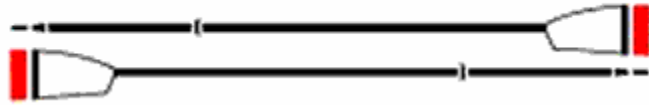




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Nationals a Big Success!

Thank you to all the Indy Rowing members and friends who stepped up to help make the 135th USRowing National Championship Regatta an unqualified success. It was a long week, and the volunteers put in many hours to make sure that the athletes had the best experience possible. Special thanks to Cori Bucherl, our summer intern, for managing the complicated and ever changing volunteer requirements and for searching high and low to make sure the officials had their launch drivers.

Mother Nature cooperated (for the most part) and gave us a wide range of conditions from stifling heat and humidity in the beginning to the beautiful (and calm!) conditions for finals on Sunday. Two delays for thunderstorms (which didn't really develop) made things interesting, but didn't cause any problems. We're hoping that Windy Indy and Windyanapolis are two phrases that will be laid to rest for a while.

We went into the regatta missing key personnel from past Nationals including Jody Pope from USRowing and Indy Rowing stalwarts Simon and Kim Hillier, but their replacements, Elizabeth Webb from USRowing and Larry Steinberg, Andy White and Cori stepped into the fray and the regatta went off without a hitch.

Indy Rowing once again held a very well attended College Fair for rising seniors. Forty five college and university rowing coaches met with nearly 300 rowers from across the country. On the merchandise side, T-shirt and clothing sales brought in thousands of dollars for Indy Rowing.

Except for the two delays, the regatta stayed on schedule (a race every 7 minutes, or 5 minutes after the delays) for five days and many attendees expressed dismay that the regatta is not scheduled to return next year. USRowing has not yet selected a site for 2007, so who knows what the future may bring.

Again, thanks again to all who wore the yellow volunteer shirts and made it all possible. It was hard work, but worth it!

Rowing Clearance Sale - Tuesday August 15 6PM!

Indy Rowing volunteers sold a lot of T-shirts and other great merchandise at Nationals but not all of it. For those of you who might have missed getting to the merchandise table or have a need to add to your rowing wear collection, we will be selling off the leftover Nationals Merchandise at special Indy Rowing discount prices! Come to the Boathouse at 6:00 PM on Tuesday 15 August, and get some great deals. If you would like to help sell, please reply back to The Catch. We will also kick-off the Fall Indy Rowing apparel ordering.

TV Spot

Indy Rowing director Eric Stoll had his four minutes of fame just prior to Nationals when he appeared on Inside Indiana Business (on WFYI and WISH-TV) to talk about the upcoming event. IJB columnist Bill Benner did the interview and reports are that Eric did ok.

Indy Parks Summer Camp

As if Nationals preparations weren't enough, Eric and Cori had the added pleasure of hosting Indy Parks Eagle Creek day campers at the boathouse on July 12th & 13th. Two groups of campers learned about rowing and why the eights are so long and skinny (and why the shoes are already in the boat). All campers learned how to row on the ergs and exciting erg races capped the activities. Pictures are available.

In addition to campers, we also hosted summer PE classes from Zionsville and Brownsburg high schools. It was a busy summer at the boathouse!

Building Awareness of Indy Rowing in the Community

Indy Rowing will be participating in a number of community events this fall. Kicking off this Saturday (July 29) is the Taste of Pike. Purdue Day at the Fair is Wednesday August 16, and as usual the Purdue Crew (with a number of our members and coaches) will be outside the Exhibition Hall. We will have free tickets to share, so contact the Catch if you would like to come. The Zionsville Fall Festival will be held on September 9 & 10 and Indy Rowing will be there too! Please reply to Shawn Dresser to volunteer. Attend in some rowing wear even if you can't help out. Volunteers get the Red Indy Rowing t-shirts!

Butler Crew & Broad Ripple High School Partnership

The Butler Crew has created a partnership with Broad Ripple High School. The goal of the partnership is to address the issue of diversity in our sport while creating mentoring relationships between the Butler and Broad Ripple students. The plan is to offer three Learn-to-Row sessions followed by the opportunity for these students to join the IRC Junior program.

Quad Clinics

Building on the fun we had at the 4th of July Picnic experienced scullers hosted quad clinics on Sundays July 8 & 15 for experienced rowers. We had 2 boats out and all progressed

very quickly. We plan to hold them occasionally on Sunday afternoons at 4PM (but not until August 6). Reply to The Catch if you are interested.

Masters Practice

If you have completed Learn-to-Row class, please join the masters rowers Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6PM and Saturdays at 7:30 AM. We will be beginning our preparation for the Fall racing season, and are beginning to build boats. We hope to participate in all the races listed below if there is sufficient interest. In particular we would like to see a lot of participation at the Head of the Eagle. If you are not interested in racing, you can certainly still participate.

Juniors Boys and Novices Begin Practice August 14 (Varsity Girls start 8/21)

It seems like summer is barely here, but fall practice for the high school rowers begins in about a month, Monday, August 14th and 21st. Experienced boys and novice rowers begin fall practice together, but new rowers will be welcome through August. If you know a high school student who may be interested, have them contact Eric Stoll for more information.

Fall Race Schedule

This fall brings a busy racing schedule. The Junior rowers will be competing in the races listed below as will some of our masters rowers. A highlight of this fall's season is the inaugural **I-70 Challenge**. The I-70 challenge is an alliance between Indy Rowing and our sister clubs, Greater Dayton Rowing Association and Westerville Crew. Crews competing at all three of our regattas, Dayton Five Rivers, Columbus Crew Classic and Head of the Eagle will be eligible for special I-70 Challenge trophies.

October 1	Dayton Five Rivers Regatta (<i>I-70 Challenge</i>)
October 7	Columbus Crew Classic (<i>I-70 Challenge</i>)
October 21	Head of the Eagle (<i>I-70 Challenge</i>)
October 28	Head of the Schuylkill Philadelphia
October 29	Head of the Elk Elkhart (Butler only)

Director on Vacation after Nationals

Hours after the completion of Nationals on July 23rd, Eric, Deborah and Adam Stoll head to London to see daughter Rachel and the rest of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church choir as they wrap up their United Kingdom tour with a week of singing at Westminster Abbey. Cori Bucherl will be staffing the boathouse during most of the day with assistance from Whitney Meyer and Peter Mokry, but boathouse staffing will be less than normal through August 3rd.