

WaterWire *follow-up* CONTENTS: June 1, 2012

Corrections, clarifications, updates and letters to the editor

To the editor,

I am writing in response to your April 20th article "Elite Sport of Crew is Offered to Inwood Teens." The article was full of inaccuracies regarding New York Rowing and its programming while manager of the Peter J. Sharp Boathouse. New York Rowing offered many neighborhood and city wide children the opportunity to participate in the sport of rowing. New York Rowing never kept a "low profile" either in Inwood or on the Harlem River sponsoring numerous learn to row clinics, erg classes and swimming classes for neighborhood kids, the surrounding schools and NYC parks recreation centers. Even a cursory review of New York Rowing's website, regional regatta entries over the past eight years, your own articles or other media reports on our programming or the nature of the recent litigation between New York Rowing and the owners of the boathouse would have helped avoid writing such a one-sided, slanted, unfair and intentionally harmful article. For the past eight years New York Rowing ran the indisputably largest, most successful and only fully integrated youth rowing program in the city and will do so again in the very near future. MWA should try carefully checking its sources and facts for your own benefit and your readers.

Vince Paparo
Chairman
New York Rowing

Editor's note: *WaterWire* is well aware of New York Rowing's programs, and wishes the organization all the best as it seeks to expand its recreational rowing opportunities in New York City and elsewhere. We look forward to helping to publicize NYR's programs, as *WaterWire* has done in the past.