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A TRIP THROUGH
TIME WITH
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The Starting 5: 1976-1977

The High Sequence: 1978-1981

The Base 250: 1982-1986

The 2nd 500: 1987-1996

The 3rd 500: 1997-2006

The Last 500: 2007-2016

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The first row: June 15, 1976

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The Starting Five: 1976 & 1977

Resource acquisition:

- Boats
- Oars
- Rowing site
- "Boathouse"
- People

Very loosely run at first

First race in the fall of 1976

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The High Sequence: 1978-1981

- GETTING THINGS GOING: DON DOSSETT (1977-1980)
- “Pioneers of the Team”
- Enter . . . Mike Caviston
- Winter site: Sports Coliseum
- Racing began to become a focus . . . Midwest Sprints . . . Dad Vail
- More bodies than seats

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The Base 250: 1982-1986

- “The Meeting”
- Enter Dustin Ordway
- 1982: THE BIRTH OF THE MICHIGAN ROWING ASSOCIATION
- 1983 Women’s Lightweight Four wins first Dad Vail Gold Medal
- 1983 Men’s Freshman/Novice 8 is first eight to make final at Dad Vail
- 1983-1986 A few more medals won in fours at Dad Vail
- Doug Herland, former coach(1980-81) wins silver at Olympics (cox M2+)
- 1985: BOATHOUSE CONSTRUCTED
- 1986: Sandy Kendall first Michigan Rowing alum to win World Championship gold

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The 2nd 500: 1987-1996

- 1987 First Men's Eight to medal at Dad Vail coached by Mike Caviston
- Some general instability with a few coaching changes
- Still lacked equipment for both men and women's teams
- More success achieved in Midwest Region; lightweight and heavy four focus in late 1980s.
- 1989 Men's Four wins first men's gold medal at Dad Vail
- 1990 . . . Enter Charley Sullivan
- 1990 . . . Enter Mark Rothstein
- 1992 . . . Enter Gregg Hartsuff

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The 2nd 500: 1987-1996

- 1993 – Leave Dad Vail for ECAC
- 1994 – Commitment to Varsity Eight as priority
- 1995 – Won Silver in Men’s Eight, golds in WV8, W2V8, WN8, and M2V8 to take team points trophy for first time at Dad Vail.
- Spring of 1995 – Women’s Rowing announced to be a varsity sport in the fall of 1996.
- Summer of 1995 – Mark Rothstein hired as first (and only) coach for the varsity women’s team
- 1995-1996 Transitional year
- Spring 1996 – Divorce is Finalized

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The 3rd 500: 1997-2006

You have now entered “The Michigan 1000”

- 1997 – Changed from UMRC to UMRT.
We now identified as a TEAM, not “just a club”
Transformed membership to student-athletes and not “club participants”
“The Meeting”
Introduction of the 2-year plan
- 1998 – ECAC “JV Gold” started “the emergence”
- 1999 – ECAC 1V8 Gold; Won team point trophy for first time
2 YEAR PLAN GOAL ACCOMPLISHED – Varsity 8: Petite Final of IRA

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The 3rd 500: 1997-2006

- 2000 - “The Meeting” ; birth of varsity-club status and hiring of Bill Canning
- 2002 – Indoor training site moved from Sports Coliseum to IMSB
Highest Team Finish in IRA History: 6th as a team ; Frosh 8 wins silver medal
- 2003 – Swept events at ECAC – 1st ever ; IRA Ten Eyck Finish – 7th
- 2004 – “The Year We Don’t Speak Of”, First Olympian – Steve Warner ‘00

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The 3rd 500: 1997-2006

- EnterPatrick Finn '98 becomes MRA President – strengthens MRA.
- 2005 - VICTORY AGAINST WISCONSIN
VICTORY AT ECAC
VICTORY IN DAD VAIL VARSITY EIGHT
- RIVALRY WITH TRINITY FORMED
- 2006 Invited and Raced in Windermere Cup in Seattle

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The Last 500: 2007-2016

- 2007 - End of an Era: IRA disallows clubs from competing
- 2008 – Beginning of a New Era: American Collegiate Rowing Ass
- 2008 – I am officially hired by the university
- 2008 – Matt Hughes '04 is second Olympian
- 2009 – Competitive Club Sport model adopted by Rec Sports
- 2010 – Rec Sports moved from Athletic Department to Student Life
- Two great frosh coaches – Christian Youngs & Russ Giacobbe
- Repeated Dad Vail Success:
 - Team Point Trophies in 2009, 2012, 2014
 - Varsity Eight Victories in 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014
 - Team has won more than 50 Dad Vail Medals now

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The Last 500: 2007-2016

- 2012 – First Michigan crews race at the Henley Royal Regatta
- 2015 – Varsity Club status eliminated as a term, indoor training site moved back to Sports Coliseum, 4 Michigan oarsmen and coaching staff represent USA at World University Games and win gold medal in the eight.
- MRA Strengthens
- 2016 – First endowment established for the men's rowing team.

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Michigan Crew: Our next project
INDOOR TRAINING FACILITY

The team **NEEDS** this to happen if we are going to stay competitive.

- current site will limit productivity and team size
- current planned site will not be appealing to recruits

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MICHIGAN ROWING FACILITY COMPONENTS

- Step One: Purchase site near campus >>> \$1,000,000+
 - Facility Size: 8,000-10,000 square feet
- 3,500-5,000 square feet of rowing machine training space
 - Locker Rooms (men and womens) and bathrooms
 - Two or three offices
 - Storage Space
 - Kitchen
 - Meeting Space with Team History Space

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FEASIBILITY >>>

YES, IT IS FEASIBLE, DEPENDING

Development determined we could raise \$3,000,000 two years ago

We can set up an endowment fund to pay for facility needs through the university

This would be MRA owned and operated

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