

**Saskatoon
Rowing
Club**

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Take Note

- **Prairie Rowing Championships Saskatoon Saturday, July 17**

Saturday Satisfaction

There is a wonderful opportunity every Saturday morning to improve your rowing skills and find out how your boat speed compares to other club rowers. It's the Saturday Morning Races. Every Saturday morning at 8:00am club members from all age groups come together and race. There are established crews and pick up crew in boats of all sizes.

Winning is not the ultimate goal of the Saturday Morning Races. Putting you and your crew in a race setting is. You get an opportunity to

practice your racing starts, refine your race strategy and check out your fitness level.

Next regatta weekend you'll be more relaxed in the starting blocks, your racing start will be stronger, your race strategy will be ingrained and you'll be able to pace yourself for a strong finish.

So this Saturday hop out of bed and come down for the Saturday Morning Races. You'll be glad you did.

Bruce Acton



Why Established Crews Should Be Included In Designated Boats Policy

Earlier this season the club executive and staff designated certain equipment in the club for high performance members only. I understand the policy has since fallen by the wayside. Preservation of our equipment for competitive purposes is admirable, but I wonder why such a policy cannot be extended to all established rowing crews.

Late in May, Tim Ouellette and me came face to face with the new high performance designated boats policy of our club. For two years we happily and consistently rowed a particular Hudson pair four mornings a week. Suddenly we are told the boat is a designated high performance boat and no longer open to us. This news came a quite a surprise.

Why Established Crew Should Be... continued

Tim and me have rowed a pair together for nearly 4 years. I have been bowing boats in the club for nearly 15 years. I think you would be hard pressed to find a more consistent and long-established crew with this degree of experience in the Saskatoon Rowing Club. So why exclude a crew like ours from certain equipment?

It's true, our crew does not have high performance ambitions. It's a personal choice, which

should not limit our access to club equipment. We have been club members for more than a decade; we pay a full membership, meet our club development commitment and limit our rowing sessions to 4 mornings a week. Yet, under this policy we did not have the opportunity to row the equipment of our choice. Something doesn't equate.

Undoubtedly, this subject will come up again. When it does, I would like the club executive and staff to include established crews within the designated boat policy. It is the right thing to do.

Bruce Acton



Saskatoon Rowers Set For Success

Yardley Mitzel of the Saskatoon Rowing Club for being named to the 2004 CanAmMex Team. Yardley is the first coxswain from Saskatchewan to be named to the CanAmMex Team. CanAmMex is in Ottawa from July 3-11.

John Haver and Todd Keesey will represent Canada at the Under 23 World Rowing Championships in Poznan, Poland. John Haver and his partner Morgan of Winnipeg will compete in the lightweight double while Todd Keesey and rowing mate Obrey Oldhan of Hamilton will appear in the heavy-weight pair.. We wish John and Todd every success in the competition August 6-8.

Cam Baerg and Jake Wetzel appear to be Olympic Bound. The final team selection will be announced July 12 .With just five weeks until the Athen's Olympics it looks like Saskatoon can boast of two more Olympic rowers. Cam Baerg and Jake Wetzel appear to have secured seats in the Canadian Olympic Men's 4+ along with Barney Williams of Salt Spring, BC and Tom Herschmiller of Comox, BC.

Let's cheer them on to victory. Check the Rowing Canada web site for an opportunity to send them an email and be watching the Olympics beginning August 13.

Prairie Rowing Championships Back In Saskatoon

In case you have not yet heard, the Prairie Rowing Championships are being held in Saskatoon on Saturday, July 17. Edmonton regatta organizers were unable to secure a permit to harvest the water plants on Telford Lake.

When you receive the call to volunteer your time please say yes. Organizing a regatta requires plenty of help particularly when we only have a couple of weeks to put it all together. Contact Ann Haver if you or family members can help out. According to Bob Haver, the race schedule is unchanged. See you at the Prairies.



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2004 Rowing Schedule

July 17 Prairie Rowing Championships— Saskatoon

July 28-Aug 1 Canada Cup - Montreal, QC

July 31-Aug 2 Tops & Bottoms Regatta, Kenora, ON

August 3-8 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta,
St. Catharine's

August 20-22 Canadian Masters Championship, Victoria,
BC

August 26-29 NWIRA Championships, Winnipeg, MB

September 11 Head of the Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

September ? Head of the Red, Winnipeg, MB

October 23-24 Head of the Charles, Boston, MA

(Regatta dates and locations subject to change)

2003-2004 Club Executive

President— Bruce Murray

Vice President— vacant

Secretary— Grant Marshak

Treasurer— Kristen Jewitt

Non-Voting Club Positions

Membership— vacant

Bingo— Charlotte Stang and Diane Caswell

Newsletter— Bruce Acton

Public Relations—Terry Craig

Safety— vacant

Equipment— John Haver

Home Regatta— Ann Haver and Rhonda
McKinney

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Social— vacant

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