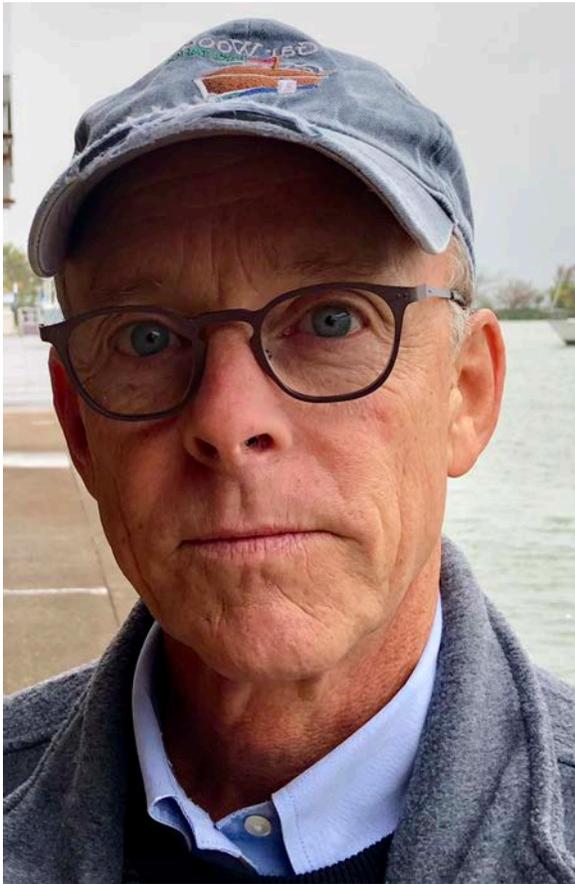


Kim Bache



There is a saying: “No time is better spent than messing about on boats”. My name is Kim Bache and I’ve spent a fair amount of time doing that from racing sailboats to restoring a ‘57 Chris Craft. Easing into the nether world of retirement I have once more found time to mess about on boats coming full circle back to shells.

I was introduced to rowing in high school at Culver and had forgotten about it until my wonderful wife, Linda, surprised me by saying she was going to start rowing. We both had a great experience with Learn to Row so we joined SRL, then FRL. Then there was winter coached erging. This year we rowed in Recreation and (new!) Fall

Recreation. I also enjoyed subbing in the men’s 8+ Performance boat. We’ve been pulled into the WRRRA like a crabbed oar into the river but in a good way. It is the friendliest group of people sharing a common purpose I’ve ever experienced. It makes the boat house a wonderful place to spend time.

In that common purpose, I found joy and new friendship volunteering for corporate outreach LTR’s, the SRL and HOTC regattas and helping maintain and repair the shells with the equipment committee. I will continue finding opportunities for joy contributing to the Western Reserve Rowing Association, whatever form that may take.

Linda and I have two grown daughters. When not busy working or rowing, we barn hunt with our two Airedale terriers and keep bees. I play guitar and mandolin and have been seen riding a snowboard.

Respectfully submitted.

Anna Chanakas



It's hard to believe that 2019 marks my 30th year rowing on the Cuyahoga. I began rowing in a program called the Flats Racing League, a program similar to SRL. When that organization folded in 1992, I worked with a small group of dedicated rowers to bring the program to WRRRA.

Over the years I have rowed in most WRRRA programs including SRL, Masters Competitive and Sculling. I have had the privilege to serve WRRRA as the SRL Director (1994-1997) and Secretary

(2006-2008). I have also worked on the Cleveland Rowing Foundation (CRF) Board as Secretary (2006-2008), as a Board member from 2009 – 2012, and Chairperson of the Bow Ball fundraiser (2009-2015). I also worked with a great team on the CRF Development Committee to raise over \$2 million to purchase our current boathouse at Rivergate Park

My professional background is in Market Research where I work to identify consumer and market needs to guide business decisions to make products and services meet the needs of the customer.

This is an exciting time for WRRRA. The club has experienced tremendous growth over the years. Summer Rowing League has expanded to new levels, while the addition of the Veteran and Adaptive rowing programs has introduced rowing to new groups. I would like to bring my rowing and business experience to the WRRRA board to ensure we focus our efforts on bringing quality programs to the community while making sure we make the rowing experience the best it can be for our rowers.

Steph Mercado



Steph Mercado is a real estate and tax attorney with a focus on economic development. For the past 7 years she has worked at the JobsOhio Regional Office at Team NEO, working with over 500 companies and local communities by negotiating over \$300M of financial support into growth opportunity projects in NE Ohio. Starting Nov. 1 she will join the law firm of Kohrman, Jackson Krantz as a partner in the firm's economic development practice group. Steph is also a former

Commissioner of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, appointed by Governor Strickland in 2010. She has also had additional roles in both private practice and in community development in Cleveland's near west side. Originally from Brooklyn NY, Steph returned to NYC to complete most of her undergraduate work at Fordham University and went on to graduate from John Carroll. Steph then graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Steph discovered rowing after having to hang up her basketball shoes due to several knee surgeries and related injuries. In addition to playing basketball, she also coached girls basketball for several years and is quite proud of her 4 conference championship titles as an 8th grade girls coach. Steph currently lives in Lakewood with her two daughters Ava (8) and Elise (5), and 2 dogs Penny and Francine. The Mercado family can often be found in the metro parks, at Lakewood Dog Park or even at the boathouse.

Mary Purcell



After following my son all over the nation to see him row, I decided to try it myself. I joined several other St. Ignatius crew Moms in 8W until it disbanded following the 2017 season. I was lucky enough to join 33W this year and then joined Sweeps so I could also row with the “Glamazon 8”. I’ve also volunteered with the VIPERS program, rowing with them nearly every Sunday for the past

two years. I’m looking forward to becoming more involved with WRRRA.

Professionally, I have been a practicing attorney for nearly 25 years. I represent employers all over the State in workers compensation and employment matters. I have strong contacts with many employers and law firms throughout the area.

Personally, I am a single Mom of three fantastic kids. My oldest, Cormac is a Junior at Northeastern where he continues to row. My middle, Declan, is a freshman at Tri-C. And the princess, Mairead is in 7th grade at Lewis Mayer Middle School. Having the height genes from both of her parents, I plan to park her in a shell as soon as possible!