

Learn to Row program 2019

The Pend Oreille Rowing and Paddling Association of Priest River (PORPA) held its first Masters (age 18 and over) Learn To Row program. This learn to row program was for beginning and novice rowers. The program covered the fundamentals of rowing and rowing safety.

Coach: Dan Gehn, Gonzaga University Men's Rowing Coach:

About Coach Gehn: Dan Gehn began his 26th year as Director of Rowing and head men's rowing coach at Gonzaga University in 2019. Under his guidance Gonzaga crew has become a recognized team on the West Coast and in recent years the Bulldogs have started to appear on the national rowing scene. This was noted with first place finishes in two events in the April 2019 UCSD Invitational.

Location: Priest River Recreation Area aka The Mudhole

Program description:

Two-week instruction (four sessions) held on Saturday and Sunday 10:30am-1pm. Each day will consist of a 2.5-hour session both off the water and on the water.

On water instruction was done on PORPA's coastal water double which provided one on one interaction with the coach. Individuals who completed the course were invited to join PORPA and most did and are now part of our crews.