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Charleston Crew completed another semester of rowing. The Crew competed at Head of the Hooch in Chattanooga, TN and Head of the South in Augusta, GA. The Crew also again hosted it's own regatta, the Charleston Head Race in October. The Crew had a very bumpy start but finished strong and with great aspirations for the spring sprint season.

The Varsity Men are regularly putting out an 8+ and two fours, a light 4+ and a heavy 4+.

The men had some great results at Head of the South and are excited for the Sprint season. We're expecting to have a few oarsmen return to the team so all can look forward to some good seat racing.

The women's varsity have focused on an 8+, a heavy four, and are putting together a light 4+.

The Novice came out in great numbers again and through the debacles and tribulations, a few even stuck.



## Thanksgiving Dinner

If you weren't at the Landrith household for Thanksgiving Dinner last night, you missed out. Your night was not possibly better than our night. We fried three entire tur-

keys and the women made some incredibly dishes. To whoever made that thing with the sweet potatoes and pecans, I will marry you.

Everyone had a

great time, except for Mike Richards. Why did Mike Richards not have a great time? Mike Richards didn't come. He was too busy writing papers and killing alligators.

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### Special points of interest:

- Shenanigans
- Evan's Cashmere Uni-suit
- Random Quotes and Lies

## Shenanigans

This season was fraught with shenanigans and sundry disorders from the start. After being removed from our prized parking lot, we built a floating dock in one of Bristol Marina's boat slips. Have a hard time imagining it? That's probably because it's a ridiculous thing, but it has actually worked thus far. Of course it only fits about half of our boats and it's literally a miracle no one has hurt themselves on it. Yay for safety! The rest of our fleet is sitting pretty in Brittle Bank. Needless to say, it's somewhat vague as to whether we can actually be there.



Acorns on a leaf. Squirrels eat acorns. Eagles eat Squirrels. Nothing eats the American Eagle.

I suppose it's better to ask for forgiveness than a favor.

Also, all of our coxswains from last year quit. Travis served as the varsity men's cox for about half the sea-

son. We don't miss that. Thankfully some awesome coxswains stepped up to the plate in some big ways. (Stephanie, Bekha, Maylin, and Jess) Way to save us.

Oh, we had some leadership issues. I.e. our leader quit a month in. Former Captain Evan Farkas stepped in as interim and did a good job of it. The men's heavy four has been stroked by three different guys this season, none of them actually being on the team. The fact that we've stabilized and things have become regular, is a Thanksgiving miracle.

## Head of the Hooch

Not our best showing honestly. We got our can kicked in just about every race. If you want a more thorough analysis, check out our crew website, there's a wonderfully written piece about it. I don't care to write more about it because I didn't enjoy my time there. The best thing we took

from this was anger. Anger that begat better results the next week. Anger is good. So the rest of this is completely fabricated.

We won Head of the Hooch. Every event, even the ones we weren't in. The Men's Champ 8+

went so fast that it opened a Black Hole at the thousand meter mark, fought an intergalactic war, popped back in around the 4KM mark, and then won the race. Sans oars.

My body is like breakfast, lunch, and dinner. I don't think about it, I just have it.

**-Arnold Schwarzenegger**

## Head of the South

The Head of the South went much better than Head of the Hooch. We were competitive in nearly every event. The Men's Varsity pretty much stole the show. Registered in five events, they won three of them and got silver in the fourth. The Men's Light 4+ won gold, as did the club 1x, and as did the Championship 8+. Our Champ 1x

got 2nd. The Hvy 4+ got sixth despite having a crippled Latino in stroke seat.

The rest of the team did well too. The Varsity Women's 8+ took fifth. The Novice Men's 4+ took tenth. The Novice Women



This is a yellow leaf. It is outlined in red because it rained blood.

took 5th in the 4+ and 8th in the 8+.

This was really a redeeming way to end the season. After everything hitting the fan, we finished the season on a strong foot.

## Looking Forward

We're looking forward to having a great spring sprint season. We're going to 'eat lightning and crap thunder'. The new captains (Emily Gooding and Me) are going to make this a goal focused team. One prize, all eyes. Each boat is going to form it's goal and attack it with all that they have. For the men's varsity this means: Goal #1- Win Dad Vails, #2 Win ACRA, #3 Win SIRA, and #4 Win everything else.

Also, we really, really want a boathouse. And now we have a practical option! We're going to

build a temporary boathouse like what Temple and other teams have built in lieu of a permanent structure. Now, we only need like ten grand and city approval. We can do it!



Leaves of Fall. Not to be confused with Leaves of Spring.

The team has plenty more ideas of how to improve this crew. Some of them are highly irrational and dangerous. However, a fraction of them are actually good ideas.

The biggest thing is that we have the passion and desire to make this team better and bring up our standards of competition. There is absolutely no reason why we can't be as good as any other rowing club.

## What your support can do for this Team!

Like I said before, we're going to try and build a boathouse. Monetary support alongside team fundraising is how this monumental team change is going to happen. It will literally change the face and make-up of Charleston Crew.

Furthermore, we need more of everything as always. Seats and shoes are

continually falling apart and we need to update these parts. Better yet, we need a new four for the heavy men. The beloved Zink is coughing up the last parts of its lungs and a replacement, possibly a Resolute, is highly needed.

Milk is for babies. When you grow up you have to drink beer.

**-Arnold Schwarzenegger**

We could also go with some more ergs. We want to spread out the pain to more people at the same time. Let's shoot to have eight operable ergs by Spring 2013.

For all of this, we need patrons, we can do only so much as oarsmen. Our love doesn't generate money, just sweat.



This is a pumpkin. Best served in pie form.



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Pain is Fear Leaving the Body.



Charleston Crew is a collegiate rowing club program, rowing on the Ashley River in Charleston, South Carolina. It started back in 1989, no boats, just ergs. A few college students, some of who rowed in high school, wanted to start a rowing team at the College of Charleston. They asked Dr. Robert Frankis Jr., a biology professor at the College, to help. He was more than willing to help start the rowing team. The first races were rowed in borrowed boats. When the Crew started to get boats, they rowed out of several locations over the years from Dolphin Cove, Trophy Lakes, Duncan Marina, Mt. Pleasant County Park, before finding a home at the Bristol Marina on Ashley River where they have been for the past 6 years.

Today, the team regularly fields 50-60 rowers who compete in singles, doubles, pairs, fours, & eights. The team travels the Southeast and the east coast to compete in regattas such as the Head of the Hooch (Second largest regatta in the country), The Head of the Charles (Largest regatta in the world), the Head of the South, SIRA, Dad Vail, and numerous others against schools such as UGA, Clemson, UNC, Virginia, Texas, and Duke. Our team has done well against this level of competition and has garnered over 110 medals the last few years.

## New Board

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We've got ourselves a brand new board. Joseph Berger (me) is not Men's Captain, Emily Gooding is Women's Captain, Erin Markert is Treasurer, Hank Hays is Secretary, BP and Luke Rein are Equipment Managers, Olivia Criddle and Leah Cockerham are Fundraising Chairs, Dan the Man Candea is Clothing Chair, Stephanie Witwicky is Novice Women's Captain, and Adam Bailey is Novice Men's Captain.

Well done to everybody of last years board. Yall had some tough times and you brought everyone through it.

It's up to the new board to bring this team to a new level of competition, organization, prosperity, and passion.

I'm sure we'll do a good job.

Stay tuned.

