

Water Sports Center, Inc/Maritime Rowing Club

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm pleased to provide a letter of support for the Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc. ("VRK')

VRK is a non-profit organization which assists Veterans in reestablishing a positive and healthy lifestyle through the sport of rowing and kayaking.

As the Owner and Head Coach at Maritime Rowing Club, a 20-year old rowing club based in Norwalk, Connecticut, I had the opportunity to coach and be involved with the VRK when we ran and hosted the College Military Rowing Program three years ago. We had 19-registered Veterans and ROTC students combined in a Learn to Row program.

In 2016, VRK connected our club with a group of senior Veterans from Atria Assisted Living Community and we ran a learn to row program for a group of 10 Veterans where we trained them in our indoor rowing tank which is one of two in the entire state. Later in the summer, we hosted this same group for on-water barge rowing on Norwalk River with huge success with local community cheering our Vet's on. We had our Mayor and 1st Selectman and 3-media outlets covering the event.

VRK also paid for Veterans to take part in our Learn to Rowing program which was also very well attended.

Paul-Stephen Varszegi, VRK President/Founder wants to expand the scope of programming with our club but will need funding to pay for our coaching services. Late last year we engage 2008 Olympian Dan Walsh to train all our club men's programs. Dan is very enthusiastic and supportive of Paul's work with engaging area Veterans, both young and old, to take up the sport of rowing.

If you have any question or concern please let me know.

Sincerely,



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