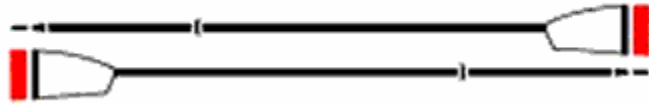




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National Learn to Row Day Open House - Saturday June 10

Despite a very rainy day, the 2006 National Learn to Row Day Open House was a huge success. We had 65 visitors sign in, and over 25 volunteers who gave boathouse tours, taught people on the ergs, and shared their joy in our sport. We even had two eights brave the rain on the water. Twenty people signed up for classes, and we hope more will join our ranks. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped, and in particular to Shawn Dresser who organized the entire event. We are planning an August Open House for juniors. Stay tuned for more information.

WFYI Indy Rowing Article

Scott Hoke of WFYI spent the Thursday before Learn to Row Day at the boathouse. He went on a ride in an eight and taped the experience, and then rowed with several masters in a quad. Scott interviewed most of the people he rowed with and the result was an amazing 9 minute piece which played twice on Morning Edition the day before the Open House. Scott gave us a CD of his article, and we hope to post it to the website shortly. It is a wonderful tribute to Indy Rowing.

Summer Rowing

Weeknights find the boathouse very busy these days. In addition to the usual Learn to Row classes, you will find Butler, the masters and several college rowers both returning from our junior program and several from Purdue. Generally we row in our traditional groups, but frequently lend a rower among ourselves to anyone who might be short. Working particularly hard are returning former junior rowers Anna Beaman (Florida Tech), Justice Clark (Mt. Holyoke), Kristin Johnson (Univ. of Pennsylvania), Emily Roseman (George Washington), and Maeghan Wareham (Univ. of North Carolina) who are preparing to race at Nationals.

Sculling Monday nights - Peter Mokry - Masters Coach

Intermediate to advanced scullers are invited to join us Monday evenings around 6 for some friendly competition and coaching. If you are looking to improve technique and speed, grab your single (or one of the club's) and meet us on the race course between the 1500 meter

mark and finish. If you joined us last summer, I hope to see you again. If you did not, these sessions are organized as casual groupings where we all help each other by offering advice on technique and providing additional motivation.

Tragedy Strikes the Learn to Row Fleet

On Monday afternoon ferocious thunderstorms struck Eagle Creek packing 60+ mph winds. Several branches fell, course marking cubes flew and the wind ripped several boats from their racks. Our insurance carrier has been notified, as has our friend and expert boat repairer, Chris Luhn from Dayton Boat Works. Repairs and/or replacement boats will be along soon. To make sure the sculling classes are not interrupted, the masters will pitch in and work with scullers in quads. We hope they will find the experience fun and a wonderful addition to their sculling curriculum.

Nationals Volunteers

By now you have all received a note from Cori, the Indy Rowing summer intern, asking you to volunteer for Nationals. There are over 250 positions to be filled and we hope you can help! Please let us know if you want to volunteer, and we will get you in touch with Cori.

Head of the Eagle joins the I-70 Challenge

Indy Rowing will join with Dayton and Columbus to host the I-70 Challenge, a triple crown of head races for the fall. Clubs who compete in all three regattas will accumulate points toward traveling trophies. The highlight will be a singles challenge for men and women, with a cash prize for the sculler with the fastest total time across the three regattas.

Head of the Eagle Reunion - Saturday October 21

This year marks Eric Stoll and Andy White's 10th anniversary with Indy Rowing. To celebrate this milestone, we hope to organize reunion boats for the Eagle. We will be trying to locate as many junior and master rowers as possible and encourage them to race in boats arranged by high school graduation class. If you know of someone who has ever rowed here, or lives in Indy and rowed elsewhere, please send us their contact information. While pick-up boats will be encouraged, if you or they would like to practice, the masters encourage you to join them on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at 6PM, or Saturdays at 7:30. We hope this will become an annual tradition, so mark your calendars and come row, volunteer or just cheer.