

## Boat names

**Austin Hack:** Austin got his start rowing with Old Lyme highschool. Before matriculating at Stanford in the Fall of 2010, he had already rowed twice in the US Junior Men's eight, winning in 2010. Despite his outsized potential, Austin remained with LOLHS for all four years, a testament to his fidelity to his school and his friends. While rowing for Stanford University, Austin was recognized as the PAC-10 student athlete of the year. He represented the US at U23's twice, again winning in the eight in 2011. Austin served on the Senior US National team four times, finally stroking the men's eight to a fourth-place finish at the Olympic Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in 2016. Austin's picture joins our other club Olympians in the Flex space. The Hack family has supported Old Lyme Rowing Association in a variety of ways. Austin's father Greg served as President for eight years, through construction of the new boathouse.



**Anita De Franz:** Anita De Franz took her first rowing strokes on Rogers Lake as a student at Connecticut College in the 1970's. When international women's rowing was getting its start, Anita served on six national teams starting in 1975. In 1976 she rowed in the women's eight in the Olympic Games in Montreal, finishing third. Anita was named to the ill-fated Olympic team of 1980, which did not compete in Moscow due to the boycott of those games. The legal events that ensued introduced Anita (a lawyer) into the intersection of sports and the law. Her athletic career finished; Anita dedicated herself with the same energy to international sports governance. She served at the highest levels of FISA, the international governing body for rowing, before being named to the International Olympic Committee.

**The Commander:** Glenn Elliott, "The Commander", was born in the great sea-faring state of New Mexico, but was taken by his missile technician father to Sycamore Test Canyon in

southern California and then on to Cape Canaveral. Appointed to the US Naval Academy, The Commander, boxed and sailed. Although he had no experience, the Naval Academy crew coach tried to recruit him to no avail. After graduation, he served more than 23 years before retiring from the Submarine Service. The Commander started teaching physics, chemistry, astronomy, marine science, environmental science and even biology, at LOLHS in 1999. Recruited by Rob Roach, the Athletic Director, to coach the Girls' Novice Team in 2001 he served in this capacity successfully until 2008 as no girls drowned or were permanently injured although at his first two Founder Cup regattas, he accompanied team members to the New Fairfield Clinic. (One from heat exhaustion and another from being hit in the head by her oar after catching a crab.)

Regrettably, the Commander had to retire from coaching due to worsening arthritis, the completing of his masters degree and family issues, although he survived the students of LOLHS for another twelve years. The Commander remembers fondly the application of physics to the discipline of rowing and sculling and especially all the wonderful girls he had the pleasure of coaching.

**Athena:** The Greek goddess of wisdom. A strong, sometimes warlike woman

**Artemis:** The Greek goddess of the hunt. The athletic, outdoors-woman of the Greek pantheon. Not one to perch scantily clad on a half shell and be blown around by the wind (think Aphrodite) Artemis could shoot a bow and run with the best of the men. A fine example for our rowing women.

**Ben Washburne:** Ben Washburne began rowing at Blood Street Sculls in 2013 and continued in the summer junior and collegiate programs through 2020. Ben joined the Hopkins School Varsity Crew in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and continued all through his time at Hopkins. Ben was captain of the Hopkins team and two-time awardee of the Crew Coaches' Award for Leadership and Dedication. He also led the team to their all-time best finish at the NEIRA regatta, winning the petite grand final. Ben attended Williams College where he won the NESCAC championship in the Varsity Eight his sophomore and won the D3 IRA National Championship both his junior and senior years. In his senior year, he was named to the All-NESCAC Second Team and was awarded the John A. Shaw Award for Commitment, Perseverance, and Commitment. Born with a severe left club foot, Ben had over a dozen surgeries before age nine. Ben began his involvement with the US Para National Team in the summer of 2022, when he joined the team as a development athlete at the Canadian Henley Regatta and won gold in the PR3 4+ race. In 2023, he won a silver medal at World Championships in the PR3 4+. In 2024, he won a Paralympic silver medal in the PR3 4+ event in Paris. Ben's picture hangs in the Flex space.



**Persephone:** The Greek goddess of Springtime. She was kidnapped by Hades (God of the underworld) and forced to spend half the year in his dark cavern serving as his queen. But crews welcome her return to the upper world where she brings warmth, sunshine and flowers to April rowing.

**Eos:** The Greek goddess of the dawn. Evocative of our favorite time to row, when the sunrise blinds you when you make the first turn west towards Emerson's.

**Scylla:** The double came to us named Scylla and may have been the inspiration for the Greek mythology theme. Students of Homer's Odyssey will remember Scylla as the six headed monster that dwelled on the Italian shore of the Strait of Messina. When forced to navigate the strait, Odysseus opted to hove close to Scylla, sacrificing only a few sailors to the monster's maw, instead of sacrificing his whole ship to Charybdis

**Charybdis:** The second double also came to us named Charybdis, named for the whirlpool in Homer's Odyssey located off the shore of Sicily.

**Clegda:** Clegda is the name chosen by the generous donor of the girls Vespoli 4+. Clegda is an affectionate name used for the donor's daughter. This boat is often referred to as Audacity.

**Roger:** Roger was the name chosen by the generous donor, together with the girl's crew. It evokes a mythical lake monster, after whom our lake has been named.

**Cookie Jar:** Not much is known about this name. One of the first boats in the Blood Street fleet, purchased by Fred Emerson in the 1960's was a wooden quad, fondly named Cookie Jar. This

boat served a long life teaching many young rowers. Peg Ryan, one of the athletes that rowed Cookie Jar in the late 1960's recalls a Cookie Jar that was always amply stocked for the fledgling girls LOLHS crew that was located at a home used as their 'locker room'. It is pictured in the photograph above the door in the Flex space and the original hull can be found at Mystic Seaport. Below please find Cookie Jar:



**Alecto:** The four came to us with this name. In Greek mythology, Alecto was one of the Furies, representing implacable or unceasing anger. Alecto also had a fiery role in Virgil's Aeneid where her mission was to goad the Trojan's into instigating a war which ultimately became their downfall.

**Locomotive Breath:** This comes from the name of a tune on the 1971 album Aqualung, by the classic rock artist Jethro Tull. The motivational lyrics are:

*Oh, he feels the piston scraping  
Steam breaking on his brow  
Old Charlie stole the handle  
And the train it won't stop  
Oh no way to slow down*

The boatnaming committee arrived at this name in part because Paul Fuchs had named one of his early singles Locomotive Breath. The committee decided the name deserved a second life.

**AquaLung:** Continuing the Jethro Tull theme, this aqua quad finally acquired a name, which evokes both its color, and the organ (lungs) from which it derives its power.

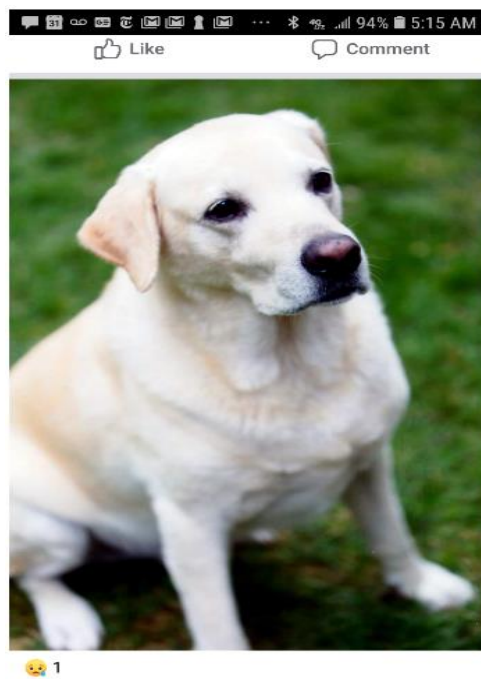
**Andiamo:** Italian for 'Let's Go' is appropriate for this Italian manufactured Filippi

**Andrew Bolton Beijing 2008:** Andrew rowed for Lyme Old Lyme Highschool and graduated in 1998. He attended Lafayette College where he rowed for his collegiate crew. In 2003, Andrew represented the US in the men's lightweight 8+ at World Championships, and came in second.

In 2007, he was in the US light men's eight at Pan Am Games, finishing second again. Andrew was a spare for the lightweight men's straight four in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Later in the summer of 2008, Andrew broke the curse, and won World Championships in the eight. His picture hangs in the Flex space.

**Sarah Trowbridge, London 2012:** Hailing from nearby Guilford, Sarah got her start rowing with Blood Street Sculls before attending University of Michigan where she rowed for the wolverines and won two big ten championships. Sarah represented the US in the women's double in the 2012 Olympics in London, where she finished sixth. Her picture hangs in the Flex space.

**Finn:** Finn was the beloved yellow lab belonging to the Gianquinto family. Paul Gianquinto came to the boathouse through his dedicated service as chair of the Hains Park Boathouse Committee. For three long years, Paul conducted meetings to hash out the details of the beautiful boathouse we now call home. Once done with the boathouse, Paul couldn't stay away. Although he bought a pair of trow, enrolled in Learn To Row, and made a valiant effort to revive his collegiate rowing days, Paul is happiest tinkering with his friend Paul Fuchs, making repairs and improvements to the boathouse. And Finn was never far from his side. Finn would bound out of the little red truck and initiate every visit to the boathouse with a refreshing soak in the lake.



**Liam R. Corrigan:** Liam graduated from Lyme Old Lyme Highschool, after stroking the Boys 4+ in one of their very rare appearances in National Championships in 2015 (photo below). Liam also stroked a Boys 4+ which finished second at Head of the Charles. This propitious beginning took Liam to Harvard University, where he was captain of the men's crew. Liam stroked the men's 8+ in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. Subsequently, Liam achieved one of his longtime



goals, and won The Boatrace, rowing for Oxford University on the Thames. In the 2024 Olympics in Paris, Liam stroked the US men's 4- to a gold medal. His picture hangs in the Flex space.



**Row-Bot:** Row-Bot is named as a nod to long time LOLHS coach Bill Derry. Bill's other passion is leading the very successful LOLHS robotics team. Many a LOLHS boat has had practice disrupted as the crew departs Old Lyme in the Spring to attend the First Robotics National competition. Coach Derry is shown below with his crew.



**Tucker:** This quad is named by its donor, Dale Hoxie, to honor his faithful golden retriever, Tucker. Dale is a longtime coach of LOLHS novice girls, and advocates for rowing for women of all ages. Below, Tucker's arrival at the boathouse is welcomed by Nick, a LOLHS crew member.



**Alchemy:** This gold hull was given a name which evokes the practice of transforming low quality metals into gold, somewhat like the transformation that single sculling can induce.

**Gemini:** Is the third sign of the zodiac, which is symbolized by the twins, Castor and Pollux. Fitting for a double scull.

**Fred:** Named fondly for our founder, Fred Emerson.

**Betty:** Betty was the very svelte wife of Barney, Fred Flintstone's sidekick, from the late 20<sup>th</sup> century cartoon, The Flintstones.

**Wilma:** Although in real life, Fred Emerson's wife was Trudy, it is understood that she was not much of a rowing fan. Wilma, on the other hand, was the wife of Fred Flintstone, from the late 20<sup>th</sup> century cartoon, The Flintstones.

**Pebbles:** This little single rounds out the Flintstone family with Fred and Wilma's baby, Pebbles



**Bam Bam:** This little single completes our obsession with the Flinstone theme, as Barney and Betty's offspring.

**Dino:** Not strictly a family member, Dino (a dinosaur) provided the Flintstone family with transportation.



**Valiant:** HMS Valiant was one of five of the Queen Elizabeth Class British battleships, delivered in 1914. The name was used for the sixth time (since 1755) by the British navy for a nuclear submarine, leading the Valiant class, delivered in 1963, was the first fully British submarine. Ironically, the prior submarine (HMS Dreadnought) had an American built nuclear reactor. The Valiant name was used most recently, a seventh time, for the second submarine in the Dreadnought class. But surely the most distinctive use of the name is on our grey Hudson double which was previously owned and raced by Greg Hack. When Greg decided to decommission his Hudson from service, and sold it to OLRA for a discounted price, we invited him to select a suitable name for this venerable hull.

**Indefatigable** The first HMS Indefatigable was a 64-gun ship-of-the-line designed for the Royal Navy. Indefatigable had a long career in the French Revolutionary War and Napoleonic Wars, taking some 27 prizes. She is shown in action below:





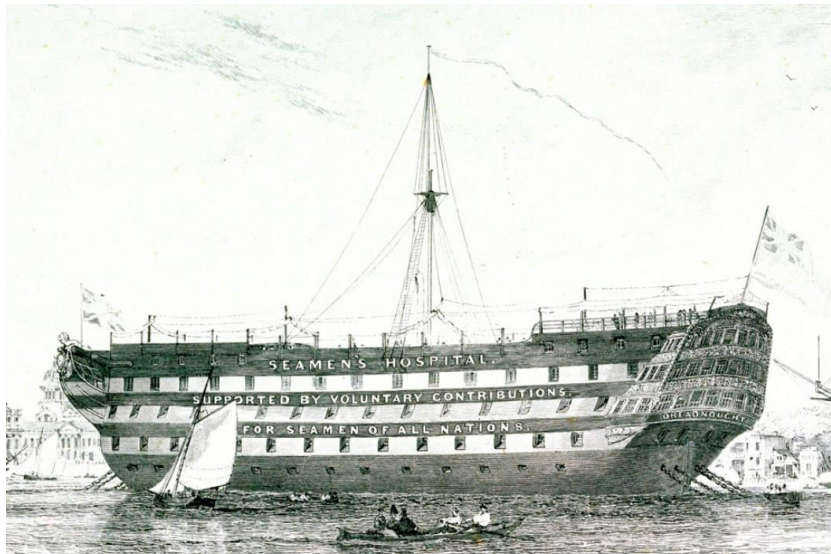
The second HMS Indefatigable was an Implacable class aircraft carrier, built in 1944. This vessel joined the American fleet in the invasion of Okinawa.



Aerial view of *Indefatigable* at sea, 7 November 1944

May the third Indefatigable enjoy a long and illustrious career commensurate with the history of her forebears.

**Dreadnought:** The first use of HMS Dreadnought that I can find is the second rate ship of the launched in 1801.



The Dreadnought name next graced a revolutionary British battleship launched in 1906. This battleship was revolutionary in the number of 12 inch caliber big guns in carried, and in its steam turbine propulsion.



The gun trials of the Brazilian dreadnought *Minas Geraes* in 1910, where all the guns capable of training to the port side were fired, forming what was at that time the heaviest broadside ever fired from a warship

Subsequently, the British Navy announced in 2016, that the replacement to the Vanguard Class of submarines, built in the 1990's, with an expected life of 25 years, would be the Dreadnought Class. Interestingly, the first submarine in that class was destined to be Valiant.

The Dreadnought name is now proudly emblazoned on the stern of our launch. May athletes facing a seat-race, or a Race Around the Lake gaze upon its stern, and 'Dreadnought'.

Inspiration for the name is credited to Leo Pellitier, who works on the construction of submarines at Electric Boat.