

Robert Montague

I've been coaching at Greenwich Crew since 2011. Over the past nine years, I've worked with both novice and varsity crews, but I feel like I do my best work with the novices.

In fact, my proudest moment at Greenwich was watching my novice men break CRI's streak of nine consecutive wins in the novice eight at the 2019 Northeast Youth Championships. Many of those same athletes are now training to win a medal at the 2021 Youth National Championships in June. I hope to see eighteen of them (two eights) on the podium, along with an equal number from the women's team. That would be an historic result: no junior rowing program has ever medaled in all four eights in the history of the event. We all look forward to that day!

When I'm not coaching, some of my favorite things are reading, chess, and crossword puzzles. I also love hiking in the Catskills with my wife Melissa. We've been cycling a lot more recently and even tried the occasional open water swim this summer. My personal hero is Admiral Raymond Spruance, the little-known commander of the American naval forces at Midway. For the non-fiction fans out there, I highly recommend Thomas Buell's biography *The Quiet Warrior*. It's a great book to read in front of a fire this winter!