by a qualified coach to determine if they wish to become a sliding seat member. A series of clinics and lessons will be offered to qualify the rower to use a club boat.

Fill out application form below and mail to Friends of the Museum 315 Front St. Beaufort NC 28516.

Name [Please print]

Age:

Type of Membership:

Need Rack Space?:

Names of Family Member [for Family Membership]:

Address:

Telephone:

Email: