

Mystic River Boathouse Park

RFQ#2018-001 – Addendum #3

Stonington Community Rowing Center, Hart Perry Boathouse, Building and Program Summery

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, Friends of Stonington Crew has provided numerous opportunities for high school students to learn to row and compete in local and regional regattas. Our program has grown from its humble beginnings as a club sport to a varsity sport that regularly medals at Connecticut Public School Rowing Association (CPSRA) championships and recently won two state titles. Today, Stonington Crew is one of the largest sports at the high school. Rowing has taught students valuable life lessons and helped them gain acceptance to colleges, many times with partial or full scholarships.

Sharing FOSC's commitment to enhancing recreational opportunities and providing access to the beautiful Mystic River, the Town of Stonington acquired property at 123 Greenmanville Avenue for the Mystic River Boathouse Park. The park will offer the public scenic views of and access to the Mystic River for activities such as kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding. The property will also be the home of the recently re-named Stonington Community Rowing Center and Hart Perry Boathouse.

The new name promotes our vision of a rowing center that provides Stonington, Mystic, and surrounding communities access to the sport. The new center will offer youth, masters, and adaptive rowing programs and enhance an already successful high school program.

The cornerstone of this project will be its Boathouse. Respecting a rich rowing tradition and fulfilling the request of donors, the boathouse will be named after Hart Perry. Hart was a revered individual in the rowing world and at Stonington Crew. A resident of North Stonington, he devoted his life to rowing and dreamed of the day when Stonington would provide access to the sport that he loved. The Hart Perry Boathouse will feature boat bays, a training center, locker rooms, and docks. More importantly, the boathouse will become the hub of rowing activity in our region, hosting regattas, rowing events, and providing year-round training programs.

In a few short months, the project's capital campaign has raised over \$420,000 of the \$2.5 million budgeted for the project. In 2017 FOSC developed schematic information for the Boathouse and Rowing Center. Their vision is to build a community center that encompasses their successful high school program, with the addition of a community masters, youth, and adaptive programs. The facilities would provide for training facilities, storage of rowing shells and related equipment. Offices for coaching staff, changing rooms with showers, and an exterior viewing area to watch events.

The proposed building would have the following:

Two Story Structure Approximate Footprint 45' x 90'

Project Areas

GFA	6375
Training and Event Center	1790

Community Boat Bay	1590
Crew Boat Bay	1590
Men's Locker	360
Women's Locker	360
Storage	204
Office	204
Entry	125

First-floor: Includes two boat bays for the storage for approximately 30 +/- rowing shells including eights, fours, pairs and singles. Storage for oars, safety launches, and related gear. Some equipment will be stored outside the structure.

Second-floor: Includes training center, office, changing rooms, lavatories, showers and an observation deck.

Stonington Community Rowing Center Participation Summary

This summary outlines of the different programs offered by the Stonington Community Rowing Center (SCRC) and the estimated number of participants in each.

Junior Rowing (ages 14-18) Time of Operations: 2:30pm-6:30pm

Junior Club Rowing is open to high school students from Stonington (except for the spring) and neighboring towns. This program will row under the SCRC banner year-round and will be broken down into boys and girls as well as under 19 and under 17 categories. Summer programs will offer morning programs.

Number of Rowers: Spring: 60 Summer: 90 Fall: 100 Winter: 100

Stonington High School Crew (ages 14-18) Time of Operations: 2:30pm -6:30pm

Stonington Crew is open to Stonington High School students. This varsity sport program runs in the spring only and races in the traditional CPSRA and NEIRA leagues. Stonington High School students will train and race under the SCRC banner the rest of the year.

Number of Rowers: Spring 90

Middle School Rowing (ages 10-14) Time of Operations 2:30pm-4:30pm

The SCRC middle school program an introduction to the sport of rowing, focused on fun and fundamentals.. During the fall and spring this program is an after-school activity three days a week. During this summer months the program will grow into a two-week long day camp format to allow more rowers to attend.

Number of Rowers: Spring: 30 Summer 100 Fall 30 Winter: NA

Adult Masters (Ages 25+) Time of Operations 6:00am-8:00am

Adult Masters is an SCRC program for adult rowers who wish to train regularly and compete at races throughout the year. This program will offer coaching but also allow for individuals to train on their own.

Number of Rowers: Spring: 25 Summer: 25 Fall: 25 Winter: 25

Adult Recreational

Time of Operations 5:30pm-7:30pm

Adult Recreational Rowing is an SCRC program that is a little bit of exercise and a lot of fun. No experience is needed. This program will allow for adults to row on the water and experience the Mystic River during the summer months.

Number of Rowers: Summer: 50

Adaptive Rowing

Time of Operations: TBD

Adaptive Rowing is a special category of rowing for those with physical or intellectual impairments. The SCRC program will allow for safe access to coaching and equipment and allow for complete inclusion into the sport of rowing .

Number of Rowers: Spring: 5 Summer: 5 Fall: 5 Winter: 5

Design and Construction Timeline

	2017	2018	2019	2020
	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Q1, Q2,
Park Masterplan	June 2017-September 2018			
Park Remediation	September 2018-June 2019			
Park Build	July 2019-May 2020			
Boathouse Architect Selection	February 2018-March 2018			
Architectural Design & Permitting	March 2018-March 2019			
Building Construction	April 2019-May 2020			

More information can be found on www.stoningtoncrc.org