



The Ninth Oar

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in the Ninth Oar, Sonoma's premier support organization for collegiate rowing. Enclosed in this welcome packet you will find information on our organization, our mission and our objectives as well as how you can join us and become the Ninth Oar that helps our beloved boats go that much faster, that much easier.

The Ninth Oar is an organization built upon the principles of teamwork and dedication fostered by many of our own experiences in collegiate or other levels of rowing. In the spirit of the sport, we are delighted at the prospect of welcoming you to our ranks by offering you several levels of membership, each with its own membership packages. Along with your membership, the services you may offer in support of our sponsored athletes will be instrumental in the continued success of Sonoma's collegiate oarsmen who have already performed exceptionally on the race course in the short lifespan of Sonoma rowing.

Though all levels of involvement are eagerly welcomed, the Ninth Oar encourages members to consider how they might expand their involvement to performing some function in the service of our oarsmen. Whether you might provide administrative services, serve in the governance of our organization, or provide financial assistance for equipment purchasing or even an endowed scholarship we encourage you to consider your own possibilities while reading through this packet.

We hope to hear from you soon confirming your new membership with the Ninth Oar. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the persons listed below.

Thank You and GO SONOMA!

Sincerely,

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Purpose and Plan

All membership fees and profit from sales of merchandise will be allocated among the following accounts:

- 70% deposited into a high yields savings account with the goal of raising the minimum amount to purchase an endowment.
- 20% dedicated to current equipment needs
- 10% to cover all current and future operating costs of the Ninth Oar

Purposes of the Ninth Oar:

- Equipment – to help support the growth and maintenance of Sonoma’s fleet of boats and inventory of equipment.
- Endowment – 2 endowments will be set in place: an equipment endowment to support the equipment purchasing needs of the team and operating endowment to support expenditures related to coaching, travel, administrative fees, etc. These endowments will be set in place with the ultimate goal of completely supporting all equipment and operating costs of the team.
- Boathouse – Provide a permanent home for the team.

Ten-Year Plan

One-Year Plan

- To achieve a member base of 150+
- To raise \$5,000 toward the purchase of aforementioned endowments

Five-Year Plan

- To achieve a member base of 300+
- \$250,000 in total endowment funds in place to offset the costs of the team

Ten-Year Plan

- Member base of 500
- \$500,000 in total endowment funds in place

If you decide this is something you would like to support please fill out the following form and return to the address listed below.



Membership Application

Purpose: To assist Sonoma's collegiate rowers by providing their teams with financial support in order for the athletes concentrate their energies on their rowing and academic performances. The Ninth Oar will be tasked with programs that will benefit the teams. The Ninth Oar's main three areas of focus that would best accomplish our mission are as follows: building a boathouse, acquiring top-level equipment, and endowing the operations of the teams.

Please choose a membership level:

_____ **Annual Family Membership:** (2 Ninth Oar T-Shirts, 3 Newsletters) - \$45.00

_____ **Annual Individual Membership:** (1 Ninth Oar T-Shirts, 3 Newsletters) - \$30.00

_____ **Renew Membership:** (3 Newsletters) - \$20.00

_____ **Additional T-Shirts:** (Please specify quantity) - \$15.00 each

Additional Donation (Optional) \$_____ Check Total: _____ Check Number: _____

T-shirt designs can be viewed on our website at: www.ninthoar.org

Please fill out the following:

Member 1: _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

Member 2: _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ **Electronic Newsletter (Please Check)** - In an effort to conserve paper and promote "green" operations, we encourage you to receive your newsletter in an electronic format (PDF).

Please Mail Back to: The Ninth Oar, P. O. Box 1492, Rohnert Park, California 94928

Any information given will be strictly kept within our database, used for communication purposes only.

Office Use Only: _____ : Database _____ : T-Shirts Sent _____ : Renewal Date