

This year we have made some necessary changes with how we sign up for rows to make it more accessible to sign up for a row especially if you do not live in the Belfast area. We have received some great feedback on the changes, but we have also heard about other issues that we faced even prior to the utilizing the portal. Some of the issues that have continued are: people are forgetting that they have signed up for a row; someone has removed themselves from a row but the next person in line has not been notified.

These issues have resulted in a row either being canceled or a boat going out with less than 7 people (including the cox). In an effort to help decrease these occurrences, we are working to do the following, the next person on the "waitlist" is now notified that they are able to row. So, we are working to streamline, and hopefully, decrease this issue by doing the following:

1. Once you sign up for a row, you will be able to add the row to your email/phone calendar and set a reminder for yourself.

When you sign up for a row/sail you will now receive an email stating that you have signed up, either as an active or standby rower/sailor. Examples of the emails are here:

Subject: **You are signed up for a row/sail on Phoenix on 2021-8-19 at 8:00 am**
You are signed up to row/sail on Phoenix on 2021-8-19 at 8:00 am.
Here is a link to a reminder file for your calendar: <https://comeboating.rowschedule.com/members/RowReminder.php?boatid=4&rowid=13>.

Here is a link to the schedule page: <https://comeboating.rowschedule.com/members/GGR-rowsignup.php?date=2021-8-19>.

If you are unable to make the row/sail, please remove your name from the row/sail in order that standbys can be notified.
If you need to cancel within an hour of the row/sail, please contact the cox/skipper.
Thank You!
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Subject: **You are a standby for a row/sail on Selkie on 2021-08-20 at 4:30 pm**
You are signed up as a standby on Selkie on 2021-08-20 at 4:30 pm.
Here is a link to a reminder file for your calendar: <https://comeboating.rowschedule.com/members/RowReminder.php?boatid=2&rowid=2346>.

Here is a link to the schedule page: <https://comeboating.rowschedule.com/members/GGR-rowsignup.php?date=2021-08-20>.

If a rower/sailor removes themselves from the row/sail, you will be contacted if you are then on the row/sail.
Please remember that not all rowers/sailors show up for the row/sail. You might still be able to get on the row if you show up.
If you need to cancel within an hour of the row/sail, please contact the cox/skipper.
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The reminder file link is an industry-standard ICS file that will add an event to your calendar. It should work on all devices that have a calendar. You can set alerts to remind you of the row/sail.

There is also a link on the row/sail scheduling page for the reminder file:

Belle Fast Rows	
[create new row on Belle Fast]	
Row ID:	2358
Calendar Reminder File:	Download
Date:	Friday, August 20
Boat:	Belle Fast
Row Time:	6:00 am

2. If a rower has removed themselves from a row, the next rower will receive an email notification. An example of the email is here:

Subject: **You are now signed up for a row/sail on Selkie on 2021-08-20 at 4:30 pm**

You are now a confirmed rower/sailor on Selkie on 2021-08-20 at 4:30 pm.

Here is a link to a reminder file for your

calendar: <https://comeboating.rowschedule.com/members/RowReminder.php?boatid=2&rowid=2346>.

Here is a link to the schedule page: <https://comeboating.rowschedule.com/members/GGR-rowsignup.php?date=2021-08-20>.

If you need to cancel within an hour of the row/sail, please contact the cox/skipper.

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3. If a row is canceled, an email will be sent automatically to the rowers that have signed up for that row. An example of the email is here:

Subject: **Row/sail on Malcolm G for Friday, August 20 is Canceled**

The row/sail scheduled on Malcolm G for 8:00 am on Friday, August 20 has been canceled.

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4. If a row that has been cancelled and placed back onto the calendar (usually because of the unpredictable Maine weather), rowers will be notified of the changes. An example of the email is here:

Subject: **Row/sail on Malcolm G for Friday, August 20 Back On!**

The row/sail scheduled on Malcolm G for 8:00 am on Friday, August 20 is back on, so please come row as originally planned.

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5. Self-registration will have it mandatory for a phone number to be added.

I really appreciate the feedback and suggestions for making things easier. If you have any other suggestions and also would like to have things come to fruition with Come Boating,

please do not hesitate to talk to me directly or send me an email at
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