

UCD Women's Rowing

Welcome to the Winter 2023 Newsletter!

Winter quarter is often our toughest training season with freezing early mornings and practices that push us to get faster. This quarter we have been training hard at the Port and at our new erg container at Toomey Field in preparation for our racing this spring season. This quarter we had a scrimmage, our Spring Break Bootcamp, team bonding events, and returned to San Diego Crew Classic! We also got to connect with our alumni at our Alumni Day. We hope you enjoy this newsletter!

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Alumni Day 2023



This winter quarter we had our annual Alumni Day! It was fantastic to see all the alumni that could make it and to talk with them about their time at the boathouse, their jobs, and their other interests. At Alumni Day, we revealed the Founder's Plaque for the endowment to recognize the members of our community that have helped start our endowment fund! We also revealed our newest WIRA flag for our Double (2x) that got first place in 2022! The day finished with an alumni row and lunch provided by our fantastic alumni.



UCD Women's Rowing Endowment

EST. 2022



This endowment was established to provide financial stability for the UC Davis Women's Rowing program to drive future success and inclusion. Thank you to all our donors and, in particular, the Founding Members who gave generously to ensure initial establishment of the endowment.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Renee (Terramorse) & Rob Breyer

Joe & Mary Cech

Colleen Chelini

John & Sue Chellini

Lori Cohen

Emily (Neary) & Connor Finch

Mary Kimball

Leanne (Pratt) Knowlden

Jessica Manginelli

Kaila Mattera

Liz (Marks) McAndrew

Teegan Gatta Medcalf

Theresa Collins Raabe

Danika Reddick

Tracy Stanley

Suanne Starner

Alison Tarke

Sarah Whipple-Puddicombe

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Winter Racing



On February 18th we had our annual **St. Mary's and Santa Clara Scrimmage** at the Port. It was great to practice with more boats on the water and for our novices to get a taste of racing.

President's Cup

The first weekend of spring break we went to the President's Cup hosted by Sacramento State Men's Crew at Lake Natoma. Both our Varsity 8+ and our Novice 8+ placed first and got a valuable row down the course where WIRA will be held later this season.



Times

V8: 7:35.11

N8: 8:10.17



Spring Break Training



Over spring break we had double days in the morning and fun activities in the evening like a Trivia night, Mario Kart Tournament, a Cookie Contest, and a team dinner!



San Diego Crew Classic 2023

We haven't been back to SDCC since 2019 so it was great to enter our main racing season by attending this regatta! We brought a N8+ and a V8+. We practiced on the course Friday and raced Saturday and Sunday before returning to Davis. Our V8+ raced in the Women's Grace Rett Memorial Collegiate Varsity DII/III/Club Event. After placing third in Saturday heats, the V8+ went on to the A Final and got sixth place! Our Novice 8+ raced in the Women's Collegiate DII/III/Club Novice Event Final on Sunday and placed third! It was great to race against competitive crews and to experience SDCC, which was celebrating their 50th anniversary. Congrats to all athletes that raced and a big congratulations to our Novice 8+ for their third place!

Times

V8: Heat 1: 07:42.623

Final 1: 07:49.541 - *6th Place*

N8: Final 1: 08:22.507 - *3rd Place*



SDCC Continued - Thank You!



Thank you so much to all the family and friends who supported us at Crew Classic this past weekend, both through donations and by cheering us on in person or through watching the livestream!

Thank you so much to the following friends and family who donated to our team for regatta snacks and food:

Richard Harris, Lisa Green, Emily Rushka, Chris Bourassa, Paige Kendall, John Vaught, Alice Beittel, and Amber Johnson.

A special thank you to the **McClain Family** for hosting our team at their home in San Diego!

We appreciate you for your constant support and for always cheering on the team!!



Athlete Spotlight

Novice Rower: Ella Bourassa

Year: 1st

Major: Anthropology

Novice Representative

Hometown: Danville, CA

Fun Fact: "I am deathly afraid of butterflies!"



1. What made you join rowing?

a. "I joined rowing because I wanted a community on campus and rowing was something I had always wanted to try. I joined during fall quarter and I immediately felt so welcomed."

2. What is it like to be a novice this year?

a. "Being a novice this year has been so great. I feel really connected with both the novices and varsity. It's really intimidating to start something that's so far out of your comfort zone, but I love the challenge!"

3. What are you looking forward to this year?

a. "I've really been looking forward to the Crew Classic regatta in San Diego because I love the ocean and I want to see other crews!"

4. What is your favorite part about rowing at UC Davis?

a. "My favorite part about rowing is being able to get out in nature almost every morning! I've seen shooting stars, seals, and herons at our port."

Spring Fundraisers

We have two Spring fundraisers! Our **See's Candies Fundraiser** is great for Easter so send your friends and family a sweet treat while supporting the team! This fundraiser closes on April 28th so be sure to get your orders in soon!

Link here to support our team!

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/womensrau_womens_rowing_at_uc_davis_fundraise96/KarStr1839/candy

Our second Spring fundraiser is the **Big Day of Giving** on May 4th! This is a fundraiser for non-profits and our crew is a 501(c)(3) non-profit run off of athlete dues and donations from our community!

Early giving starts April 20th so keep an eye out for more information on how to give!



Looking Ahead Spring 2023

Here is a look forward to our calendar for the coming quarter!

April 22nd - **UCSB Duel** @ Lake Cachuma, Santa Barbra, CA

April 29-30th - **WIRA** @ Lake Natoma, Sacramento, CA

May 6 - **Causeway Cup** @ the Port of West Sacramento

May 19-21st - **ACRA** @ Oak Ridge, TN



If you are interested in donating to our team or to see updates on what we are up to/ where we are follow us on Instagram at [@UCDWROWING](https://www.instagram.com/UCDWROWING) and check out our website at www.ucdrowing.com

Thanks for reading our quarterly newsletter!

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