

**Case Western Reserve University Rowing & Spartan Alumni Rowing Assn.**

**Spartan Navy Shell Dedication**

**Alumni Regatta • April 15, 2017**

Today we dedicate three new shells to the Spartan Navy - the "**Class of 2007**", the "**Perseverance**" and the "**Grandma Liz**". Since 1991 Case Crew has plied the waters of Cleveland seeking camaraderie and competition. May these new shells serve the team well.

For thousands of years, we have gone to row and race. We have crafted vessels to swiftly carry us and we have called them by name.

To them we toast, and ask all here to celebrate these boats in the service of the **Spartan Navy**.

The moods of the river are many, from tranquil to violent. We ask that these shells be given the strength to carry on with speed in any weather. May all who row in them row with grace and skill.

Today we come to name these shells, and send them to race, to be cared for, and to care for CWRU Crew. We ask the rowers of old and the mood of God that is the river to accept the "**Class of 2007**", the "**Perseverance**" and the "**Grandma Liz**" as their names, to help them through their races, and allow them to return with their crews victorious.

To these new rowing shells and the **Spartan Navy!!!**