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Captain's Report

Laura Middleton

Welcome to the 2008 rowing season! I am happy to report that the most eager rowers managed to get on the water on Saturday – not without much challenge! Unfortunately, due to the potential of flooding on the river, the full docks are yet to go in. However, with much cooperation, we managed to get small boats on the water Saturday morning. We are erring on the side of caution side but are hoping to have the full dock in this week. Stand by for further updates.

Thank you to all of you who came to the first membership registration day. The earlier you register, the easier it is for us to renew your insurance and start planning for the summer! A special thanks goes to the Membership Committee for running the registration day and to the UTM rowers who not only rigged many boats but also swept out all the boat bays!

For those of you who have expressed interest in coaching Learn to Row this spring, thank you very much. If I have not yet been in touch with you, I will be shortly. If you are still interested, please let me know as we are still in need of more bodies. We need at least one cox per crew as well as two coaches in coach boats on the water to make these sessions both safe and enjoyable. Remember, the Learn to Row is both a source of financial support to the club and also a source of new members – both vital to the club's prosperity.

I hope to see you all down at the club soon!

State of the River

Jim Mercer

Our usual concern is low water levels in the Credit River. This year it is the opposite. The melting heavy snow in the hills north of Mississauga is causing not just high water levels but an extremely rapid river flow. This means that debris that has been accumulating on river banks north of us for years is being washed down past the Club on that part of the river on which we row. This debris could seriously damage the main dock if it were put in place now. I've therefore devised an anchoring system for the small dock so it can be used for the next week or so to launch singles, doubles, T-6's, T-7's T-11's and possibly regular quads until the river flow subsides. The decision as to when to launch the main dock will be made by

the executive – not me! I'll post a notice in the locker rooms a couple of days before the launch, asking for volunteer help.

Please also note that another hazard of high water is the danger of hitting one's head on the rail bridge. This is very painful and has happened in the past, so please be careful.

Open House

John Moorcroft

We will be having another open house on Saturday, April 26th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. At this time you will have the opportunity to renew your membership and reacquaint yourself with old friends. See you then!

Safety Officer

Your safety officer is Caitlin Pakosh from the UTM and Women's Competitive programs. She will be checking every so often to ensure that people are taking lifejackets, using lights, etc. She will also be making sure that the rules are posted.



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