

## Why the Hod Fowler Boathouse?

Hod Fowler founded Sammamish Rowing Association in 1995. Over his many years of involvement with SRA, Hod imparted three key lessons which today continue to form the cornerstone of the organization.

- SRA calls itself an association, not a club, because it is a community organization. SRA is dedicated to providing access to rowing for people of all ages and abilities: everyone is welcome.
- SRA succeeds due to the commitment of its volunteers. Fees are the beginning and not the end of what each member owes to SRA. When members see a need at SRA, the response should always be not “Whose job is that?” but rather “How can I help?”
- Rowers, coaches, volunteers, and family members must always think about what is right for the future of SRA rather than what is best for themselves. Hard decisions are easier to make when the focus is on the organization rather than the individual.

When Hod retired from active involvement in SRA, he helped King County form the Community Partnership Grant program. Since 2003, this public-private partnership has leveraged funding and other resources to help create dozens of new public recreation facilities, including SRA itself. Hod Fowler’s vision, passion, and determination have affected thousands of lives in King County for the better, especially right here at Sammamish Rowing Association.