

Baker Day Set Saturday, March 14

Baker Day brings together Baker adult and youth crew athletes and their families for friendly racing and community service picking up trash along the shoreline and boulevard. Brunch will be served by Junior Crew parent volunteers following the morning's races. As usual, the day's schedule is full!

8AM Athletes register for racing.

9AM Inter-squad "Ham 'n Egger" races.

10:30AM Parent Row—family and friends of junior crew athletes get a taste of rowing by joining their youngsters in a racing shell. The rowing stint is followed by a Q & A session with coaches and staff. **Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Many of your questions about Mount Baker Junior Crew and the season ahead will be answered here!**

Noon–3PM Shoreline Clean Up. Crews will pick up trash along six miles of shoreline and sidewalks along Lake Washington Blvd. **Juniors earn community service hours.**

After-School Youth Sailing Anyone?

This month we are surveying our past youth sailors about their interest and availability in joining an after-school racing team. If you have participated in a youth sailing program at Baker this past year and do not receive a phone call during the month of February, please call the office at 206-386-1913 and give us your thoughts.

Get Ready for Row-a-thon

Row-a-thon, Mount Baker Junior Crew's major spring fundraising activity, will be held the week of March 9th-13th. Proceeds from Row-a-thon defray costs of regatta travel, awards night, and equipment this spring.

Row-a-thon is similar to a walk-a-thon. Each athlete is asked to provide the names and addresses of 12-15 supportive friends and

family members who will likely make a donation for the athlete's stint on an ergometer. We are looking for 100% participation from junior rowers.

Please email your list in an Excel spreadsheet or Word format to the Mount Baker office (mount.baker@Seattle.gov) **no later than Wednesday, March 4**. Be sure to check for correct spelling of all names and accurate addresses!

In your address list, please place first names, last names and address information in separate columns of the spreadsheet (or Word table) in the order shown here: first name(s), last name, street/PO Box, city, state, ZIP code, country (if not US). Tidy lists really help!

Local Food Banks Still Need Help

The Baker office continues to collect non-perishable food for delivery to local food banks. Items needed include baby food and formula (Similac); canned soups, vegetables

Regattas and Other Key Dates

Holiday Closures The Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center office will be closed **February 14-16** for the President's Day weekend. There will be no rowing on Monday the 16th.

Saturday, March 21, Green Lake Regatta in Seattle Athletes may be asked to arrive as early as 5:30AM and stay throughout a full day of racing. Check with your coach regarding your race time and obligations. The schedule is available at www.greenlakecrew.org.

Saturday, March 28, Everett Dual Meet Junior athletes will be bused to Everett for an all-day dual/tri meet on the Snohomish River. More details will be sent by email.

and fruit; products like Rice a Roni; diapers; juice; rice and dried beans. Please be as generous as you can to neighbors in need.

Spring Events Call for Volunteers

Parents and other volunteers, we need your help keeping athletes fed and safe at the spring regattas, Baker Day, and other occasions. Please call the office and let us know how you can help at these events.

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- *Food workers*—Prep and serve brunch
- *Adult crew leaders* – Drive small groups of athletes to their assigned work areas along the lake, supervise the clean up work, and bring the athletes back to Baker.

Green Lake Regatta, Saturday, 3/21

- *Parent Volunteer Food Coordinator*—Orchestrates efforts of the parent volunteers in the trailer and food tent.
- *Food Workers*—Many positions are available in the food tent.

Office Help—We often need help in the office throughout the season, especially for Row-a-thon activities. Let us know your skill set and we'll put you to work.

No Change (Yet) for Trips to Canada

As many of you know we have been expecting more complicated border crossings in the near future for our travel to British Columbia. Identification requirements remain as is until June 1, 2009.

January 1, 2009 – May 31, 2009

19 years and older Two documents are required to prove citizenship and identity: a government issued photo ID (for example, a driver's license) **and** copy of birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or passport.

18 and younger Must only prove citizenship with *one* of the following: copy of birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or passport.

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19 years and older Only *one* of the following is needed to prove citizenship and identity: Passport, Passcard, or other boarder secure card.

Under 16, or aged 16-18 and traveling in a group with adult supervision Must only prove citizenship with *one* of the following: copy of birth certificate; naturalization certificate, or passport.

This information by the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative is available at http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223.html

Order Baker Jackets and Gear Now

The office will soon submit a group order for crew splash jackets, duffle bags, racing unisuits and personalized sweatshirts. Please pick up an order form in the office or email mount.baker@seattle.gov and ask for a PDF copy of the form. **Return the form with payment to the office by Wednesday February 11th.** There are also hats, T-shirts, long-sleeved Coolmax T's, and sweatpants on hand for purchase.

Council Meets February 25

The Boating Advisory Council will meet **7PM, Wednesday, February 25**, in the upstairs meeting room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Program Notes

A new class **Sailing 201: The Next Step** is designed to tune up rusty sailing skills for advanced beginners and intermediate sailors. For details about it and other classes starting soon, see the online brochure at www.seattle.gov/parks/Boats/Mtbaker.htm

Learn to Row classes start late February. Invite a friend or family member who's curious about why you get up so early. The brochure misrepresents our first Learn to Row course, which runs Saturdays and Sundays 8–10AM February 28–March 29.

Adult sailing classes are held Sundays 12:30–5PM, March 8–March 29.

Youth sailing classes are held Saturdays, 9am –Noon, March 21–April 11.

Windsurfing classes are held weekend afternoons 2–5PM on Sundays, March 15–March 29, and on Saturdays, March 28–April 11.

Parking and Athlete Pick Up:

The traffic pattern in the Mt. Baker parking lot is counterclockwise. Please be sure to follow that pattern especially when the lot is busy (between 3:30-4:15 pm, 5:45-6:15 pm M-F during Jr. Crew drop off & pick-up) and drive slowly.

If you are picking up an athlete you may cue up along the grass against the curved wall

of the facility in single file. Do not double park and **do not block** any of the parking stalls. Traffic needs to be able to **flow** passed the cued cars. If the cue line is full, please park in a stall to wait for your athlete. Thank you, we would hate to have an accident in our parking lot.

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The Mount Baker Boating Advisory Council provides this E-newsletter in collaboration with Seattle Parks and Recreation to those enrolled at the Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center and others who've requested it. We welcome suggestions for newsletter topics or questions that you would like us to address. Let us know if you would like the newsletter sent to additional email addresses for your family and others.

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