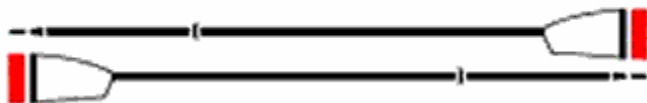




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Racing & Boathouse News

Governors Cup of Ohio – Columbus - Saturday, April 29

Sixty junior rowers and their families traveled to the Governor's Cup for Saturdays races. For most of our novices this was their first sprint race, while our varsity crews marked the halfway point between our first race in Cincinnati and our last race at the Midwest Junior Rowing Association Championships in three weeks.

Additional Governors Cups Info

It was a beautiful, if a bit chilly, day in Columbus, a marked change from last years horrid rainy experience. The rowers and their families thoroughly enjoyed the lovely venue at Griggs Reservoir. The races run right along the bank by the tents, in one of the closest viewing areas we have seen. Senora and Dr. Jackman spent the day racing up and down the road along the lake on their bicycles following the races. All the other coaches were jealous of their mobility, and we predict there will be more bicycles at next years race. As an added bonus Eric hosted an informal Rowing 101 session for the parents during a brief break in the racing.

The boys 1st varsity four (Maggie Hirschauer, John Thornburgh, Andy Glassman, Justin Kuhn and Chris Howey) and the girls 2nd varsity four (Gabrielle Bibeau, Rachel Stoll, Megan Bowman, Emily Smith and Meredith Figg) had great heats and easily advanced to the finals. The boys finished out of the medals while the girls rowed a thrilling race, narrowly missing gold and winning the silver medal.

Novice crews exhibited some first race jitters, as both eights missed advancing to the finals, while gaining valuable experience in race day pressure. The boys 2nd varsity eight was the only varsity 8 to advance to the finals. The boys and girls first 8s had tough heats and didn't advance.

Coaches had to do a bit of scrambling rearranging the boatings after our trailer full of shells clipped another (empty) boat trailer in the parking lot Friday evening. Four Indy Rowing boats were damaged and unrowable for Saturday. Two of the shells should be repaired by next week and the Greater Dayton Rowing Association is loaning us two 8s for the rest of our season. We will be eternally grateful to them for this assistance. In a demonstration of

true rowing spirit, at least six other programs offered to lend Eric boats when they heard of our misfortune. Rowing is a small but very supportive community, and for this we are very grateful.

If you have any pictures from the regatta please send them to us.

Indianapolis Collegiate Regatta - Saturday April 22

Last weekend nineteen crews from across the Midwest and beyond competed at Eagle Creek. Purdue raced ten boats to capture the overall points trophy with Ohio State placing second.

Many thanks to the Juniors, Masters and parents who manned the stakeboats, tower, concessions and launches. Race day t-shirts are now on sale for the low price of \$5!

It is fun to see the way different schools spin the event; below is a sampling.

[St. Joseph's](#)

[University of Michigan](#)

[Marietta](#)

Beautification Day - Sunday, April 23

A team of about 30 volunteers emptied the boathouse, swept it out, and completely rearranged it. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a more livable place. Check out the new erg arrangement and reconfigured sound system next time you are there.

Upcoming Events

Juniors Home Race and Senior Day - Sunday, May 7

The Juniors will host their home regatta against their traditional rival Culver next Sunday. We will also be joined by Greater Dayton and Louisville. The racing will begin at 10:00, and will be followed by a picnic celebration of our nearly 30 graduating seniors. If you can volunteer to drive a launch, work the tower or stakeboats, or help with concessions.

National Learn -to-Row Day - Saturday June 10

Indy Rowing will be joining clubs all over the country celebrating National Learn-to-Row Day with an Open House from noon until 3:00. We will have refreshments, rowing and erging demonstrations, and enroll people in classes. Please invite your friends, neighbors and coworkers to joins us at the Boathouse. It should be a great time.

Holiday Pick-up Rows and Picnic - Memorial Day - Monday May 29

We started a new tradition last year of a holiday picnic with a pick-up row. The entire Indy Rowing Community is invited, and we hope some people from our sister club in Dayton will join us as well. Each holiday (Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day) we get together at 10, put some boats together, and have a few races. Then we finish up with a picnic Masters bring side dishes for Memorial Day, and Juniors bring deserts. Hope to see you there!

Summer Programs

Indy Rowing hosts a wide variety of summer programs. Please spread the word to you friends. See the Web site for registration.

Sculling classes began on Monday. With the change to Daylight Savings Time, there will be no morning classes in May. The Learn-to-Scull classes are held 2 days a week for four weeks.

The new **College Summer Rowing Program** will begin Tuesday May 16. College rowers can join Indy Rowing for the amazing price of only \$50 for the summer, which will be waived if students will volunteer for at least three days during Nationals. Join us for sweep rowing Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6PM, and Saturdays at 7:30 AM. Boats of college rowers will be able to work out together during the summer.

Sweep rowing classes will begin June 3, and run Saturday mornings at 10:00AM and Wednesday evenings at 6:00PM throughout the summer. We will teach people to row and all who are interested will be encouraged to race at the Midwest Masters Championships July 29.

Summer Camps for students grades 7-12

Join us for 5 days of learning about a new sport, teambuilding, fun games, skills development, motivational guest speakers and a great sports experience! Camps are designed for Grade 7-8, Grade 9-10, and Grade 11-12 , with instruction by high-level coaches and athletes. No experience or special equipment needed. Camp runs for five days, from 07:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Lunch option and NCAA field trip is included. ***[Addendum of 29 June 2006: Summer camps were cancelled for 2006.]***

General Interest

Indy Rowing Junior Graduation Notes

The May 1 college deadline was yesterday, at press time we have heard from many of our seniors about their college plans. So far, Purdue is the clear leader with Caitlin Chandler, Cameo Conover, Andy Glassman, Chris Howey, Emily Smith all planning to attend in the fall. Others signings include Karl Duchmann - Allegheny College, Katy Green-Bates, Jack Brainard-Colby, Li Zhang - Cornell University, John Thornburgh - Holy Cross, Lars Carstensen & Hannah Giauque IU, Brendan Chandler - Le Moyne, Rachel Stoll Marquette, Jordan Hensley - Trintiy or IU, Maggie Hirschauer - University of New Hampshire, Justin

Kuhn - Wisconsin and Emma Cordes Xavier. Michael Durham who graduated in December has joined the US Air Force,

Rowing Wear now available on demand!

After the boathouse reorganization, we are able to offer some Indy Rowing merchandise for sale without special order. We have hats, long sleeve racing shirts, tights, shorts and vintage regatta shirts for sale. See Eric if you would like to purchase.

Wednesday Treats for Juniors

We started a new tradition to help our Junior rowers over the hump of their weekly practices. Each week the rowers will enjoy treats made by the parents. Last week they went through nearly six loaves of Banana Bread, they are certainly hungry when they come off the water!.