



October 1, 2024

Dear Friends of Williamsburg Boat Club,

Williamsburg Boat Club (WBC) is a non-profit community rowing organization that serves rowers of all abilities throughout the Greater Williamsburg Area, attracting local and traveling rowing enthusiasts, ages 11-80+ years old.

We are excited to be hosting our third annual fundraising Wine & Dine Event and Silent Auction on November 22, 2024 at Governor's Land. The goal is to raise both awareness for WBC and funding to maintain and develop our venue and programs.

WBC is working with the James City County Parks & Recreation Department to create a much needed Rowing and Small Boat Center to serve as the centerpiece of the revitalization of the Chickahominy Riverfront Park's non-motorized boating access.

**We can't meet our goal without the help of our community and organizations like yours!**

There are multiple ways to support our upcoming Wine & Dine fundraiser:

- Become an Event Sponsor or Donor
- Offer an In-Kind Donation for our silent auction and/or raffle
- Purchase tickets and join us at our upcoming event

## **FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT**

While the overall rowing center development will cost up to \$500,000, we are breaking the development into smaller projects that provide high functional improvements, quickly. Our second annual fundraiser last November raised \$27k raising our total Facilities fund to \$50k, enough to fund our initial phase of repurposing the existing on-site storage shed.

- **WBC Phase 1** work has been completed. In partnership with the Park, we have converted the storage shed into a temporary Club and Coaching "HQ" with all of our electronics and Boosters refrigeration. The Park has moved all RV and Boat storage to another area of the Park and traffic flow and rower dropoff has moved to behind the boathouse to increase parking and improve safety. We have concurrently improved storage and organization in the boathouse, the oar shed, and the conex box. Our initial facility design, feasibility and cost estimate is completed.

- **Phase 2** has started with key Park responsibilities. A suitable septic field has been identified for the public restrooms and wells have been completed for supplying water to our end of the Park. JCC has approved funding in this fiscal year for the engineering and completion of public restrooms, paved road and parking behind the boathouse, and land survey engineering for sidewalks and handicap access to our future facility (including razing the current shed to leave a building pad). Dominion energy is also planning for the burying of electrical wires throughout the Park.
- The Park is currently conducting the land survey work for this area that is key for triggering WBC development work as it will provide a date for the restrooms completion. The JCC Building Department has indicated WBC plans can start moving forward once restroom dates are firm.
- We have received permitting approval for a change in purpose for the building. WBC and the Park have started to work on an “agreement of use” for the building and WBC has reached out to contractor and engineering services for both the initial work and for planning the next work phases. Eventually, this repurposed and expanded facility will support indoor training, electronics, storage, coaching office, classroom for learning to row, other programs, and a bad weather shelter.
- The Park has relocated RV storage which has allowed us to reroute boat house traffic for safer rower drop off and pickup. The park has committed to building new restrooms, but this work is subject to completion of an overall park plan for our area along with a land survey and engineering work. Replacing the docks and adding handicap access also will follow this planning work.
- **WBC Phase 3** will include building an 1,800 sq. foot temperature controlled facility along with an outdoor boat pavilion. The indoor facility will support indoor training and provide electronics storage, a coaching office, a bad weather shelter for rowers, and a space that can be used for learn to row and other programs. The boat pavilion will serve to better protect our fragile, expensive rowing shells from sun, storms, and falling branches. With generous annual support combined with loans from our banking partners we are targeting to start and complete this work in 2025 (with facility enhancements in future years).

### **WHY SUPPORT THE WILLIAMSBURG ROWING CENTER?**

WBC is one of just a few community rowing programs in our region, and a champion for recreational small boating opportunities on our area’s beautiful water venue. The rowing center will:

- Expand outreach to young athletes, scholarships
- Build rower leadership, fitness, teamwork
- Add community programs, indoor training
- Retain outstanding coaches, preserve equipment
- Develop adaptive rowing capability

**Additional Information**

- For more information about our club visit us at [www.WilliamsburgBoatClub.org](http://www.WilliamsburgBoatClub.org)
- For assistance with in-kind donations and silent auction specific questions please contact : Jen Scott at [jenscott523@gmail.com](mailto:jenscott523@gmail.com)
- To enquire about sponsorship please contact [president@williamsburgboatclub.org](mailto:president@williamsburgboatclub.org)
- Tickets for the event will be listed on our website soon.

We appreciate your consideration to partner with us and we look forward to collaborating with you as we grow our rowing community. All proceeds from this event will directly benefit the Williamsburg Boat Club venue, facilities, and programs. All contributions are 100% tax deductible. WBC is a 501(c)(3)non-profit organization Tax ID# 473624521.



The Williamsburg Boat Club is committed to providing high quality rowing experiences, in a positive environment, to members of the surrounding communities from every skill level, age, and background. Thank you for your support! All gifts to WBC are tax-deductible.

## *Sponsorship and Auction Item Donation Form*

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**SPONSORSHIP  
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\$5,000

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**CONTACTED BY (NAME OF WBC FAMILY IF APPLICABLE):**

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Thank you for your support!