

## **Sarasota Crew Brings Home Regional Title** *Rowers Nab 1<sup>st</sup> in Premiere Rowing Event for Southeast US*

**Sarasota, Florida / May 18, 2011** – The Sarasota Crew HS Men’s Varsity 8+ team rowed to victory during the marquee event of the Southeast Regional Championship Regatta over the weekend, winning first place and bringing home the Spooner Cup for that event. Overall, Sarasota Crew teams returned to Sarasota with four crews qualifying for US Youth National Championships. In total 30 Sarasota Crew athletes will be in Oak Ridge, TN challenging for National titles in June.

In addition to the Men’s Championship 8+ victory, Sarasota Crew brought home two silver medals in the Men’s Championship 2- and the Men’s Lightweight 8+. The Women’s Championship 8+ brought home a bronze medal that also qualified them for US Youth National Championships.



“The results we had this past weekend are remarkable,” said Sarasota Crew Head Coach Casey Galvanek. “Our squads have shown great skill and speed today. This is the largest contingent of athletes ever qualified for nationals out of our region. I can’t describe how exciting this really is.”



Sarasota Crew is a non-profit organization founded in 2002 by a group of visionary and dedicated parents and coaches with a mission of developing student athletes into self-respecting, quick thinking, responsible and rational young adults by promoting positive repercussive growth within the most challenging events. For more information, visit [www.sarasotacrew.com](http://www.sarasotacrew.com) or call Liza Dickson at 941-966-9791.

### **Gold Medal Victory:**

**Men's Championship 8+:** Hunter Leeming, Josh Schmidt, Travis Taaffe, Ryan Hails, Ryan Anderson, Andrew Konecny, Jose Colon, Nick Duncan, Grant Golub (cox)

### **Silver Medal Victories:**

**Men's Lightweight 8+:** Andre Dupuis, Ryan Day, Drake Stevens, Anthony Rzepka, Daven Natarajan, Joseph McClannahan, Maddux Castle, Jacob Amontree, Anthony Senseman (cox)

**Men's Championship 2-:** Jacob Strauss, Chase Rowe

### **Bronze Medal Victory:**

**Women's Championship 8+:** McKayla Taaffe, Gabby Halula, Sierra Luther, Hannah Meister, Karolina Wadolowska, Katherine Flanders, Carolina Elizalde, Marissa Beiling, Emily Goff (cox)