



*The Ultimate Rowing Experience*

## **CREW NEWS**

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### **PRESIDENT: Roy Dupuis**

The Florida State Championship Regatta will be held in Sarasota this year on April 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>! Traditionally, this regatta is held in Tampa. However, water levels at the Tampa venue are too low this year for the regatta. In addition, the State Collegiate Championship will be held in Sarasota on April 10-11.

The rowing site is a county park adjacent to the proposed Benderson Development shopping center on the south side of University Parkway at I-75. If the “**Sarasota Rowing Center at Nathan Benderson Park**” is fully developed, it would be the home of a **world class 2000 meter course!** Talk about putting Sarasota on the map.

The local rowing community has been discussing this site with Benderson Development for several years, but the state of the economy has slowed the development of the park and the shopping center. However, the situation in Tampa has opened the door for us to show Sarasota County the potential.

An ad hoc committee has been formed which includes, Benderson Development, Sarasota County Parks, Sarasota Crew, Sarasota Scullers, Sarasota Masters, Sarasota Conventions & Visitor’s Bureau and Mary Slapp to organize both events. We may be calling on parents and rowers to help. Stay tuned...

Please take note of all the wonderful improvements around our site which Coach Casey has implemented and personally labored over. Thanks Coach!

### **Head Coach: Casey Galvanek**

**New Unis.** As we look to solidify our identity within the national and international communities we are squaring things off with the final details. We have, over the years, shown the nation Sarasota Crew is more than a flash in the pan. Now, to put the finishing touches on our growing identity we have created a new and unique oar design as well as the team uni-suit. The new oar design was unleashed this last weekend at the Miami International Regatta. The new uni-suit design will be available for public consumption during the Florida State Championships. I hope everyone will enjoy the added energy established as we finalize our identity.

**Practice Times:** Varsity practices will run from 400P - 700P. As usual the athletes are to warm-up and run for 30 min prior to being on the grass at 430P. It is not acceptable to show at 430P without first having completed the run. Freshman women’s practice remains unchanged. If your daughter is rowing with the varsity squad from time to time, she may be required to stay until 7P. Freshman men’s practice will be until 7P.

**Spring break training:** Practices will be scheduled for twice each day. The times will be discussed so that we may attain the greatest percentage of attendance for each squad.

## **SUMMER CAMP:**

Registration is now open for Summer Camp. Go to our website for details!



### **The Ultimate Rowing Experience**

- \* The Best Rowing Site on the West Coast
- \* A Winning Tradition fostering many State & Regional Champs

## **Summer Camp**

### **Learn to Row!**

**Three Sessions:**

**June 15-June 26                      July 6 – July 17**  
**July 27 – August 7**

**Grades 6 thru 12**

**Call 966-9791 for info or a tour!**

**SarasotaCrew.Com**

## **SARASOTA CREW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Bobby Winsler**

Dear parents and rowers,

Sarasota Crew rapidly approaches another milestone as the number of graduates passes the number of current participants. While the duration of membership may only be active through high school, the connection to the program leaves an impact that carries for years after. The Sarasota Crew Alumni Association (SCAA) will bring our members back full circle in order to continue bettering the program that shaped us.

The SCAA will serve many functions. Primarily, we hope to fundraise for alumni sponsored scholarships to make sure no one misses out on the same opportunities we experienced. Through doing so, alumni will lead by example as many have continued to improve themselves in college using rowing. The SCAA will provide easy access to see what the alumni have done after high school as well as offer a data base for contacting us if a current rower needs help getting to the same place.

Be sure to keep checking the Sarasota Crew website and its Facebook affiliates for more information as we launch the newest branch of our organization. Also, please lend a hand in helping this association and the SCAA will be able to give back much more in the long run.

Thank you,  
Bobby Winsler

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL: David Delaney**

The Middle School Squad started back up again after a too-long Winter break. After about two weeks of practice a select group of our young rowers were taken to Turkey Lake for their first regatta. We put in three eights: two for our young men and one for our young women. It was an exhibition which showed all those in attendance that Sarasota Crew has a future.

The Middle School Squad members who participated in this Turkey Lake Regatta received a first rate exposure to what they have to look forward to in the future: honing of their racing skills, learning what it means to be part of a team effort, eating the nutritional meals provided by Ms. Linda and Ms. Leslie, setting up and breaking down of the site, creatively occupying one's time and bugging the Novice on the bus trip up and back.

Last weekend we scored victories at the Miami Rowing Club regatta where we had three races: we put in four eights each in two of the races in front of the grandstand and an exciting race of our Middle School fours against some Novice boats. Sarasota Crew's Middle School Squad rocks!

Coaches Debbie and David Delaney, John Leeming, Don Simon, Maureen Borden, Marcel Dupuis and Grant Tucker will continue to work with our young rowers on slow slide, driving with the legs, level hands, posture, posture, hands away quickly, posture, head up, eyes and head on keel and just plain having fun.

Parents have been asking about the Daylight Savings time change and a change in ending time for Thursday evening practice. Debbie and I agreed that it should go back to 6:30 instead of the current 6:00.

**Thursday practice from 4:30 to 6:30, Saturday practice from 8:30 to 11:00.**

## **PARENT BOOSTER PRESIDENT: Pam Harding**

**Last** Parent Meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday April 14th at 5:30 p.m. at HSP. Please plan on attending. There will **not** be a meeting in May.

Thank you to the Girls Varsity Squad for their excellent job cleaning up our Adopt-A-Road section of US41.

Varsity and Novice rowers are requested to attend pasta dinners on the Thursday nights before regattas at The Oasis Cafe. Cost is \$6.00. Please note this is for **rowers only, no parents or siblings**.

Thank you to the Goldberg Family, Anchor Builders, Donna Smith of American Glaziers, and Dr. Freeman for their generous support of Sarasota Crew in purchasing trailer signs. Trailer signs are still available for purchase. Please contact Pam Harding at [flharding@comcast.net](mailto:flharding@comcast.net).

Thank you to those of you who helped with the food tent this past regatta and those who have signed up to help in the future. If you would like to help with this please contact Pam Harding at [flharding@comcast.net](mailto:flharding@comcast.net).

## **Banquet Committee: Anne Mitchel and Dina Phillips**

The banquet committee is hard at work planning for the big day on May 2 at 5:30 pm. You all should be receiving a "wish list" letter in the mail. Please consider making a donation to offset the cost of the banquet. No donation is too small. We will need people to help set up the day of the banquet. Look for details to follow.

Thank you,  
Anne Mitchel and Dina Phillips  
Banquet Co-chairs

## **Ergathon 2009 “Pulling Together”: Maureen Borden, Kris Baker**

It comes as no surprise that Sarasota Crew had such a winning day at the Miami International Regatta given the winning way in which we started the season. The Ergathon was a tremendous success – the team raised in excess of \$32,000!! In the current economy this amount demonstrates the hard work and generosity of Sarasota Crew’s parents, rowers, extended families and friends.

In addition to these funds, our Erg raffle winner was Martha Hainley of Reading, PA. Mrs. Hainley, Seth and Connor Borden’s Aunt, has generously donated the erg back to Sarasota Crew so we now have a new addition to our erg fleet.

\*\*\*\*\* Please see the list of prize winners below! \*\*\*\*\*

It was the joint effort of rowers, coaches and parents that made the Ergathon the success that it was....

**“THANK YOU!!”**

**GO SARASOTA CREW!**

**Largest Total Fulfilled Pledges:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$300 Danny Corin

2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$150 Max Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$75 McKayla Taaffe

**Greatest Number of Individual Fulfilled Pledges Exceeding \$10**

1<sup>st</sup> place: \$100 Courtney Berger

2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$75 Steven Stokes

3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$50 Victoria Shea

**Top Meters Rowed in a 30 minute piece:**

Varsity Boy: \$150 Kyle Schmidt

Varsity Girl: \$150 Westanna Carleton

Novice Boy: \$100 Ed Palermo

Novice Girl: \$100 Sierra Luther

**Top Meters Rowed in a 10 minute piece:**

Middle School Boy: \$50 Andre Dupuis

Middle School Girl: \$50 Emily Brooksbank

**Most Meters Rowed: Coaches Challenge**

Alex Taaffe: 61690 1<sup>st</sup>

(Honorable mention: Jon Kotwicki 60271)

Kim Milam 35747 1<sup>st</sup>

(Honorable mention: Chelsea Balkam 33705)

## **High School Scholar Athletes: Stephanie Deaterly**

We would like to recognize our rowers not only as athletes but as scholars. We will be awarding recognition for rowers who also maintain high academic standards for themselves. Scholar Athletes will be recognized at the banquet. The criteria to qualify as a Scholar Athlete:

- You must be a High School Student.
- Your grade point average must be a 3.5 unweighted average at the end of the third quarter for the 2008 – 2009 school year.
- You must submit a copy of your report card to Mrs. Deaterly no later than Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

You may put the report card in the box at the crew site or you can mail it to:

Stephanie Deaterly  
427 Ceil Drive  
Nokomis, FL 34275  
483-4304

## **NEW PARENT LIAISONS**

As New Parent Liaisons, Amber Lyon and Poppy Scheibel are available to field any questions you may have. If you are interested in carpooling, room sharing or dinner at regattas, please contact

Amber: 941. 724. 6100      [amber@silverline1.com](mailto:amber@silverline1.com)  
Poppy: 941.586. 2911      [popart@comcast.net](mailto:popart@comcast.net)

Thank you in advance for your commitment to crew. We look forward to getting to know one another.

Dear Sarasota Crew Families:

## **SARASOTA CREW IS GOING TO THE DOGS *and* CATS TOO!: Karla Dupuis**

In a continuing commitment to our community and as a special thank you to Mr. Nate Benderson, we are holding a **Pet Food & Supply Drive** for Mr. Benderson's "Pet Project" Nate's Place. Mr. Benderson's philanthropy reaches out to many, but his love of orphaned animals is very special. He has donated retail space (Mr. Benderson is the owner of Benderson Development) to the Honor Sanctuary Animal Rescue. "Nate's Place" is where thousands of helpless animals are given a second chance at life. Mr. Benderson is an integral leader in the development of the "Sarasota Rowing Center at Nathan Benderson Park", where Sarasota Crew and all rowing enthusiasts will be able to row and compete.

**Beginning this Saturday, March 14 through Saturday, March 21 please bring your donation to practice and drop it off near the Oar House.**

Cindy Martin, Honor Sanctuary's President has requested the following Brands:  
Natures Balance, Science Diet or other high quality dog & cat food.

The following items have been assigned to each team:

Varsity – Adult dry dog food

Novice – Puppy dry dog food

Middle School – Cat food and litter

We will be transporting the donated items to the Honor Sanctuary Animal Rescue, the following week, if any rower needs community service hours, and would like to help with the collection and delivery please contact Patti Gamble, 941-966-9791

Your participation is greatly appreciated! Your Sarasota Crew Coaching Staff  
**GO SARASOTA CREW!**

Nate's Place is located at:

8459 Cooper Creek Blvd. Cooper Creek Shopping Center, University Parkway, Sarasota, FL, 941-302-0933 12  
to 4 Sat – Thurs 4-8 Fri

## **Beneva Florist Fundraiser**

This is a great fundraiser, we will earn money just for mentioning Sarasota Crew when purchasing flowers or gifts! The Beneva Flowers Helping Hands program is a unique fund raising program to benefit non-profit organizations in Sarasota County. Sarasota Crew is registered as one of their non-profits organizations. We are able to raise money effortlessly by just using a code number when ordering flowers or gifts! Sarasota Crew will receive 5% of a placed order when our code is mentioned. **The code for Sarasota Crew: Y03** We will earn donations in the following ways:

1) At the website: [www.beneva.com](http://www.beneva.com) The checkout screen provides the opportunity to select a Helping Hands organization (Sarasota Crew) for a donation.

2) In the store or over the phone: Simply mention the Helping Hands program and the three letter code for Sarasota Crew to donate. Donations will also apply to out-of-area orders! You are also able to use any Beneva Flowers coupons you may have.

## Novice Regatta

**2-14-09**

**Orlando, FL** - The Sarasota Crew rowers produced a successful weekend at the Novice Regatta at Turkey Lake. The women accounted for two first place victories on the day as Sarasota Crew also received strong efforts from the men's novice and freshman rowers.

The novice eight provided the first result of the day for the Sarasota Crew women, capturing a bronze in the novice women's eight competition in a time of 6:25. Sarasota Crew never led in the race, but came on strong with a sprint that made up two full boat lengths to pass two other boats for their medal. In Sarasota Crew's first victory, the women's freshman eight crossed the line first. This time, the eight rowers and their coxswain returned a winning time of 5:51.3. "The freshman eight's victory kept the day rolling," said Novice/Freshman women's head coach Jeff Higel. "They came in focused and ready to race. They are a unified, driven and a really enjoyable group. They are bringing great energy and enthusiasm to the team." Next up was the women's novice fours race, in which the four rowers and their coxswain found its rhythm, placing third in their event, returning great results for a crew of their respective experience. In Sarasota Crew's second victory, the women's freshman four once again crossed the line first. This time, the four rowers and coxswain turned in a winning time of 6:43.5. Sarasota's second boat placed third with a time of 7:05.9. "I'm excited with this group's desire and ability to learn with each outing," Higel added. "They're truly making the most of the early season."

On the men's side, Sarasota's A and B boats turned in a silver performance in separate flights of the novice men's four races. The novice men A boat was able to fend off all other competition except for the traditional state powerhouse Winter Park. The second event for the novice men, the freshman four, was able to earn a fifth place finish in a tight fast field. The day ended for the Sarasota Crew men on a high note with an incredible performance in the novice eight. The field exchanged places through the entire length of the race with the final positions decided in the last 100 meters with a separation of a mere 1.9 seconds. "The novices put together solid results in their first sprint race as Sarasota oarsmen," said Sarasota Crew men's Novice/Freshman coach Mike Taaffe "I look forward to watching the rowers blossom over the next couple of weeks and the upcoming season."

Both Varsity and Novice/Freshman squads will return to the water March 7<sup>th</sup> for the Miami International Regatta located on Biscayne Bay in Miami Florida.

### **Medal Results**

**Women's Freshman Gold:** Gabby Halula, McKayla Taaffe, Sierra Luther, Brittany Douglas, Carolina Elizade, Taylor Johnson, Kimberly Milam, Victoria Shea, Gia Donatella cox.

**Women's Novice 8 Bronze:** McKayla Taaffe, Sierra Luther, Brittany Douglas, Kimberly Milam, Victoria Shea, Gia Donatella, Chelsea Grain, Sarah Mansour, Travis Taaffe cox

**Women's Novice 4 Bronze:** Gia Donatella, Chelsea Grain, Kimberly Milam, Sarah Mansour, Oliver Jennings cox.

**Women's Freshman 4 A Gold:** McKayla Taaffe, Gabby Halula, Carolina Elizade, Taylor Johnson, Chelsea Grain cox

**Women's Freshman 4 Bronze:** Sierra Luther, Brittany Douglas, Kimberly Milam, Victoria Shea, Gia Donatella cox

**Men's Novice 4 A Silver:** Matt Gabbert, Ed Palermo, Chase Rowe, Steven Stokes, McKayla Taaffe cox

**Men's Novice 4 B Silver:** Jon Sams, Ben McClannahan, Oliver Jennings, Alex Nickos, Josh Simon cox.

**Men's Novice 8 Bronze:** Matt Gabbert, Frank Cash, Chase Rowe, Ed Palermo, Steven Stokes, Ben McClannahan, Dan Tsatskin, Jason Katz, McKayla Taaffe cox

## **Miami International Regatta**

### **March 7, 2009**

Sarasota Crew had a fantastic start to the spring with a terrific performance in the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami International Regatta held in Miami, FL. The club returned to their Little Sarasota Bay home with an impressive medal haul of 27, including seven gold, twelve silver and eight bronze.

Over 850 crews from 21 clubs and schools made their way to the Miami Water Sports Center over the first March weekend. The competition was fierce but fair as crews fought it out in what is one of the larger events on the Sarasota Crew rowing calendar. The club's extremely demanding winter training program paid off with a string of superb results.

Alex Taaffe retained the singles title for Sarasota Crew in style, beating some tough competition from Miami Beach Rowing Club. Both the men's and the women's quads showed their strength by rowing stroke for stroke with what is some of the toughest competition in the nation place 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively.

The most unexpected and gutsy performance of the weekend came from the women's freshman/novice quad. The crew raced superbly, but found themselves behind from the first stroke. However, they battled back brilliantly, beating Miami Beach Rowing Club by less than 1second!

All Sarasota Crew racers recorded hugely impressive results throughout the full day of racing. Just some of the other very notable performances came from the varsity women's squad, they competed in the women's third varsity eight, junior varsity eight and the varsity eight and came away with silver medals in those events. The women's varsity lightweight four also placed second for the silver medal in another gut wrenching event.

One of the best performances of the regatta came from the men's eight. Sarasota Crew had not prepared for the eight leading up to this regatta. With only two practice outings and a heavy day of racing, the Sarasota Crew eight claimed a terrific silver medal.

Sarasota Crew's head coach Casey Galvanek said the results did not surprise him: "Everybody at the club works extremely hard and it's fantastic to see those efforts rewarded. Our showing this year was tremendous. The freshman women's squad is doing extremely well and large improvements have been made in the varsity women's squad too. The men's varsity and freshman squads are also progressing nicely. "Success at the Miami International Regatta is not only great for the club, but also provides us with a launching pad for the rest of the season. Congratulations to everyone for another fabulous result."

### **Medal Results**

#### **Men's Varsity 1X**

First flight: **1<sup>st</sup>/Gold** Alex Taaffe

2<sup>nd</sup> Flight: **1<sup>st</sup> Gold** Matt Sobotka

**3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Hunter Leeming

#### **Men's Fresh/Novice 1X**

Flight 1 **3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Travis Taaffe

Flight 2 **3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Dan Tsatskin

#### **Women's Varsity 1X**

Flight 1 **3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Carli Goldberg –

Flight 2 **3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Christina Niffenegger -

**Men's JV 4+ - 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Coxswain: Lauren Terris, Shane Dluzneski, Alex Negroski, Hunter Leeming, Max Smith

**Mens Varsity 4+ -1<sup>st</sup> Gold** Flight B Coxswain: Courtney Berger , Alex Taaffe, Max Smith, Kyle Schmidt, Jack Corry

**Mens Novice 8+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Oliver Jennings, Matt Gabbert, Steven Stokes, Chase Rowe, Ed Palermo, Dan Tsatskin, Alec Fletcher, Jon Sams, Alex Nickos

**Women's Varsity 2X – 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Marissa Beiling, Emily neiwold

**Mens Varsity 2- - 1<sup>st</sup> Gold**, Alex Taaffe , Matt Sobotka

**Women's Fresh. 8+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Megan Dooley, McKayla Taaffe, Caroline Elizalde, Sierra Luther, Taylor Johnson, Stevie Peacock, Kim Milam, Brittany Douglas, Victoria Shea

**Men's Ltwt 4+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Flight 2 Coxswain: Courtney Berger, Matt Sobotka, Max Smith, Hunter Leeming, Andrew Deering

**Women's JV 8+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Jason Katz, Danielle Mitchell, Lila Wan, Molly Harding, Celeste Lyon, McKayla Taaffe, Megan Dooley, Stevie Peacock, Victoria Shea

**Women's V8+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Lauren Terris, Chelsea Balkam, Kaitlyn Delaney, Westanna Carleton, Carli Goldberg, Christina Niffenegger, Emily Neiwold, Carolina Elizalde, Marissa Beiling

**Mens Varsity 2X**

Flight 1 - **1<sup>st</sup> Gold** Jack Corry , Alex Negroski

Flight 2 **2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Alex Taaffe , Matt Sobotka  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Kyle Schmidt , Max Smith

**Women's Fresh/Nov 4X - 1<sup>st</sup> Gold** McKayla Taaffe, Caroline Elizalde, Stevie Peacock, Lily Wan

**Mens Novice 4+**

Flight 1 - **2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Josh Simon, Matt Gabbert, Ed Palermo, Chase Rowe, Steven Stokes

**Mens Ltwt 8+ - 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Coxswain: Courtney Berger, Dylan Young, Andrew Deering, Jake Menges, Dan Corin, Nick Duncan, Seth Borden, George Scheibel, Jon Kotwicki

**Mens Varsity 8+ - Final: 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Heat A - 1<sup>st</sup>, Coxswain: Jason Katz, Alex Taaffe, Jack Corry, Matt Sobotka, Alex Negroski, Kyle Schmidt, Max Smith, Hunter Leeming, Andrew Deering

**Womens Ltwt 4+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Lauren Terris, Emily Neiwold, Kaitlyn Delaney, Carolina Elizalde, Marissa Beiling

**Mens Varsity 4X – 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Alex Taaffe, Matt Sobotka, Kyle Schmidt, Max Smith

**Womens JV 4+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Courtney Berger, Danielle Mitchell, Lily Wan, Stevie Peacock, Celeste Lyon

**Mens 3<sup>rd</sup> 8+**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Geoffrey Noah - Matt Gabbert, Erik Otterbach, Chase Rowe, Steven Stokes, Jake Menges, Daven Natarajan, Zach Deaterly, Joe McClanahan

**3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Coxswain: Megan Dooley, Dan Tsatskin, Ed Palermo, Dan Valenzuala, Frank Cash, Ben McClanahan, Alex Nickos, Jason Katz, Oliver Jennings

**Womens Varsity 4X - 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Christina Niffenegger, Carli Goldberg, Westanna Carleton, Chelsea Balkam

**Womens 3<sup>rd</sup> 8+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: McKayla Taaffe, Sierra Luther, Brittany Douglas, Kim Milam, Taylor Johnson, Courtney Berger, Sarah Mansour, Cara Messina, Camilla Green

**Mens JV 8+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver** Coxswain: Emily Neiwold, Shane Dluzneski, Dan Corin, Dillan Young, Ed Palermo, Nick Duncan, Seth Borden, George Scheibel, Jon Kotwicki

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Men's 4+ 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze** Coxswain: Grant Golub , Ryan Day, Ryan Hails, Travis Taaffe, Andre Dupuis

## Spring Regatta Schedule 2009

Saturday, January 31	<b>Sarasota Crew Erg A Thon</b>	
Saturday, February 7	OPEN	
Sunday, February 8	OPEN	
Saturday, February 14	<b><u>Novice Regatta (1500m)</u></b> - Turkey Lake, Orlando, FL <b>Middle School Races also!</b>	
Saturday, February 21	OPEN	
Saturday, February 28	OPEN	
Leave Friday, March 6 Regatta on Saturday, March 7	<b><u>36th Miami International Regatta (1500m)</u></b> - Miami Marine Stadium, Miami, FL <b>Middle School Races! Middle School travels Saturday only!</b>	
Saturday, March 14	<b><u>13th OARS Regatta (1500m)</u></b> - Turkey Lake, Orlando, FL	
Saturday, March 21	<b><u>16th Hood Cup Regatta (1500m)</u></b> - Turkey Lake, Orlando, FL	
Saturday, March 28	OPEN	
Saturday, April 4	<b>Spring Break two a days (not mandatory)</b>	
Saturday, April 11	<b>Spring Break two a days</b>	
Saturday, April 18	<b>Regatta Location TBD</b>	
April 25-26	<b><u>44th FSRA State Championship (1500m)</u></b> - Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL	
Saturday, May 2	<b>Sarasota Crew Annual Banquet</b>	
May 9-10 Leave on Friday	<b><u>Southeast District Youth Championship (2000m)</u></b> - Melton Lake, Oakridge, TN - <b>Selected Rowers</b>	
May 15-16	OPEN	
May 22-23	OPEN	
Saturday, May 30	OPEN	
Saturday, June 6	OPEN	
June 12-14	<b><u>USRowing National Youth Championship</u></b> - Harsha Lake, Cincinnati, OH <b>Selected rowers</b>	

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**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