



Dear Business Owner,

**Saline Rowing** is a club sport sponsored by Saline Area Schools Community Education, and is mainly self-funded. The club formed in 2004 with thirteen student athletes and today averages 50-60 athletes each Spring and Fall season. In collaboration with Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti Charter Township and Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation, our Club contributed to the construction of a new community boathouse at Lakeside Park on the south side of Ford Lake. This is where our team maintains its fleet of boats and practices.

With the new facility in place, we were able to host our first home regatta at Ford Lake in the Spring of 2015. This site offers improved universal pedestrian and vehicular access, parking, a picnic shelter, a fishing dock, picnic area overlooks, an outdoor classroom, adaptive rowing, and scenic pathways along the river with interpretive signage.

Our Club's primary fundraiser is "**The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Gatsby Regatta**". This 1920's-themed adult dinner/dance with auction is designed to build community awareness of the Saline High School Rowing program. This year's event will be held on **Tuesday, August 16, 2016** at Mac's Acadian Seafood Shack.

Proceeds will help provide the funds needed to purchase and maintain our boats and equipment, support training programs for our rowers, as well as host an annual Salt Springs Regatta at our boat house/rowing site at Ford Lake.

We would love to have our local business owners join us for the event or consider supporting us in one of the following ways:

- **Reserve a table for your business associates or friends/family.** • Tickets prices are \$60.00 each. This includes a delicious dinner served by Mac's Acadian Seafood Shack, beer, wine, and an entire evening of entertainment.
- **Donate an item or service for our Silent Auction.** • Anything will do, but some of last year's most successful auction items included tickets to sports and entertainment events, professional services, stays at vacation resorts, artwork, gift baskets, and more.
- **Enjoy the evening!** • We encourage all guests to dress in '20s-era garb for a roaring great time – calling all flappers!

Tickets for the 2016 Great Gatsby Regatta can be purchased online at [www.salinerowing.org](http://www.salinerowing.org). Donations and a portion of your ticket may be tax-deductible. If you have questions, please contact Stacy Wellings at [stacywellings@gmail.com](mailto:stacywellings@gmail.com) or Mary Hays at [mhays48176@msn.com](mailto:mhays48176@msn.com)

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Sincerely,

The Great Gatsby Committee

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