



The Ultimate Rowing Experience

CREW NEWS

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HEAD COACH: Tom Tiffany

Farewell to Sarasota Crew

My tenure at Sarasota Crew has run the gamut: from frustration with spotty attendance to satisfaction with improving erg scores, from flipped launches and salt-encrusted hardware to the rebirth of shells in the fleet augmented with generous gifts of new sculling equipment, from wind-tossed practices where the coxswains just can't line up to those sublime evenings when the sun is setting and the crews glide home in this enchanted "lagoon" of a home. I will miss the birds, the sunsets, and the peaceful end to the day, punctuated by the laughter of the athletes as they rush away, blithely forgetting the wet socks, waterbottles and bookbags.



I deeply appreciate the faith that the boards led by Jim Shortt and Roy Dupuis put in me. (not to mention the gumbo.....and jibes about the U.S. from an insightful Canadian). Thanks to Judie Berger and Michael Katz for "finding" me up in remote Minnesota during the summer of 2007, when I was not even thinking about rowing or coaching, believe it or not! The volunteer staff of parents and friends of the crew that I had the privilege to shape, in coaching, boat-maintenance, fundraising, outreach; all hands strove for excellence. The mothers at the regatta cook tent will always be with me, reminding me that I need to eat more, hydrate, and put on my sunscreen! I promise, I will!

As an ancient coxswain and a crew coach, I have a reflex for measuring pieces of water for rowing courses as well as a penchant for sizing up individuals: could they row? I hope that addiction has served Sarasota Crew well.

In my academic pursuits I am fascinated by the intertwining of biography and history. Teaching history to high school students will engage that part of my intellect more directly and compellingly. (Of course, some of them may want to pull on the oar, as well as study Churchill !)

This is a good team, with a glorious future ahead. Thanks for an exciting, stimulating chapter in my life. I'll see you at the races. Or you'll hear me utter from the starter's launch, "Are you ready? READY ALL! ROW!"

Administrative Position:

We are actively looking for an administrative Assistant. The position is part time (1 to 5 Monday thru Friday and occasional weekends). The Applicant must have good computer and Internet skills, with experience in Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, and QuickBooks. We are seeking a highly organized and reliable person with good communication skills that enjoys working with people.

In addition, we need a part-time bookkeeper. Approximately two-4 hour days a week. All interested parties should forward their resumes to TeamAdmin@SarasotaCrew.com.

Sunrise Sprints December 2008 Orlando, FL Boatings and Results





2 Gold
1 Silver
5 Bronze
8 Total Medals

Women's Freshmen 4+ : 1st GOLD

Cox: Chelsea Grain
Stroke: McKayla Taaffe
Carolina Elizalde
Stevie Peacock
Taylor Johnson

Women's Freshmen 8+ : 3rd BRONZE

Cox: Gia Donatella
Stroke: Sierra Luther
McKayla Taaffe
Stevie Peacock
Carolina Elizalde
Brittany Douglas
Victoria Shea

Kim Milam
Taylor Johnson

Women's Novice 8+ : 3rd in heat, 6th overall

Cox: Oliver Jennings
Stroke Brittany Douglas
Taylor Johnson
Kim Milam
Victoria Shea
Sierra Luther
Sarah Mansour
Chelsea Grain
Gia Donatella

Women's Novice 4+ : 7th overall

Cox: Travis Taaffe
Stroke: Sierra Luther
Sarah Mansour
Chelsea Grain
Gia Donatella

Women's Varsity Single

McKayla Taaffe - **3rd, BRONZE**

Men's Varsity Single

Hunter Leeming – **3rd, BRONZE**

Men's Freshmen 4+ - 6th overall

Cox: Josh Simon
Stroke: Dan Tsatskin
Frank Cash
Alec Fletcher
Oliver Jennings

Men's Freshmen 8+ - 5th overall

Cox: Josh Simon
Stroke Dan Tsatskin
Frank Cash
Alex Fletcher
Oliver Jennings
Alex Nickos
Sarah Mansour
Grant James
Joe McClanahan

Men's Novice 4

A Boat - 3rd Bronze

Cox: Josh Simon
Stroke: Chase Rowe
Ed Palermo

Steven Stokes
Frank Cash

B Boat – 5th overall

Cox: McKayla Taaffe
Stroke: Dan Tsatskin
Jason Katz
Matt Gabbert
Oliver Jennings

C Boat – 16th overall

Cox: Travis Taaffe
Stroke: Alec Fletcher
Ben McClanahan
Joe McClanahan
Grant James

Men's Novice 8+:

1st in heat, 2nd overall – Silver

Cox: McKayla Taaffe
Stroke Chase Rowe
Ed Palermo
Steven Stokes
Frank Cash
Matt Gabbert
Alec Fletcher
Dan Tsatskin
Jason Katz

Middle School Boys 8+ - 1st Gold

Cox: Joshua Simon
Andrew Konecny
Jose Colon
Andre Dupuis
Ryan Hails
Ryan Day
Maddox Castle
Travis Taaffe
Stafford Shaddy

Middle School Girls 8+: 3rd, Bronze

Cox: Parker Mason -Bronze
Brooke Bamford
CarolinaVillalona
Christina Felix
Lilia Costello-Vargas
Allie Pitchford

Emily Goff
Emily Brooksbank
Alexa Smith

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Deb Delaney

The Sarasota Crew Middle School Squad ended its approximately twelve week session with the Sunrise Sprints in Orlando. Kudos to both the boys' eight for placing first in their race and the girls' for placing third on a difficult, windy course. Coaches Randy Higel, John Leeming, Don Simon, Debbie and David Delaney and "Mo" Borden are so proud of the whole middle school squad for their dedication, perseverance and improvements in skills. This was the first regatta entered by the Middle School Squad and the results were impressive! We will see many more medals for the boys and girls as they work their way through Middle School to Novice and then Varsity.

Our next Sarasota Crew Middle School session will be from February 2, 2009 until May 5, 2009. Practice will once again be on Saturdays from 8:30 am until 11:00 am and Thursdays from 4:30 pm until 6:30. We will be running groups for the newcomers to rowing and developmental sessions for the more experienced middle school sweep rower.

Sarasota Crew Middle School Holiday Get-Together

Be a dear and share some holiday cheer. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers too! Enjoy hanging with your Crew friends, there will be lots to do!

Bring a bathing suit and towel in case it warms up,
There will be frisbees, footballs, horse shoes and other such stuff.

**Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008
11:00am until 2:30 pm.**

**The Dupuis Home
4051 Higel Ave.
Siesta Key**

RSVP Regrets only 349-9208

**Take north bridge to Siesta Key
House on left, approx. 1 mile. Look
for the Crew sign!**

RECRUITING

Recruiting for novices continues!!!! **We especially urge all of our novice rower families to talk to their friends about checking us out.** It's never too late to join! Our recruiting committee will be happy to meet any potential rower for a tour, just call 966-9791 or email TeamAdmin@SarasotaCrew.com .

CREW CLOTHING SALE: Please open the attached file in this email for end of the year deals. Email Laura Leeming at LeemingL@aol.com.

PARENT BOOSTER PRESIDENT: Pam Harding

The Holiday Beach Party is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 13th at Siesta Key Beach Pavilion from 10-2. Please remember to bring running shoes, a toy donation for Toys for Tots, and your food donation. Please check your e-mail for details and/or the flyer that was sent home with your rower. If you have any questions please call Pam Harding at 377-1545. Remember there is no practice at the site Sat. morning.

The next parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at 5:30 p.m. at HSP.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Santa, I want an Erg for Christmas....

Last year, several parents got together to buy Ergs and received a quantity discount. If anyone is interested, please email Roy at RDupuis@anchorbuilders.com and I will help coordinate. The Concept2 Website has more info, <http://www.concept2.com/us/default.asp>

ERGATHON: Maureen Borden, Kris Baker

ERGATHON 2009

Just three reminders before we head into the holidays:

1. T-Shirt Order Forms Below – Please Return by 12/22/08

Every rower receives a free Ergathon t-shirt and each additional t-shirt ordered is \$8.00. Even if you are not ordering additional t-shirts you must complete the form with your rower's name and t-shirt size. If your rower is only ordering the one free t-shirt you can email Maureen Borden at dmlborden@verizon.net with your rower's name and shirt size.

If you are ordering **additional** t-shirts, please complete form below and mail it, along with your check payable to "Sarasota Crew" to:

Maureen Borden
6225 Aventura Drive
Sarasota, FL 34241

2. Prize List

Following the t-shirt order form please be sure to check out the exciting prize and raffle list! Rowers meeting their \$500 fundraising goal are eligible for the prize competitions. The raffle is open to all rowers. Please don't forget to offer your sponsors a chance at the Erg Giveaway – Chance ticket flyers are available at Sarasotacrew.com.

3. Pledge Packets Due No Later than January 16, 2008

Funds raised by the Ergathon are crucial to the well-being of the team's equipment and new site – let's "Pull Together" to make it a huge success!

**We wish all of you holidays filled with rest, happiness and family traditions,
And good health and success in the New Year!
Your Ergathon Committee**

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--- Ergathon T-Shirt Order Form ---

Name of Rower: _____

Rower's T-Shirt Size: ___ys ___ym ___yl ___AS ___AM ___AL ___AXL ___AXXL

Additional T-Shirt Sizes/Quantities

___ys ___ym ___yl ___AS ___AM ___AL ___AXL ___AXXL

Additional T-Shirts _____ Quantity x \$8.00/each = \$_____ Total

Email Rower's shirt size to Maureen Borden at dmlborden@verizon.net or for additional shirts mail order form and checks payable to 'Sarasota Crew' to

Maureen Borden
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Sarasota, FL 34241

Prize and Raffle List

Largest Total Fulfilled Pledges:

1st place: \$300
2nd place: \$150
3rd place: \$75

Greatest Number of Individual Fulfilled Pledges Exceeding \$10

1st place: \$100
2nd place: \$75
3rd place: \$50

Top Meters Rowed in a 30 minute piece:

Varsity Boy: \$150
Varsity Girl: \$150
Novice Boy: \$100
Novice Girl: \$100

Raffle Prizes:

- (2) Kayak Rental (\$35each) gift certificate from Economy Tackle
- (2) \$25 gift certificates to Beach Bazaar on Siesta Key
- \$25 gift certificate to CB's Saltwater Outfitters
- (4) Applebee Gift Cards for two free entrees each
- \$25.00 M&D Country Kitchen Gift Certificate
- \$25 Simon's Coffee House Gift Certificate

- \$25 Gift Card to Smoothie King
- (2) Fleece Blankets with Sarasota Crew logo from 'Say it With Stitches'
- (2) \$15.00 First Watch Gift Certificates
- \$15 Gecko's Grill and Pub Gift Certificate
- (3) \$10 Bay Street Subs and Smoothies Gift Certificates
- (2) Bags of Starbucks ground coffee
- (Continued next page)
- (3) Vespoli Caps
- (10) Concept2 water bottles
- (10) Concept2 hand towels
- (3) Vespoli Key Chains

The Ergathon Committee is still working on certificates to many more of your favorite spots



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Crew Trailer Advertising 2008/2009 Season

**SUPPORT YOUR ROWER WITH A PERSONAL MESSAGE OR ADVERTISE
YOUR COMPANY ON OUR BOAT TRAILER!**

The cost for a sign is a mere \$300 which includes your advertisement or personal message on the side of the trailer for one year. An advertisement will also be placed in the end of the year banquet brochure.

Please support Sarasota Crew and your rower by sending camera ready information to flharding@comcast.net and your check for \$300 to Sarasota Crew (343 Palmetto Ave, Osprey, FL 34229). Please note on your check "Trailer Advertising".

Please contact Pam Harding for any questions @377-1545 or 928-8832.
All donations are 100% tax deductible. Sarasota Crew, Inc is a not for profit corporation.

THANK YOU!

Check out these Crew sites:

- www.Sarasotacrew.com
- <http://www.concept2.com/us/default.asp>
- <http://www.floridarowing.org/>
- <http://www.row2k.com/>
- <http://www.usrowing.org/>

**Sarasota Crew
343 Palmetto Ave
Osprey Fl 34229
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SarasotaCrew.com

Our Mission:

- To provide a positive, developmental, competitive rowing experience for youth in Sarasota County
- To utilize rowing to promote strong character, high integrity, positive self esteem, contribution to community, and a healthful life style