



Dear Friend(s) of Saline Rowing Club,

Saline Rowing is a Saline Area Schools club sport and is entirely self-funded. The club formed in 2004 with (13) student athletes and has grown to now average between 55-60 athletes each spring and fall season. In collaboration with Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti Charter Township, and Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation, our club contributed to the construction of a new community boathouse at Lakeside Park on the south side of Ford Lake in Ypsilanti. This is where our team practices and maintains its fleet of boats and equipment.

With this facility completed, we were able to host our first home regatta, the inaugural Salt Springs Sprints, at Ford Lake in April 2015. This site offers universal pedestrian and vehicular access, parking, a picnic shelter, a fishing dock, picnic area overlooks, an outdoor classroom, adaptive rowing, and scenic pathways along the river with interpretive signage.

Our club's primary fundraiser is "**The 9th Annual Great Gatsby Regatta**". This 1920's-themed adult dinner with auction is designed to build community awareness and raise much-needed funds for the Saline Rowing Club. This year's event will be held **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**, at Mac's Acadian Seafood Shack in Saline.

Proceeds from this important event provide the funds needed to purchase and maintain boats and equipment for our ever-growing team, support training programs for our rowers, and other necessary club expenses.

We would love to have our rowing friends, families, and local business owners join us for the event or consider supporting us in one of the following ways:

- ☐ **Reserve a table for your business associates or friends/family.** • Ticket prices are \$60.00 each. This includes a delicious dinner served by Mac's Acadian Seafood Shack, beer, wine, and an entire evening of entertainment including raffle and auction opportunities.
- ☐ **Donate an item or service for our silent auction.** • Anything will do, but some of last year's most successful auction items included tickets to sports and entertainment events, professional services, stays at vacation resorts, artwork, gift baskets, and more.
- ☐ **Enjoy the evening!** • We encourage all guests to dress in '20s-era garb for a roaring great time – calling all flappers!

Tickets for the 2017 Great Gatsby Regatta can be purchased online at www.salinerowing.org. Donations and a portion of your ticket may be tax-deductible.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Hays at 734-945-927 or mhays48176@msn.com

Sincerely,

The Great Gatsby Committee

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