



August 13, 2015

To All Competitors,

We are extending an invitation to you to be a part of the **10th Annual Hammer Row and Paddle Board Race**. The Race is named for Captain Michael McGrath, who lost his battle with cancer in December of 2005. To honor his life, a race is scheduled for 6:30PM on Thursday, August 27th. The course is scheduled to begin at Seaview Harbor Marina and end back on the beach at Seaview Harbor Marina. The race is open all rowers and paddlers. The \$50 per boat entry fee and \$25 paddler fee will benefit the Pearl Foundation, which was created in his memory and benefits local youth who have shown the same dedication and perseverance.

There will be no weigh-in. Only VanDuyne fiberglass or wood boats may be used. We request that all Beach Patrols have a vehicle and crew to aid their competitors both prior to and after the race.

An awards presentation and post race party will be held following the race and trophies will be awarded to overall first, second and third place crews and the following categories: First Mixed Crew, First Female Crew, First Alumni Crew, and First Longport Alumni Crew. Also first, second and third places will be awarded in the Paddle Board event. Refreshments will be offered for all the rowers and their families.

Please complete the attached entry/liability waiver form and return it to Longport Beach Patrol by August 26th. You can also scan and email it to: beachpatrolchief@longport-nj.us or by Fax to (609) 823-3119.

Please consider a sponsorship, donation or cash contribution. Your tax-deductible gift is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please contact Longport Patrol at (609) 822-3898

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

The McGrath Family for The Pearl Foundation
In conjunction with Longport Beach Patrol

For your records, the Pearl Foundation TIN is 20-4155632



Entry/Liability Waiver Form

I, _____, do understand and acknowledge the nature of the sport of marathon rowing and its inherent dangers and I am competing at my own risk. I hereby, for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release claims that I may have against the Borough of Longport and its representatives, the sponsor, (The Pearl Foundation) and their representatives and any and all other parties, successors, and assignees directly or indirectly associated with this race for any injuries that may occur or be suffered by me in the “HAMMER ROW” race. I also give permission for the use of my name and/or picture in any newspaper, broadcast or other account of this race. I certify that I am in proper physical condition for this race.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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