



Florida Crew Update

Fall 2008 Newsletter

News

Recruitment for the fall semester was a HUGE success. Over fifty new rowers have joined the team!

FloridaCrew.com was recently redesigned and now features a blog section you can check for all your crew news and upcoming events.

The varsity teams had a great showing at First Coast Head Race (see reverse for results).



The men's varsity A4+ took home silver medals at First Coast.

Apparel

You can now purchase FL Crew T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, hats, and polo shirts. New crew mom and dad shirts are also on the way. To place an order, contact Apparel Chair, Joe Andrzejewski: jk114828@ufl.edu

Upcoming Events

The team is looking forward to racing at two more regattas this semester:

• **Head of the Hooch**

November 1 Chattanooga, TN

• **Fall FIRA Championship**

November 8 Melbourne, FL

****Keep your schedules open! The 3rd Annual FL Crew Family & Alumni Weekend will be February 20-22 2009.**

Fundraising

The Exec board's top priorities this year are fully funding the construction of our new boathouse, acquiring a new boat for the women's varsity eight, and getting all of our equipment in top shape.

Florida Crew Window Decals are now available for \$12 each and are a great way to show your Gator pride on the road trips to our regattas this season!

The team is hard at work at the concession stands at the University of Florida football and basketball games to help fund boat improvements.

We will also be hosting Row Across Florida!

Special thanks to all our donors and sponsors!

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About Us

Florida Crew is one of the largest recreational sport club team on campus. It was established in 1984 to promote the sport of rowing in the University of Florida community. We currently have 89 active rowers on the team.

Rowing 101

Blade: the end of the oar that is placed in the water.

Catch: the oar blade entering the water at the beginning of the stroke.

Crab: a stroke that goes bad. The oar blade slices into the water at an angle and gets caught under the surface. A bad crab can catapult you out of the boat.

Ergometer: a rowing machine designed to simulate rowing used for training and testing.

Feathering: turning the oar blade parallel to the water during the recovery.

Skeg: a small flat appendage located along the stern section of the hull which helps stabilize and steer the boat.

Boathouse Update

University of Florida lawyers are busy sorting out legal issues so that the new boathouse can be constructed. Thanks to our generous supporters, we have raised \$12,000 for the new structure.



The women's varsity A8+ took home bronze medals at First Coast.

First Coast Results

The varsity men and women faced competitors from Jacksonville U, Nova SE, Charleston, UCF, and Orlando RC.

In the varsity men's A4+, Mike Grose, Mark Gallrein, Ian Schumaker, Dave Carlson, and cox Becca Gelwicks won silver.

In the varsity men's B4+, Justin Gambrell, Trevor Guynes, Spencer Duhm, Eric Kleinzweig, and cox Ben Michael won bronze.

In the varsity women's A8+, Courtney Holst, Samantha Milne, Christine Salama, Alissa Kranz, Shayna Brouker, Alyssa Pollock, Tyler Shores, Katie Tschopp, and cox Brittany DeLoatche won bronze.

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