

The *Farrell* is 18' long between perpendiculars, 4'-7-1/2" beam width, and currently weighs 350 lbs. White Oak is used for the keel, hog, frame, inwale, rub rails, oarlock blocks, rudder, and name board. Planking, riser, fore deck, and burden boards are Port Orford Cedar. Other parts are made from Douglas Fir, Coastal Live Oak, Iron Bark, Black Locust, and Mahogany.

Nine-foot D section wood oars power the boat. The scantlings of the sliding seats minimize the weight of the metal with sufficient buoyancy from the wood to allow the seats to float. The coxswain maintains the course using a yoke and steering lines.

Summary of Materials: White Oak, Port Orford cedar planking, plus various woods including Black Locust, Mahogany, and Douglas Fir. Silicon Bronze bolts and screws, Copper rivets, and Brass fittings. Le Tonkinois varnish.

### **History:**

The *Farrell* is a sliding seat double rowboat with a dolphin artfully carved into the foredeck. The 18' long *Farrell* has been a favorite of countless Dolphin Club rowers competing in regattas and for piloting swims in San Francisco Bay.

The boat is named for Charles M. Farrell who was born in June 1868, joined the Dolphin Club in May 1891, became a skilled oarsman, and served as club president in 1903 and 1904. Respected by the rowing community, he was chosen to head the newly founded Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen in 1904. As a civic leader, Farrell fought long and hard for the transformation of Black Point Cove into the public recreational Aquatic Park as it is today.

The *Farrell* was crafted by another Dolphin Club member, Thomas R. Keenan, in his shop at 249 Jefferson Street, San Francisco. Keenan was born in September 1870 and joined the club in July 1892 as a competitive rower. In 1895 he entered the boat building business, supplying, and repairing boats for many West Coast clubs. The oars he made were considered the best and used exclusively by Pacific battle fleet crews.

These two legendary club members, Charles M. Farrell and Thomas R. Keenan, both passed away in 1933.

The *Farrell* was christened and launched on Sunday, August 12, 1917. Although rowed mostly on San Francisco Bay, the *Farrell* has often been chosen for unique events both locally and far beyond. An early assignment for *Farrell* was to help pilot the very first Dolphin Club Golden Gate Swim on September 9, 1917, and later once again in 2017 for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary swim and celebration.

In October 1926, several Dolphin Club members rowed *Farrell* the eighty-five miles from San Francisco to Stockton. It was a leisurely pull through the Delta, up the San Joaquin River, and taking several days. However, other rowing clubs were inspired and proposed a non-stop race in 1927. Ultimately, four clubs entered boats like the *Farrell* with three-man crews, and the race began from Aquatic Park at 5:30 in the afternoon on August 27, 1927. They raced