

The Codger Award

The Codger Award is presented each year at the Annual Rowing Club Banquet to that student who in his or her time with the team has done the most to further the traditions of rowing at William and Mary.

1997: Kyle T. Stier '98

The First Annual Codger Award has been presented to Kyle T. Stier '98. In his four years on the team, Kyle has given more to establishing the rowing program at William and Mary than anyone could reasonably have asked. At one point, he was the only varsity male rower. He bought himself a single in order to keep rowing, but common sense would have dictated that he not remain fully involved with the program, at least not until there were other men to row with. Nevertheless, he has always been unselfish and has always given of himself in order to assure that the team could grow. He has served as President and Treasurer of the Club. He has also found several unofficial ways to help: for example, when the team had its first full-length racing season and no way to transport the trailer to regattas, Kyle offered his Ford Bronco which suffered expensive wear and tear as a result. Never during this period did Kyle hesitate to offer whatever he could to the program, and as a result competitive rowing exists today at William and Mary. Finally in his senior year Kyle's perseverance has paid off and he has gotten to compete in the Tribe's first men's varsity heavy eight since the return to serious competition.