

From the Greenwich Crew coxswains

Although coxswains are often perceived as a futile seat in the boat, coxswains are essential for the success of the team. We are constantly analyzing the situations we are in and making quick decisions accordingly. Coxswains also play a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the rowers, by steering the shell quickly and efficiently and keeping the crew out of danger. The hardest part about coxing is having to balance steering, motivation, and technical calls. Having to act quickly on your feet while also analyzing what the rowers need can be extremely challenging. Because we act as the leaders of the boat, it can also be challenging to please each of our rowers to the extent that we hope to. Coxswains ensure a boat can row smoothly, so being adaptable in order to maintain a responsive crew is also key. Our job also involves a high level of responsibility and maturity to run our boats efficiently. Because of this, coxing takes patience, organization, and confidence. Considering the number of tasks we must manage, a good coxswain must be able to multitask. The most fun part about being a coxswain is going out with our team and lifting each other up to accomplish common goals. We know that our voices have a profound impact on the rowers and the outcome of the race which is very rewarding. But just being a part of the Greenwich Crew, whether at practice or a race, is more fun than anything else!