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Nathan Benderson Park
5851 Nathan Benderson Circle
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Parking and Credential Pick-Up
All media covering the 2016 U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Team Trials must be credentialed. Parking is available in the VIP lot behind the grandstands, near the finish line. Please check in and pick up your credential at the main press tent from Amy Grossman, C-Suite Communications (a-grossman@c-suitecomms.com, 215-805-0299), upon arrival. Media members must check in at the main press center each day prior to the start of racing.

Press Releases
The most up-to-date 2016 U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Team Trials event information is available at www.usrowing.org. Press releases and a limited selection of photos from the event for editorial use are available by contacting the USRowing Communications Department. To be placed on USRowing’s media distribution list, please email media@usrowing.org.

USRowing also posts information through social media. The official Twitter account of USRowing is @USRowing. The official hashtag for the event is #RioTrials2016. USRowing will provide updates and short commentary via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @USRowing. Athletes, fans and media are encouraged to tweet messages using the official hashtag. The official Facebook page is www.Facebook.com/USRowing. Photos, commentaries and short updates will be provided here.

News Access Guidelines
Credentialed media are responsible for following the Trials News Access Guidelines 2016 - Rowing as outlined by the United States Olympic Committee, as well as adhering to USRowing’s Code of Conduct for Media Representatives. Please note:
● Local news stations – NBC and non-NBC affiliates can film on-site practice and competition to air as long as they follow the News Access Guidelines – Use of in news programs only, length of excerpts of Trials materials, 48-hour window, courtesy credit and internet distribution.
● No live streaming video is allowed at any time, including Periscope, Snapchat and YouTube.
● Questions regarding these guidelines can be directed to Allison Müller on site or by email at allison@usrowing.org.
Interview Policy for Athletes
Most rowers and coaches are available for interviews on a daily basis outside of competition. USRowing’s policy is to not release athlete contact information without prior approval from the athlete. Interviews or photos may be arranged on an individual basis by contacting Allison Müller, USRowing Director of Communications, at Allison@usrowing.org. On the final day of racing, media will have the opportunity for short interviews in the mixed zone area prior to the medal ceremony. Interview requests beyond quick quotes (two minutes) will need to be scheduled after the athlete has completed processing and USADA testing.

Designated Press Areas
Nathan Benderson Park is a unique venue that allows for multiple vantage points to capture rowing footage. Three zones have been designated specifically for credentialed media. Access to all points requires agreement to USRowing’s Code of Conduct for Media Representatives.

● Start line
  ○ Accessible by car, limited public parking is available
  ○ Optional transportation by golf cart on access road to/from finish line press center
  ○ Media has access to start platform, must be sitting/still at 2-minute call and recognize any direction given by the Judge at Start

● Athlete launch dock
  ○ Media may access the athlete/launch dock area to capture photo/video and conduct pre-arranged athlete interviews
  ○ Must check in with Communications Staff at athlete area media tent for access

● Finish Line Press Center
  ○ Media credential pick-up, information center
  ○ Daily press briefing location - one hour before racing
  ○ Internet, power, snacks, water
  ○ Press conference area

Media Launch
In addition to media zones on shore, a designated media launch (motorized boat) will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis each day of practice and competition. Please sign up the day prior in the main press tent or by emailing Allison@usrowing.org. The launch will depart from the awards dock near the finish line press center 30 minutes prior to the start of each racing session.
**National Rowing Foundation 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**
The National Rowing Foundation will induct two devoted patrons of rowing and six crews comprising twenty-six athletes to the prestigious National Rowing Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 23. For more information about covering this event or to request an interview with an inductee, please contact Mara Keggi Ford at mara@natrowing.org or (203) 525-6566.

**Event Press Conference**
USRowing will host an event press conference at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22 with members of the local organizing committee and competitors at the press tent near the finish line. No pre-registration is required. The short program will include USRowing CEO Glenn Merry, USRowing High Performance Director Curtis Jordan, SANCA President Paul Blackketter, National Rowing Foundation Executive Director Charlie Hamlin and Paralympic hopeful Blake Haxton, among others.
**Nathan Benderson Park Venue Map** (press areas indicated in red)

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5851 Nathan Benderson Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34235

Directions:
From the North: From I-75 take University Parkway, Exit 213. Drive WEST on University Parkway approx. 0.3 miles. Turn SOUTH (left) onto North Cattlemen Road (traffic light). Drive approx 0.5 miles, following signs and pass thru three traffic circles. Continue SOUTH on North Cattlemen Road to the regatta island. Rowing facility will be on your right.

From the South: From I-75 take Fruitville Road, Exit 210. Drive WEST on Fruitville Road. approx. 0.2 miles. Turn NORTH (right) on North Cattlemen Road (traffic light). Drive approx 2.2 miles to the regatta island. Rowing facility will be on your left.
Tentative Schedule (subject to change)
Visit USRowing’s event page for complete schedule and updates.

Friday, April 15
6:00-8:00 AM  Practice
10:00-12:30 PM  Practice

Saturday, April 16
6:00-7:40 AM  Practice
5:30-7:30 PM  Practice

Sunday, April 17
6:00-7:40 AM  Practice
3:00 PM  Coaches and Athlete Meeting - M4x
5:00 PM  M4x Time Trial
5:30-7:30 PM  Practice

Monday, April 18
9:00-11:00 AM  Practice
3:00-5:00 PM  Practice

Tuesday, April 19
8:00 AM  M4x Final
9:00-11:00 AM  Practice
3:00-5:00 PM  Practice

Wednesday, April 20
9:00-11:00 AM  Practice
2:00 PM  Coaches and Athlete Meeting - M1x, M2x, W1x, W2x, LM2x, LW2x, ASW1x, ASM1x
3:00-5:00 PM  Practice

Thursday, April 21
8:00 AM  Time Trial ASM1x
8:10 AM  Time Trial ASW1x
9:00 AM  Time Trial M1x (1-14 to Heats, remainder eliminated), W1x (All advance to Heats)
9:15 AM  Time Trial M2x (All advance to Heats), W2x (All advance to Heats)
9:30 AM  Time Trial LM2x, LW2x (All advance to Heats)
3:00-5:00 PM  Practice

Friday, April 22
8:00 AM  M1x Heat 1  1 to A/B Semis, remainder to Repechages
8:10 AM  M1x Heat 2  1 to A/B Semis, remainder to Repechages
8:20 AM  M1x Heat 3  1 to A/B Semis, remainder to Repechages
8:30 AM  M1x Heat 4  1 to A/B Semis, remainder to Repechages
8:40 AM  W1x Heat 1  1-2 to A/B Semis, remainder to Repechages
8:50 AM  W1x Heat 2  1-2 to A/B Semis, remainder to Repechages
9:00 AM  W1x Heat 3  1-2 to A/B Semis, remainder to Repechages
9:10 AM  M2x Heat 1  1 to Final, remainder to Repechage
9:20 AM  M2x Heat 2  1 to Final, remainder to Repechage
9:30 AM  W2x Heat 1  1 to Final, remainder to Repechages
9:40 AM  W2x Heat 2  1 to Final, remainder to Repechages
9:50 AM  LM2x Heat 1  1 to Final, remainder to Repechages
10:00 AM  LM2x Heat 2  1 to Final, remainder to Repechages
10:10 AM  LW2x Heat 1  1 to Final, remainder to Repechages
10:20 AM  LW2x Heat 2  1 to Final, remainder to Repechages

12:30 PM  Press Conference – Main Press Tent
  • Glenn Merry, CEO USRowing
  • Curtis Jordan, director of high performance, USRowing
  • Charlie Hamlin, executive director, National Rowing Foundation
  • Carolyn Brown, general manager, Parks and Recreation at Sarasota County
  • Paul Blackketter, president, SANCA
  • Future Olympians, Paralympians and Hall of Fame Inductees (Anita DeFrantz, Carol Brown, Lynn Reed) will be available for interview immediately afterward

1:30 PM  Practice - open to filming

4:30 PM  M1x Repechage 1  1 to A/B Semis, remainder eliminated
4:40 PM  M1x Repechage 2  1 to A/B Semis, remainder eliminated
4:50 PM    M1x Repechage 3   1 to A/B Semis, remainder eliminated
5:00 PM    M1x Repechage 4   1 to A/B Semis, remainder eliminated
5:10 PM    W1x Repechage 1   1 to A/B Semis, remainder eliminated
5:20 PM    W1x Repechage 2   1 to A/B Semis, remainder eliminated

Saturday, April 23
8:00 AM    M1x Semifinal 1   1-2 to Final, remainder eliminated
8:10 AM    M1x Semifinal 2   1-2 to Final, remainder eliminated
8:20 AM    W1x Semifinal 1   1-2 to Final, remainder eliminated
8:30 AM    W1x Semifinal 2   1-2 to Final, remainder eliminated
8:40 AM    M2x Repechage     1 to Final, remainder eliminated
8:50 AM    W2x Repechage 1   1 to Final, remainder eliminated
9:00 AM    W2x Repechage 2   1 to Final, remainder eliminated
9:10 AM    LM2x Repechage 1  1 to Final, remainder eliminated
9:20 AM    LM2x Repechage 2  1 to Final, remainder eliminated
9:30 AM    LW2x Repechage 1  1 to Final, remainder eliminated
9:40 AM    LW2x Repechage 2  1 to Final, remainder eliminated

4:00-6:00 PM     Practice
7:00-10:00PM   National Rowing Foundation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Sunday, April 24
9:00 AM    ASM1x Final (on to Paralympic Team, pending USOC approval)
            Medals for M4x (on to Final Qualification Regatta)
9:15 AM    ASW1x Final (on to Paralympic Team, pending USOC approval)
            Medals for ASM1x - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
9:30 AM    M1x Final (on to Final Qualification Regatta)
            Medals for ASW1x - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
9:45 AM    W1x Final (on to Olympic Team, pending USOC approval)
Medals - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

10:00 AM  M2x Final (on to Final Qualification Regatta)
Medals - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

10:15 AM  W2x Final (on to Olympic Team, pending USOC approval)
Medals - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

10:30 AM  LM2x Final (on to Olympic Team, pending USOC approval)
Medals - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

10:45 AM  LW2x Final (on to Olympic Team, pending USOC approval)
Medals - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

11:00 AM-12:30 PM  Athlete meet and greet, photo and interview opportunity
USRowing Code of Conduct for Representatives of Media

1. Credentialed media representatives shall respect the privacy of athletes. It is forbidden to access the changing rooms, athlete rest and massage areas and other “private” areas reserved to athletes unless invited by the athlete or team manager.

2. Outside of these areas, media representatives must show respect for athletes and not disturb or hinder their race preparation and race time. Interviews and photo sessions should be organized in advance with USRowing communications staff.

3. As some of the areas reserved for photographers have limited space, the Communications Director shall, at his/her discretion, limit the number of photographers allowed in the area. These photographers will be identified by a credential or bib provided by USRowing. A priority list will be made by the USRowing Director of Communications when space is limited.

4. Media representatives must exercise cooperation and work alongside fellow media representatives to ensure a pleasant and stress-free work environment. This includes respecting noise levels around broadcast and radio media.

5. The use of drones, taking moving images or time lapse of racing, requires pre-approval from the Director of Communications.

Media representatives should act professionally at all times. Any media representative who does not follow the rules listed above, shall have his/her accreditation revoked.

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6. **Courtesy Credit:** The following video credit must be displayed over any excerpts of Trials Material for the duration of the clip: “Courtesy NBC Olympics/USOC”.

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   a) The only types of content obtained at the Trials that may be distributed via the Internet are interviews with participants (e.g., athletes, coaches, officials) and material recorded from press conferences (the “Internet Material”). Internet Material must be captured in designated media interview areas and/or mixed zones, provided that these locations are away from the field of play. The exploitation of press conference material must be delayed until 30 minutes after its conclusion and such exploitation may not be sponsored and/or cannot contain an association with a sponsor or advertiser.
   b) Under no circumstances may any field of play material (e.g., competition or training) be distributed via the Internet. For the avoidance of doubt, it is prohibited to tape any portion of NBCUniversal’s coverage “off-air” and distribute such coverage via the Internet.
   c) Internet Material may not be distributed live, including, without limitation, via technologies such as Periscope, Meerkat, etc.
   d) Under no circumstances can anything that resembles or approximates “coverage” (e.g., race calls and other real-time descriptions and accounts of competition) be distributed via the Internet.
   e) Although there is no specific limitation with respect to the length and volume of permissible Internet Material, any such distribution should conform to the spirit of these guidelines generally.
   f) All Internet Material must be removed from the Internet no later than August 5, 2016.
   g) Internet Material must be accompanied by a link to http://liveextra.nbcsports.com.
Event Preview - Trials Time at Nathan Benderson Park
By Ed Moran, ed@usrowing.org

Up until now, filling in the rowers' names that will make up the 2016 U.S. Olympic Games roster has been speculation. Many athletes who have positioned themselves to make the squad are known and have been contending for a place in Rio throughout the four-year Olympic cycle. But being positioned and being selected are vastly different. Performance is always the ultimate determining factor.

At the end of next week when the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Team Trials – Rowing, scheduled for April 17-24 at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Fla., conclude, the first of those roster slots will officially be set, pending final approval from the United States Olympic Committee. Of the nine events contested, six will determine 2016 Olympians or Paralympians.

"It's not easy to start the season off with such an important race, especially as trials is a winner-takes-all regatta," said Gevvie Stone (Newton, Mass.), who will be racing in the women’s single sculls, a boat class Stone qualified for Rio at the 2015 World Rowing Championships.

"As elite rowers, we train for months without competing and then – it feels like all of a sudden – racing is next week," Stone said. "That being said, it's exciting to think about being on the line again and testing my limits. Racing is the reason we train for months and a major reason why we love the sport.

"But, trials is not about what I say. It's about what I do.”

In addition to the women’s single, racing in Rio-qualified boats include the women’s double sculls, lightweight men’s and women’s double sculls, and men’s and women’s arms and shoulders single sculls.

The winner in each of those events will earn a place on the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic teams and will receive cash awards of $3,500, which are being provided through partnerships between private donors and USRowing.

Racing also will take place in three other boat classes that are not yet qualified for Rio, including the men’s single sculls, men’s double sculls and men’s quadruple sculls. The winners of those events also will receive cash awards of $3,500 and will earn the right to compete at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in May in Lucerne, Switzerland.

In all nine events, cash awards will be distributed for second, third and fourth-place finishers, depending on the number of entries in each event.

In total, 73 crews from 30 clubs are registered to compete in the week-long regatta, which is being staged at the site of the 2017 World Rowing Championships.

"Rowing is one of the fastest growing youth sports in the state of Florida," said Curtis Jordan, USRowing Director of High Performance. "How exciting is it to have the second leg of the 2016 Olympic rowing team selection in Sarasota? The Sarasota-Bradenton communities and SANCA, the local organizing committee, are building a world-class rowing facility. We are..."
looking forward to taking advantage of this facility and the community energy to highlight our sport and our top elite athletes.

“A lot of hard work by the athletes, the community and the USOC has gone into this week. It should be an exciting event with some great races.”

Qualified Olympic and Paralympic Events

Women’s Single Sculls (W1x) - sponsored by Wyc Grousbeck

Thirteen women are scheduled to compete in the event. Among them are Cambridge Boat Club’s Stone, Vesper Boat Club’s 2008 Olympian Lindsay Meyer (Seattle, Wash.), Southern California Scullers Club’s seven-time national team member Stesha Carle (Long Beach, Calif.), Craftsberry Rowing Center’s junior and under 23 athlete Madison Lips (Parker, Colo.) and Ann Holmes (San Francisco, Calif.) of California Rowing Club.

Stone finished seventh in the single at the Olympic Games in London and has been the U.S. women’s single sculler at the world championships the past two years. Meyer finished fifth in the women’s quad in Beijing and won silver in the double and quad at the 2015 Pan American Games. Both Meyer and Carle competed for the U.S. at the 2010 World Rowing Championships, where Meyer finished 10th in the single and Carle finished fifth in the double.

This is the second time Stone and Meyer have gone head-to-head for a spot on the Olympic team. At the 2012 Non-Qualified Small Boat Trials in Chula Vista, Calif., the two raced twice. Meyer won the semifinal. Both advanced before Stone won the final. Holmes also rowed in the event but was eliminated in the semifinal.

Women’s Double Sculls (W2x) - sponsored by Benderson Development Corp

Seven crews are entered in the women’s double sculls. Among them are the United States Training Center – Oklahoma City/New York Athletic Club composite entry of 2008 Olympian Ellen Tomek (Flushing, Mich.) and Meghan O’Leary (Baton Rouge, La.), the USTC – Princeton entry of Natalie King (Weston, Conn.) and Corinne “Coco” Schoeller (Miami, Fla.) and Vesper Boat Club’s Mary Jones (Huntsville, Ala.) and Nicole Ritchie (Dummerston, Vt.).

Tomek and O’Leary have represented the U.S. in the event at the world championships for the past three years. They finished 11th in 2015 and qualified the boat for Rio. Tomek finished fifth in the double in Beijing.

Jones won gold in the lightweight single sculls at the 2015 Pan American Games and finished seventh in the lightweight quad at the 2014 World Championships. Ritchie won silver medals in the double and quad at the 2015 Pan American Games.

Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls (LM2x) - sponsored by Wyc Grousbeck

Eight crews are entered in this event, including Cambridge Boat Club’s Andrew Campbell, Jr. (New Canaan, Conn.) and Joshua Konieczny (Millbury, Ohio), Malta Boat Club’s
Colin Ethridge (Laytonsville, Md.) and Matt O'Leary (Westwood, Mass.), and Riverside Boat Club’s Peter Schmidt (Providence, R.I.) and Jacob Georgeson (North Olmsted, Ohio). Also entered is the unaffiliated crew of Austin Meyer (Cohoes, N.Y.) and Nick Trojan (Los Alamitos, Calif.).

Campbell has rowed on 10 national teams, starting in 2009. He won a bronze medal in the single sculls at the 2010 World Rowing Junior Championships and has rowed on five senior teams, winning a bronze in the lightweight single in 2012. He won consecutive gold medals in the event at the 2013 and 2014 World Rowing Under 23 Championships.

This is his second time rowing at Olympic Trials. He won the lightweight double event in 2012 when the boat class was unqualified but failed to earn a spot in London at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta. Campbell and Konieczny rowed the lightweight double at the 2015 World Rowing Championships, finishing eighth and qualifying the boat for Rio.

“Our preparation for Olympic Trials has been going very well,” Campbell said. “Having another boat to work with, Peter Schmidt and Jake Georgeson of Riverside, has made training more competitive and fun. We’ve all come to really like the course at Benderson.

“It’s nice to spend so much time training on the exact water we’ll be competing on. Seeing those 500 meter signs helps remind us why we are doing all this hard work. We’re not holding anything back for this one.”

Schmidt and Georgeson are both senior team veterans. Schmidt won bronze in the lightweight eight at the 2015 worlds and both he and Georgeson were in the lightweight quad that finished seventh in 2014. Ethridge and O'Leary finished fifth in the lightweight quad in 2015.

Trojan finished fifth at worlds in the lightweight single in 2015. Meyer was in the fifth-place lightweight quad in 2015.

Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls (LW2x) - sponsored by Benderson Development Corp

There are eight crews entered in this event. Among them are Vesper Boat Club’s national team veterans Kate Bertko (Oakland, Calif.) and Devery Karz (Park City, Utah) and California Rowing Club’s Victoria Burke (Redding, Conn.) and Nancy Miles (Bainbridge Island, Wash.).

Bertko has rowed on six national teams. She won bronze medals in the lightweight single at the 2014 and 2015 World Rowing Championships, silver in the lightweight double in 2013, and silver in the quad in 2009. Karz finished 11th to qualify the boat class at the 2015 World Rowing Championships and finished 10th in the event in 2014.

Burke won silver in the quad and bronze in the lightweight double at the 2015 Pan American Games. She won silver in the lightweight quad at the 2010 World Rowing Championships and silver in the quad at the 2009 World Rowing Under 23 Championships. Miles won silver in the lightweight quad at the 2013 World Rowing Championships and finished fourth in the quad at the 2011 World Rowing Junior Championships.
Men’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls (ASM1x) - sponsored by Resolute Racing

Three men are entered in this Paralympic trials event, including two-time national team veteran Blake Haxton (Columbus, Ohio), and Long Beach Rowing Association’s nine-time U.S. athlete and two-time Paralympian Ron Harvey (Downingtown, Pa.).

Haxton, rowing unaffiliated, finished fifth in the event and qualified the boat class in 2015 and finished fourth at the 2014 World Rowing Championships. Harvey last competed at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London, where he finished eighth. He finished fifth in the event at the 2008 Paralympic Games.

Women’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls (ASW1x) - sponsored by Resolute Racing

Going head-to-head in this Paralympic event is Community Rowing, Inc.’s KateLynne Steinke (Yarmouth Port, Mass.) and Treasure Coast Rowing Club’s Jacqui Kapinowski (Tequesta, Fla.). Kapinowski finished eighth in 2015 and qualified the boat. She finished ninth in the trunk and arms mixed double sculls at the 2011 World Rowing Championships before she was re-classified in the single.

She also has competed in multiple Paralympic and adaptive events. In 2013, she won bronze at the Paratriathlon World Championships. She finished fourth in the 2010 Paralympic Games in wheelchair curling. She took bronze at the 2007 and 2008 Marathon World Championships and won bronze at the 2008 World Championships for wheelchair curling.

Steinke represented the U.S. in the event at the 2014 World Rowing Championships, where she finished eighth.

Non-Qualified Olympic Events

The winners of the non-qualified Olympic events will earn the opportunity to represent the U.S. at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta May 22-25 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Men’s Single Sculls (M1x) - sponsored by the Taaffe Family

The field in the men’s single is the largest of the regatta, with 20 competitors entered. Ken Jurkowski (New Fairfield, Conn.) represented the U.S. in the single at the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. He finished 11th in Beijing and 24th in London. Among the competition is Craftsbury Sculling Center’s Thomas Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio), Craftsbury's John Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio) and USTC – Princeton’s Ryan Shelton (Wrightwood, Calif.).

Thomas Graves is a three-time senior athlete and is entered to row the single in the 2016 World Rowing Cup I April 15-17 in Varese, Italy. He finished 16th in the double at both the 2011 and 2009 World Rowing Championships. His younger brother, John Graves, has rowed on three senior national teams, finishing 16th in the double in 2015, eighth in the quad in 2014, and 10th in the double in 2013. Shelton rowed in the quad that finished 13th at the 2013 World Rowing Championships.
Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) - sponsored by John Chatzky

Nine crews are entered to row in the event. Among them are Craftsbury’s Willy Cowles (Farmington, Conn.) and Stephen Whelpley (Mequon, Wis.) and Vesper’s Leonard Futterman (New York, N.Y.) and Jonathan Kirkegaard (Philadelphia, Pa.).

Cowles finished eighth in the quad at the 2013 World Rowing Cup III. Whelpley finished eighth in the quad at the 2014 World Rowing Championships and 13th in the single in 2013. Futterman finished 21st in the single at the 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships.

Men’s Quadruple Sculls (M4x)

The smallest field of the non-qualified events has three entries. This is the first time the quad has been a trials event since 2000.

Among the crews are California Rowing Club’s Ian Silveira (West Bloomfield, Mich.), Paul Marcy (Guilford, Vt.), Derek Johnson (Hillsborough, Calif.) and John Madura (West Milford, N.J.) and Craftsbury’s Ben Davison (Inverness, Fla.), Ben Dann (Pound Ridge, N.Y.), John Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio) and 2012 Olympian Peter Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio).


Peter Graves was in the quad that finished 13th at the 2012 Olympic Games. Dann rowed with John Graves in the double in 2015 and finished 10th. He was in the quad that finished 8th in 2014. Davison has rowed the single at two junior world championships and two under 23 world championships.
Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Information

**Row to Rio**
This summer, USRowing has the opportunity to send 57 athletes to the starting line at the 2016 Olympic Games and 2016 Paralympic Games. Here is a snapshot of qualification events for Rio.

**National Selection Regatta I**
Chula Vista, Calif.
March 21-25, 2016
Winners of the M2- and W2- progress to World Rowing Cup II. Other top crews considered for W9+, M8+, W4+, M4-, and LM4- selection.

**Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta**
Gavirate, Italy
April 20-22, 2016
Top finishers/top 50% of field in the TAMix2 progress to 2016 Paralympic Games.

**Final Olympic Qualification Regatta**
Lucerne, Switzerland
May 22-25, 2016
Top three finishers/top 50% of field in the MIX and top two finishers/top 50% of field in the M2x, M4x, and M8+ progress to 2016 Olympic Games.

**2015 World Rowing Championships**
Aiguebelette, France
Aug. 30-Sept. 6, 2015
This event served as the first qualification opportunity for all 14 Olympic and all four Paralympic boat classes. (National governing bodies may qualify by event, not athlete.) The U.S. qualified 10 Olympic-class events: W1x, W2x, LM5x, LW2x, M2-, W-, W4x, M4-, LM4-, W9+, and three Paralympic-class events: ASM2x, ASW2x, LM2-.4+

**Non-Qualified TAMix2 Paralympic Trials**
West Windsor, N.J.
April 6-7, 2016
Winners of the TAMix2x progress to Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta.

**U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Trials**
Sarasota, Fla.
April 17-24, 2016
Winners of the W1x, W2x, LM2x, and LW2x progress to 2016 Olympic Games, pending USOC approval. Winners of the M1x, M2x and M4x progress to Final Olympic Qualification Regatta. Winners of the ASM1x and ASW1x progress to the 2016 Paralympic Games, pending USOC approval.

**World Rowing Cup II**
Lucerne, Switzerland
May 27-29, 2016
Top four finishers/top 50% of the field in the M2- and W2- progress to 2016 Olympic Games. If declined, event contested at U.S. Olympic Team Trials II, June 19-22 in West Windsor, N.J.
National Rowing Foundation 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The National Rowing Foundation will induct two devoted patrons of rowing and six crews comprising twenty-six athletes to the prestigious National Rowing Hall of Fame on Saturday, April 23.

The crews of the boats being honored include exceptional men and women who undertook the daunting competitive challenges of international competition to achieve multiple medal winning-performances in the Olympic Games and World Rowing Championships.

“In choosing these honorees, the selection committee members were unanimous in their judgment that the performances of the boats and their crews more than met the rigorous Hall of Fame standards,” said Kent Mitchell, Chair of NRF Hall of Fame Selection Committee. “They will join the many great Hall of Fame crews, from the 1936 Berlin Olympic Gold Medal ‘Boys in the Boat’ eight to the 1984 and 2008 Olympic gold medal women’s eights.”

2016 Hall of Fame Inductees:

- The 1976 Olympic bronze medal Women’s eight: Jackie Zoch Major, Anita DeFrantz, Carie Graves, Marion Greig, Anne Warner Taubes, Peggy McCarthy Bailey, Carol Brown, Gail Ricketson-Helfer, Lynn Silliman Reed and Coach Harry Parker.
- The 1996 Olympic Bronze Medal Lightweight Men’s Four: Marcus Schneider, Jeffrey Pfaendtner, David Collins and William Carlucci.
- The 1996 Olympic Silver Medal Lightweight Women’s Double: Teresa Bell and Lindsay Burns Barbier.
- The 2000 Olympic Bronze Medalists Lightweight Women’s Double: Christine Collins and Sarah Garner Walsh.
- Timothy M. Hosea, MD: Being honored posthumously for his over 20-year commitment to rowing through his dedicated service as the U.S. Olympic and National Team doctor.
- Joanne Wright Iverson: Being honored for 17 years of championing the inclusion of women in Olympic rowing culminating in her managing the women 1976 Olympic Team.

About The National Rowing Foundation

Founded in 1966, the NRF has raised millions of dollars in support of the development, selection and participation of our athletes in international competition and the preservation of rowing history through the National Rowing Hall of Fame. For additional information: contact Mara Keggi Ford (203) 525-6566 National Rowing Foundation; Email mara@natrowing.org.
About Nathan Benderson Park

Located in Sarasota, Fla., Nathan Benderson Park (NBP) is a unique 600-acre community park slated to become North America’s premier 2,000-meter sprint rowing course and Regatta Center. One of a handful of sites in the United States identified as having all of the natural attributes that make up a premier rowing and recreational facility, Nathan Benderson Park began hosting organized regatta competitions in 2009. More than $40 million has been committed to the facility’s development, including 2,000-meter racing lanes and straight shorelines, coaching lanes, wave attenuation, a multi-function boathouse and athlete training center, starting huts and finish towers, grandstands and a state-of-the-art-boat maintenance and testing facility. As a result, the community park offers the perfect destination for a range of championship and recreational events, vendor opportunities, team training and development trips, and so much more.

Nathan Benderson Park is a unique 600-acre park providing the public access to a 400-acre lake. The county purchased the site in the early 1990s. Before that, the property had been an active shell excavation pit for road construction fill. Cooper Creek enters the east side of the large lake and exits at the northwest corner.

Nathan Benderson Park is situated west of Interstate 75 and east of The Meadows residential community. The newly constructed Cattlemen Road extension allows access to the park from Fruitville and University Parkway. Nathan Benderson Park is one of only a handful of sites in North America identified as having all of the natural attributes that make up a premiere rowing facility. The park began hosting organized regatta competitions in 2009.

In September, 2013, it was announced with great fanfare all the way from Chungju, South Korea, where local Sarasota officials were on hand, that the International Federation of Rowing Association’s Congress selected the park to be the site of the 2017 World Rowing Championships, the biggest rowing event outside of the Olympics and most prestigious rowing competition in the world for 2017.

The event, slated to be held Sept. 24-Oct. 1, 2017 will bring top competitors to the park; with the event will come approximately 42,000 athletes, supporters, fans and tourists over the 10 days of competition.

Also on the park’s future schedule of world events: the World Rowing Masters Regatta and the World Rowing Coastal Championships, both scheduled for 2018.
About USRowing

USRowing is a nonprofit membership organization recognized by the United States Olympic Committee as the national governing body for the sport of rowing in the United States. USRowing selects, trains and manages the teams that represent the U.S. in international competition, including the World Championships, Pan American Games, Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

More than 85,000 individuals and 1,300 member organizations strong, USRowing serves and promotes the sport on all levels of competition. USRowing membership reflects the spectrum of American rowers – juniors, collegians, masters and those who row for recreation, competition or fitness.

In 1982, the United States Rowing Association was formed by the merger of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, founded in 1872, and the National Women’s Rowing Association, established in the early 1960s. USRowing brought these two organizations together with a name incorporating both men and women and reflecting the broader interests of rowing. In 1985, the organization moved from Philadelphia, Pa., to Indianapolis, Ind., home of several other Olympic sport governing bodies; and in 1994, Indianapolis became the only U.S. city to host a world rowing championship. In February 2006, USRowing moved its corporate headquarters to Princeton, N.J.

USRowing registers hundreds of regattas across the country each year, ensuring they are run under specific safety guidelines. The association also provides programs to educate referees and coaches. USRowing stages national championship regattas annually including the USRowing National Championships, USRowing Club National Championships, USRowing Masters National Championships, and USRowing Youth National Championships. USRowing also conducts regional championships and national team selection events.

USRowing is a member of the United States Olympic Committee and Federation Internationale des Societes D’Aviron (FISA), the international rowing federation.

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**The Race**

All events at the Olympic Games are 2,000 meters, or approximately 1.25 miles. The racecourse is divided into six lanes and each 500-meter section is marked with buoys. All events at the Paralympic Games are 1,000 meters.

The race begins with all boats aligned at the start in the lanes they’ve been assigned. Individuals in each lane hold the stern of each boat steady while an official, known as the aligner, ensures that each boat is even with the others and squarely facing the course.

Each crew is allowed one false start; two means disqualification. If within the first 100 meters there is legitimate equipment breakage (*e.g.*, an oar snaps in two), the race will be stopped and restarted with repaired equipment.

The *stroke rate* (the number of rowing strokes per minute that a crew is taking) is high at the start – maybe 45 to even 50 for an eight, 38 to 42 for a single scull. Then, the crew will “settle” into the body of the race and drop the rating back – 38 to 40 for an eight, 32 to 36 for a single. The coach and the way the race is going determine when the crew will sprint, but finishing stroke rates of 46+ in the last 200 meters aren’t unheard of. However, higher stroke rates are not always indicative of speed. A strong, technically talented crew may be able to cover more water faster than a less capable crew rowing a high stroke rate.

Unlike canoe/kayak competitions, rowers are allowed to leave their lanes without penalty, so long as they do not interfere with anyone else’s opportunity to win. An official follows the crews to ensure safety and fairness.

Despite the exhaustion that follows each race, the crew will row for five to 10 minutes afterwards in order to cool down. In rowing, the medal ceremonies include the shells. The three medal-winning crews row to the awards dock, climb out of their shells and receive their medals before rowing away.

**The Stroke**

The whole body is involved in moving a shell through the water. Although rowing tends to look like an upper body sport, the strength of the rowing stroke comes from the legs.

The stroke is made up of four parts: *Catch, Drive, Finish and Recovery*. As the stroke begins, the rower is coiled forward on the sliding seat, with knees bent and arms outstretched. At the *catch*, the athlete drops the oar blade vertically into the water.
At the beginning of the drive, the body position doesn’t change – all the work is done by the legs. As the upper body begins to uncoil, the arms begin their work, drawing the oar blades through the water. Continuing the drive, the rowers move their hands quickly into the body, which by this time is in a slight “layback” position, requiring strong abdominal muscles.

During the finish, the oar handle is moved down, drawing the oar blade out of the water. At the same time, the rower “feathers” the oar – turning the oar handle – so that the oar blade changes from a vertical position to a horizontal one. The oar remains out of the water as the rower begins recovery, moving the hands away from the body and past the knees. The body follows the hands and the sliding seat moves forward until, knees bent, the rower is ready for the next catch.

**The Equipment**

**Oars**
Oars move the boat through the water and act as balancers. Sweep oars are longer than sculling oars and may have wooden handles instead of rubber grips. The shaft of the oar is made of extremely lightweight carbon fiber instead of the heavier wood used years ago. The popular “hatchet” blade – named because of its cleaver-like shape – is about 20 percent larger than previous blades. Its larger surface area has made it the almost-universal choice among elite-level rowers.

**The Boats – Sculls and Shells**
All rowing boats can be called shells. Rowing boats with scullers in them (each person having two oars) are called sculls, e.g. single scull, double scull, quadruple scull. So, all sculls are shells but not vice versa. Originally made of wood, today’s boats – especially those used in competition – are made of honeycombed carbon fiber. They are light and appear fragile but are crafted to be strong and stiff in the water.

The smallest boat – the single scull – is approximately 27 feet long and as narrow as 10 inches across. At 58 feet, the eight is the longest boat on the water. The oars are attached to the boat with riggers, which provide a fulcrum for the levering action of rowing. Generally, sweep rowers sit in configurations that have the oars alternating from side to side along the boat. But sometimes, the coach will rig the boat so that two consecutive rowers have their oars on the same side in order to equalize individual athlete power.
Rowing Quick Facts

- Rowing is one of the original sports in the modern Olympic Games. Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympics, was a rower.
- Eight-oared shells are about 60-feet long, about 20 yards on a football field.
- Rowing was the first intercollegiate sport contested in the United States.
- Physiologically, rowers are superb examples of physical conditioning. Cross-country skiers and long distance speed skaters are comparable in terms of the physical demands the sport places on the athletes.
- An eight, which carries more than three-quarters of a ton (1,750 pounds), may weigh as little as 200 pounds. The boats are made of fiberglass composite material.
- Singles may be as narrow as 10 inches across, weigh only 30.86 pounds, and stretch nearly 27-feet long.
- FISA, the international governing body of the sport, requires all eights used in international competition to be sectional, so that crews who must disassemble and ship their boats overseas in standard shipping containers will not be at a disadvantage.
- The first amateur sport organization was a rowing club, Philadelphia’s Schuylkill Navy, founded in 1858.
- From 1920 through 1956, the United States won the gold medal in the men’s eight at every Olympic Games.
- The first national governing body for a sport in the United States was for rowing. Founded as the National Association for Amateur Oarsmen in 1872, it was changed in 1982 to the United States Rowing Association.
- Yale College founded the first collegiate boat club in the U.S. in 1843.
- FISA, the first international sports federation, was founded in 1892.
- Dr. Benjamin Spock, the famous doctor, was an Olympic rower in 1924 and won a gold medal in the eight. Gregory Peck rowed at the University of California in 1937.
- Physiologists claim that rowing a 2,000-meter race – equivalent to 1.25 miles – is equal to playing back-to-back basketball games. All Olympic events are contested over a 2,000-meter course with six lanes. In the 1976, 1980, and 1984 Olympics, women raced 1,000 meters.
- In 2013, the U.S. women’s eight set the World Best Time (5:54.16) in its final at the World Rowing Cup III in Lucerne, Switzerland. The United States is the two-time defending Olympic champion in the event (2008, 2012) and won its historic 10th-consecutive world title in 2015.
Glossary of Rowing Terms

**Bow:** The forward section of the boat. The first part of the boat to cross the finish line. Also, the person in the seat closest to the bow, who crosses the finish line first.

**Button:** A wide collar on the oar that keeps it from slipping through the oarlock.

**Coxswain:** The person who steers the shell and is the on-the-water coach for the crew.

**Deck:** The part of the shell at the bow and stern that is covered with fiberglass cloth or a thin plastic.

**Ergometer:** Rowers call it an “erg.” It’s a rowing machine that closely approximates the actual rowing motion. The rowers’ choice is the Concept2, which utilizes a flywheel and a digital readout so that the rower can measure his “strokes per minute” and the distance covered.

**Gate:** The bar across the oarlock that keeps the oar in place.

**Lightweight:** Refers to the rowers, not the boats; there is a maximum weight for each rower in a lightweight event as well as a boat average.

**Oar:** Used to drive the boat forward; rowers do not use paddles.

**Port:** The left side of the boat, while facing forward, in the direction of the movement.

**Power 10:** A call for rowers to do 10 of their best, most powerful strokes. It’s a strategy used to pull ahead of a competitor.

**Repechage:** The second-chance race, which ensures that everyone has two chances to advance from preliminary races since there is no seeding in the heats.

**Rigger:** The triangular shaped metal device that is bolted onto the side of the boat and holds the oars.

**Run:** The run is the distance the shell moves during one stroke. You can figure it by looking for the distance between the puddles made by the same oar.

**Sculls:** One of the two disciplines of rowing, where scullers use two oars or sculls.

**Shell:** Can be used interchangeably with boat.

**Slide:** The set of runners for the wheels of each seat in the boat.

**Starboard:** The right side of the boat, while facing forward, in the direction of movement.

**Stern:** The rear of the boat; the direction the rowers are facing.

**Straight:** Refers to a shell without a coxswain, i.e. a straight four or straight pair.

**Stretcher or Foot stretcher:** Where the rower’s feet go. The stretcher consists of two inclined footrests, which hold the rower’s shoes. The rower’s shoes are bolted into the footrests.

**Stroke:** The rower who sits closest to the stern. The stroke sets the rhythm for the boat; others behind him must follow his cadence.

**Sweep:** One of the two disciplines of rowing, where rowers use only one oar. Pairs (for two people), fours (for four people) and the eight are sweep boats. Pairs and fours may or may not have a coxswain. Eights always have a coxswain.

**Swing:** The hard-to-define feeling when near-perfect synchronization of motion occurs in the shell, enhancing the performance and speed.
Entries By Event (Affiliation/Athlete)

**Men’s Quadruple Sculls (3 entries)**
California Rowing Club
4: Ian Sliveira  
3: Paul Marcy  
2: Derek Johnson  
1: John Madura  

Community Rowing, Inc.
4: Adam Randall  
3: Lucas Wilhelm  
2: Thaddeus Babiec  
1: Theo Pritz  

Craftsbury Sculling Center
4: Ben Davison  
3: Benjamin Dann  
2: John Graves  
1: Peter Graves  

**Men’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls (3 entries) Sponsored by Resolute Racing**
Long Beach Rowing Association  
Ron Harvey  
Unaffiliated  
Blake Haxton  
Unaffiliated  
Robbie Blevins  

**Women’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls (2 entries) Sponsored by Resolute Racing**
Community Rowing, Inc.  
KateLynne Steinke  
Treasure Coast Rowing Club, Inc.  
Jacqui Kapinowski  

**Men’s Single Sculls (20 entries) Sponsored by the Taaffe Family**
California Rowing Club  
Michael Clougher  
Community Rowing, Inc.  
Adam Randall  
Community Rowing, Inc.  
Lucas Wilhelm  
Cornell University Alumni  
Coon Jackson  
Craftsbury Rowing Center  
Erik Frid  
Craftsbury Rowing Center  
Hugh McAdam  
Craftsbury Rowing Center  
John Graves  
Craftsbury Rowing Center  
Tom Graves  
GMS Rowing Center  
Nathan Lado  
Marin Rowing Association  
Matthew Brown  
Marin Rowing Association  
Rickey Visinski
Oklahoma City High Performance Center  Hunter Leeming
Penn A.C. Rowing Association  Justin Keen
Potomac Boat Club  Greg Ansolabehere
Southern California Scullers Club  Dominic Wilmes
Unaffiliated  James Dietz
Unaffiliated  Ken Jurkowski
University of Pittsburgh  Zach Petronic
USRowing Training Center - Princeton  Ryan Shelton
Vesper Boat Club  Nicholas Goode

**Women’s Single Sculls (13 entries) Sponsored by Wyc Grousbeck**
California Rowing Club  Ann Holmes
Cambridge Boat Club  Gevvie Stone
Craftsbury Rowing Center  Madison Lips
Craftsbury Rowing Center  Margaret Fellows
Craftsbury Rowing Center  Jamie Chapman
Craftsbury Rowing Center  Elizabeth Anne Vogt
Indianapolis Rowing Center  Michelle Lazorchak
Potomac Boat Club  Emily Schmieg
Riverside Boat Club  Mary Foster
Southern California Scullers Club  Stesha Carle
Southern California Scullers Club  Kelly Pierce
Unaffiliated  E. Matthews
Vesper Boat Club  Lindsay Meyer

**Men’s Double Sculls (9 entries) Sponsored by John Chatzky**
California Rowing Club  2: Brandon Cooper
1: Jimmy St Louise
Community Rowing, Inc.  2: Thaddeus Babiec
1: Theo Pritz
Craftsbury Rowing Center  2: William Cowles
1: Stephen Whelpley
Craftsbury Rowing Center  2: Ben Davison
1: Ben Dann
Craftsbury Rowing Center

1. Peter Graves
2. John Graves

Los Angeles Rowing Club

1. Matt Schaeffer
2. Nick Babikian

Marin Rowing Association

1. Matthew Brown
2. Rickey Visinski

Penn A.C. Rowing Association

1. Chris Reich
2. David Judah

Vesper Boat Club

1. Jonathan Kirkegaard
2. Leonard Futterman

Women’s Double Sculls (7 entries) Sponsored by Benderson Development Corp

Craftsbury Rowing Center

1. Elizabeth Anne Vogt
2. Jamie Chapman

New York Athletic Club

2. Ellen Tomek

USRowing Training Center - Oklahoma City

1. Meghan O’Leary

Riverside Boat Club

1. Molly Hamrick
2. Keziah Beall

Riverside Boat Club

1. Claire Tolson
2. Maureen McAuliffe

Riverside Boat Club

1. Elizabeth Sonshine
2. Kristina Wagner

USRowing Training Center Princeton

1. Coco Schoeller
2. Natalie King

Vesper Boat Club

1. Nicole Ritchie
2. Mary Jones
### Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls (8 entries) **Sponsored by Wyc Grousebeck**

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Riverside Boat Club
1: Hillary Saeger
2: Erin Roberts

Sarasota Crew
1: Monica Whitehouse
2: Rosa Kemp

University Barge Club
1: Lindsey Catov
2: Eliza Brooks

Vesper Boat Club
1: Devery Karz
2: Kate Bertko
2016 U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Team Trials - Athlete Bios

**Greg Ansolabehere** (Bakersfield, Calif.)
*Event:* Men’s Single Sculls  
*Club Affiliation:* Potomac Boat Club  
*Undergraduate Education:* California State University, Sacramento, 2009
  ❖ Only rowed a year before beginning his elite training plan  
  ❖ Lost over 100 pounds with Weight Watchers

**Thaddeus Babiec** (Brighton, Mass.)
*Event:* Men’s Double Sculls, Men’s Quadruple Sculls  
*Club Affiliation:* Community Rowing, Inc.

**Nick Babikian** (Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.)
*Event:* Men’s Double Sculls  
*Club Affiliation:* Los Angeles Rowing Club

**Keziah Beall** (Bainbridge Island, Wash.)
*Event:* Women’s Double Sculls  
*Club Affiliation:* Riverside Boat Club  
*Undergraduate Education:* University of Virginia
  ❖ First Team DI All-American in 2012  
  ❖ Both parents competed on several national teams

**Kathleen (Kate) Bertko** (Oakland, Calif.)
*Event:* Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls  
*Club Affiliation:* Vesper Boat Club  
*Undergraduate Education:* Princeton University
  ❖ 2015 Lightweight Women’s Single Sculls - bronze medalist  
  ❖ Began rowing with the Oakland Strokes in 1999  
  ❖ Six-time national team member

**Robbie Blevins** (Oklahoma City, Okla.)
*Event:* Men’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls  
*Club Affiliation:* Unaffiliated
Eliza Brooks  (Newark, Del.)
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: University Barge Club
Undergraduate Education: Philadelphia University

Matthew Brown  (Kentfield, Calif.)
Event: Men’s Double Sculls, Men’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Marin Rowing Association

Victoria Burke  (Redding, Conn.)
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Vesper Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: University of Virginia
Began rowing with Saugatuck Rowing Club in 2004
❖  Member of the 2010 NCAA National Championship team
❖  2015 Pan American Team - Quadruple Sculls & Lightweight Double Sculls
   ➢  Won silver in quadruple sculls at the 2015 Pan American Games
   ➢  Won bronze in the lightweight double sculls at the 2015 Pan American Games

Andrew Campbell, Jr.  (New Canaan, Conn.)
Event: Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Cambridge Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: Harvard University, 2014
Began rowing with Maritime Rowing Club in 2005
❖  2015 Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls - finished eighth
❖  Rowed with Will Daly in the lightweight double sculls in 2008 but failed to qualify for the Olympics
❖  Sponsored by Red Bull
❖  Set the world record for the lightweight single sculls in the C final of 2014 World Championship after flipping in the semi-final because he hit a buoy

Stesha Carle  (Long Beach, Calif.)
Event: Women’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Southern California Scullers Club
Undergraduate Education: University of Michigan, 2006
Began rowing with Long Beach Junior Crew in 1998
❖  Won both the Maize & Blue and the Academic Achievement Award while at UM
Jamie Chapman (Travers City, Mich.)
**Event:** Women’s Double Sculls, Women’s Single Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center
**Undergraduate Education:** Dartmouth College

Lindsey Catov (k-tov) (Downingtown, Pa.)
**Event:** Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** University Barge Club
**Undergraduate Education:** Philadelphia University

Michael Clougher (KLowe-er) (Canton, Mass.)
**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** California Rowing Club
**Undergraduate Education:** Connecticut College

Brandon Cooper (Hillsborough, Calif.)
**Event:** Men’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** California Rowing Club
**Undergraduate Education:** University of California, Irvine

Michaela Copenhaver (Co-pen-haver) (New Milford, Conn.)
**Event:** Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** GMS Rowing Center
**Undergraduate Education:** Princeton University, 2011
  ❖ Contributes to a vegan, elite athlete blog

William “Willy” Cowles (Farmington, Conn.)
**Event:** Men’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center
**Undergraduate Education:** Hamilton College, 2009
Began rowing with Hamilton College in 2005
  ❖ Summited the tallest mountain in the world outside Central Asia, Aconcagua

Benjamin Dann (Pound Ridge, N.Y.)
**Event:** Men’s Quadruple Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center
**Undergraduate Education:** Brown University, 2012
Began rowing with Maritime Rowing Club in 2005
  ❖ 2015 National Team Member- Men’s Double Sculls
Ben Davison (Seattle, Wash.)
**Event:** Men’s Quadruple Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center  
Began rowing at the Rowing Organization of Citrus County Students in 2009  
❖ Was born in Durham, England  
❖ Finished seventh in the single sculls at the 2015 World Rowing Under 23 Championships

James Dietz (Centerville, Mass.)
**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Unaffiliated  
❖ Father, Jim, is the Men’s Vice Chair on the USRowing Board of Directors and head rowing coach at the University of Massachusetts

Colin Ethridge (Laytonsville, Md.)
**Event:** Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Malta Boat Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** University of Delaware, 2011  
Began rowing at Gonzaga High School in 2004  
❖ 2015 National Team Member - Lightweight Quadruple Sculls - finished fifth  
❖ 2015 Pan American Team Member - Quadruple Sculls and Lightweight Double Sculls  
➢ Won silver in the lightweight double sculls at the 2015 Pan American Games  
➢ Finished fifth in the quadruple sculls at the 2015 Pan American Games

Margaret Fellows (Warwick, Mass.)
**Event:** Women’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center  
**Undergraduate Education:** St. Lawrence University, 2013

Mary Foster (Sharon, Mass.)
**Event:** Women’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Riverside Boat Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** Loyola Marymount University, Bridgewater State University  
Began rowing at Community Rowing, Inc. in 2005  
❖ 2015 National Team member - Lightweight Quadruple Sculls - finished sixth
Erik Frid (Madbury, N.H.)
**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center  
**Undergraduate Education:** Ithaca College, 2014  
Began rowing at Great Bay Rowing in 2006

Leonard Futterman (New York, N.Y.)
**Event:** Men’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Vesper Boat ClubGetz  
**Undergraduate Education:** Boston University, 2014  
Began rowing at Choat Rosemary Hall in 2007  
- Competed in hockey in Hameelina, Finland for the HPK Juniors  
- Chose rowing to stay in shape for hockey during the off-season

Jacob Georgeson (North Olmsted, Ohio)
**Event:** Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Riverside Boat Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** Boston College, 2009  
Began rowing at Boston College in 2005  
- Is an official member of the WinTech Performance Team  
- Avid Cleveland Indians and Browns fan as well as a great fan of The Ohio State University

Josh Getz (Ann Arbor, Michigan)
**Event:** Men’s Lightweight Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Pocock Rowing Center  
**Undergraduate Education:** University of Michigan  
Began rowing at the University of Michigan

Nicholas Goode (Philadelphia, Pa.)
**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Vesper Boat Club

John Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio)
**Event:** Men’s Quadruple Sculls, Men’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center  
**Undergraduate Education:** Trinity College, 2010  
Began rowing at the Cincinnati Country Day School in 2011  
- 2015 National Team member - Men’s Double Sculls
Competing alongside his two older brothers Peter & Tom in the quad

Peter Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio)

**Event:** Men’s Quadruple Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center  
**Undergraduate Education:** Trinity College, 2007

Began rowing at the Cincinnati Country Day School in 1999
- Competed in the 2012 Olympics in the quadruple sculls - finished 13th
- Won the Temple Cup Challenge at the Henley Royal Regatta

Tom Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio)

**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center  
**Undergraduate Education:** Trinity College, 2005

Began rowing at the Cincinnati Country Day School in 1999
- The oldest of the Graves brothers
- Won the Temple Cup Challenge at the Henley Royal Regatta

John Haines

**Event:** Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Undine Barge Club of Philadelphia

Molly Hamrick (Tampa, Fla.)

**Event:** Women’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Riverside Boat Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** Princeton University, 2013

Began rowing with H.B. Plant High School
- First-team All-American in 2013
- 3-time U.S. Junior National Team medalist

Ron Harvey (Downingtown, Pa.)

**Event:** Men’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Unaffiliated  
**Undergraduate/Graduate Education:** MIT, 1993; Stanford University, MS, 1994; UCLA, MBA, 2004

Began rowing at MIT in 1989
- 2012 Paralympic Team member - adaptive single sculls - finished eighth
- 2008 Paralympic Team member - adaptive single sculls - finished fourth
Blake Haxton (Columbus, Ohio)
**Event:** Men’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls

**Club Affiliation:** Unaffiliated

**Undergraduate/Graduate Education:** The Ohio State University, 2013, Mortiz College of Law, 2016

Began rowing at Upper Arlington High School in 2005

- 2015 National Team member - Men’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls - finished fifth
- Finished his final year of law school at The Ohio State University’s Mortiz College of Law, only to get on a plane, fly to France and then qualify his boat class for the 2016 Paralympic Games
- Has his own TEDTalk about his experience losing his legs

Brandon Henderson

**Event:** Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls

**Club Affiliation:** Southern California Scullers Club

**Undergraduate/Graduate Education:** The Ohio State University, 2006; The Ohio State University, 2011; California Institute of Technology, Present

Ann Holmes

**Event:** Women’s Single Sculls

**Club Affiliation:** California Rowing Club

Began rowing at Cornell University in 1997

Jessica Hyne

**Event:** Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls

**Club Affiliation:** San Diego Rowing Club

Conn Jackson

**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls

**Club Affiliation:** Cornell University Alumni

Derek Johnson (Hillsborough, Calif.)

**Event:** Men’s Quadruple Sculls

**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center

**Undergraduate Education:** Yale University, 2011

Began rowing at St. Ignatius College Preparatory School in 2003

- 2015 National Team member - Men’s Quadruple Sculls - 12th place finish
Mary Jones (Huntsville, Ala.)
Event: Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Vesper Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: University of Tennessee, 2008
Began rowing at the Rocket City Rowing Club in 2002
❖ 2015 Pan American Team - Lightweight Women’s Single Sculls - gold medalist
❖ Lists winning the lightweight single sculls at the Head of the Charles Regatta as her most memorable sports moment

David Judah
Event: Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Penn A.C. Rowing Association

Ken Jurkowski (New Fairfield, Conn.)
Event: Men’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Unaffiliated
Undergraduate Education: Cornell University, 2003
Began rowing at Cornell University in 1999
❖ 2015 National Team member - Men’s Single Sculls - finished 21st
❖ 2012 Olympic Team member - Men’s Single Sculls - finished 24th
❖ 2008 Olympic Team member - Men’s Single Sculls - Finished 11th

Jacqui Kapinowski (Tequesta, Fla.)
Event: Women’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Treasure Boat Rowing Club, Inc.
❖ 2015 National Team member - Women’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls - finished eighth
❖ Has competed in 80 marathons, 19 of them she ran before becoming disabled
❖ Her most memorable sporting achievements have been earning spot on the USA Curling Team, rowing team and triathlon team
❖ Competed in first Ironman in November of 2014 after being diagnosed with cancer in 2013
❖ Tried rowing for the first time at the Endeavor Games in Oklahoma three years ago, and after the Winter Paralympic Games, she contacted Navesink Rowing Club
❖ Before races she always wears the same visor and always braids her hair for marathons
❖ She has received the Senate & General Assembly Legislative Resolution of Proclamation, a Key to the City and a Letter of Proclamation from the Mayor of Point Pleasant, N.J.
Devery Karz (Park City, Utah)
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Vesper Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: Oregon State University
Began rowing at the Oregon State University in 2007
❖ 2015 National Team member - Lightweight Women’s Single Sculls - finished 11th

Justin Keen
Event: Men’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Penn A.C. Rowing Association

Rosa Kemp (Putnam Valley, N.Y.)
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Sarasota Crew
Undergraduate Education: University of Buffalo, 2013

Natalie King (Weston, Conn.)
Event: Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: USRowing Training Center - Princeton
Undergraduate Education: Yale, 2013
Began rowing at Saugatuck Rowing Club in 2005

Jonathan Kirkegaard (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Event: Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Vesper Boat Club

Lauren Klick
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Penn A.C. Rowing Association

Joshua Konieczny (Cone-each-nee) (Millbury, Ohio)
Event: Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Cambridge Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: Dartmouth College, 2013
Began rowing at St. John’s Jesuit High School in 2005
❖ 2015 National Team member - Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls - finished eighth
Nathan Lado (New York, N.Y.)
Event: Men’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: GMS Rowing Center
Undergraduate Education: Princeton University

Michelle Lazorchak (Marion, Ill.)
Event: Women’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Indianapolis Rowing Center
Undergraduate Education: Murray State University, Purdue University
❖ Played varsity volleyball at MSU before picking up rowing at Purdue
❖ Posted the fastest female time at the 2016 C.R.A.S.H.-B. Event
➢ Posted the largest margin of the day, began rowing 18 months ago

Hunter Leeming (Sarasota, Fla.)
Event: Men’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Oklahoma City High Performance Center
Undergraduate Education: Brown University, 2015
Began rowing with Sarasota Crew in 2006
❖ Won silver in the eight at the 2015 World Rowing Under 23 Championships

Madison Lips (Parker, Colo.)
Event: Women’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Craftsbury Rowing Center
Undergraduate Education: Yale University, 2014
Began rowing at the Mile High Rowing Club in 2006
❖ Finished 11th in the women’s single sculls at the 2013 World Rowing Under 23 Championships

John Madura (Hewitt, N.J.)
Event: Men’s Quadruple Sculls
Club Affiliation: California Rowing Club
Undergraduate Education: Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 2012
Began rowing at WPI in 2012
❖ 2015 National Team member - Men’s Quadruple Sculls - finished 12th

Paul Marcy (Guilford, V.T.)
Event: Men’s Quadruple Sculls
Club Affiliation: California Rowing Club
Elizabeth “Liz” Matthews (Wichita, Kan.)  
**Event:** Women’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Unaffiliated  
**Undergraduate Education:** Oklahoma City University

Hugh McAdam (Hollis, N.H.)  
**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center  
**Undergraduate Education:** Washington College, 2008  
Began rowing at Washington College in 2004  
❖ 2015 National Team member - Lightweight Men’s Quadruple Sculls - finished fifth

Maureen “Mo” McAuliffe (Mc­All­Off) (Herndon, Va.)  
**Event:** Women’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Riverside Boat Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** George Mason University, 2011  
Began rowing at George Mason University in 2011  
❖ Named a DI Second-Team All-American in 2011

Tobin McGee (Rye, N.Y.)  
**Event:** Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Riverside Boat Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
❖ 2015 National Team member - Lightweight Men’s Eight - bronze medalist

Morgan McGovern (San Francisco, Calif.)  
**Event:** Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Potomac Boat Club

Lindsay Meyer (Seattle, Wash.)  
**Event:** Women’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Vesper Boat Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** Stanford University, 2012  
Began rowing at Lake Union Crew in 2003  
❖ 2015 Pan American Team member - Women’s Double Sculls & Quadruple Sculls - silver in both  
❖ 2008 Olympic Team member - Women’s Quadruple Sculls - finished fifth
Austin Meyer (Cohoes, N.Y.)
Event: Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Unaffiliated
Undergraduate Education: Harvard University, 2012
Began rowing with the Shaker Rowing Association in 2004
❖ 2015 National Team member - Lightweight Quadruple Sculls - finished fifth
❖ 2015 Pan American Team member - Lightweight Double Sculls and Quadruple Sculls
➢ Finished fifth in the quadruple sculls at the 2015 Pan American Games
➢ Won silver in the lightweight double sculls at the 2015 Pan American Games

Nancy Miles (Bainbridge Island, Wash.)
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: California Rowing Club
Undergraduate Education: Stanford University
Began rowing at the Holy Names Academy in 2009
❖ Won silver in the lightweight quadruple sculls at the 2013 World Rowing Championships

Matt O’Leary (Westwood, Mass.)
Event: Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Malta Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: Harvard University, 2013
Began rowing at the Noble and Greenough School in 2004
❖ 2015 National Team member - Lightweight Quadruple Sculls - finished fifth
❖ Matt’s mother, Liz O’Leary, and his aunt, Betsy McCagg, are both Olympians

Meghan O’Leary (Baton Rouge, La.)
Event: Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: USRowing Training Center - Princeton
Undergraduate Education: University of Virginia
Began rowing with Riverfront Recapture and GMS Boat Club in 2010
❖ 2015 National Team member - Double Sculls - finished 11th
❖ Was a two-sport athlete in for UVa, softball and volleyball
❖ Picked up rowing post-college while working for ESPN
Zachary Petronic (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** University of Pittsburgh  
**Undergraduate Education:** University of Pittsburgh, 2014  
Began rowing at the North Allegheny High School in 2006  
❖ Finished sixth in the men’s eight at the 2013 World University Games

Kelly Pierce (Oakton, Va.)
**Event:** Women’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Southern California Scullers Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** Princeton University, 2012  
Began rowing at Thomas Jefferson High School in 2007  
❖ Won bronze in the eight at the 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships  
❖ Won the varsity eight at the 2011 NCAA Championships

Theo Pritz (Ithaca, N.Y.)
**Event:** Men’s Quadruple Sculls, Men’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Community Rowing, Inc.  
**Undergraduate Education:** Cornell University

Kristen Propst  
**Event:** Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Penn A.C. Rowing Association

Adam Randall  
**Event:** Men’s Quadruple Sculls, Men’s Single Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Community Rowing, Inc.

Chris Reich (Rik)  
**Event:** Men’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Penn A.C. Rowing Association

Nicole Ritchie (Dummerston, Vt.)  
**Event:** Women’s Double Sculls  
**Club Affiliation:** Vesper Boat Club  
**Undergraduate Education:** Bates College, 2009  
Began rowing at the Putney School in 2003  
❖ 2015 Pan American Team member - Women’s Double Sculls & Quadruple Sculls - won silver in both
Erin Roberts (Fogelsville, Pa.)
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Riverside Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: Cornell University, 2010

Matthew Ryan
Event: Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Undine Barge Club of Philadelphia

Hillary Saeger (Dedham, Mass.)
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Riverside Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: Marist College, 2007
Began rowing at Marist College in 2003
❖ 2015 National Team Member - Lightweight Women’s Quadruple Sculls - finished sixth
❖ Six-time U.S. National Team member

Matt Schaeffer
Event: Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Los Angeles Rowing Club

Peter Schmidt (Providence, R.I.)
Event: Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Riverside Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: Drexel University, 2012
Began rowing at Narragansett Boat Club in 2006
❖ 2015 Senior Team member - Lightweight Men’s Eight - won bronze
❖ Was an Eagle Scout

Emily Schmieg (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Event: Women’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Potomac Boat Club

Corinne “Coco” Schoeller (Palm Beach, Fla.)
Event: Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: USRowing Training Center - Princeton
Undergraduate Education: Brown University, 2015
❖ Finished ninth in the quadruple sculls at the 2014 World Rowing Under 23 Championships
Ryan Shelton (Wrightwood, Calif.)
Event: Men’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: USRowing Training Center - Princeton
Undergraduate Education: University of San Diego, 2010
Began Rowing at the University of San Diego in 2008
❖ Played football in college, got into rowing after he endured a shoulder injury
❖ He was first asked about joining rowing in the bookstore because he was tall. After trying it briefly and quitting, "three months of relentless pursuit and pesterin from the novice coach" persuaded him to try it again
❖ His first practice was a 6k test and says it went horribly

Ian Silveira (West Bloomfield, Mich.)
Event: Men’s Quadruple Sculls
Club Affiliation: California Rowing Club
Undergraduate Education: Princeton University, 2012
Began rowing at Orchard Lake St. Mary’s Crew in 2004
❖ 2015 Senior Team member - Men’s Quadruple Sculls - finished 12th

Dave Smith (Seattle, Wash.)
Event: Lightweight Men’s Double Scull
Club Affiliation: Pocock Rowing Center
Undergraduate Education: Dartmouth College, 2008
Began rowing at Lakeside School Crew in 2001
❖ 2015 Senior Team member - Lightweight Men’s Eight - won bronze
❖ Lead singer of “The Blades,” a band with the Riverside Boat Club, all rowers

Elizabeth Sonshine (Craftsbury, Vt.)
Event: Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Craftsbury Rowing Center

KateLynne Steinke (East Falmouth, Mass.)
Event: Women’s Arms and Shoulders Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Community Rowing, Inc.
Began rowing at Community Rowing, Inc. in 2014
❖ Finished eighth in the arms and shoulders single sculls at the 2014 World Rowing Championships
❖ Former equestrian athlete
❖ Lost her left leg above the knee in 2010 as the result of a motor vehicle accident
Jimmy St. Louis
Event: Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: California Rowing Club
❖ Played professional football for

Gevvie Stone (Newton, Mass.)
Event: Women’s Single Sculls
Club Affiliation: Cambridge Boat Club
Undergraduate/Graduate Education: Princeton University, 2007, Tufts University, M.D., 2014
❖ 2015 Senior Team member - Women’s Single Sculls - finished fourth
❖ Winner of the 51st Head of the Charles
❖ 2012 Olympic Team member - Women’s Single Sculls - finished seventh

Sydney Taylor (Dover, Del.)
Event: Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Lincoln Park Boat Club

Claire Tolson (San Mateo, Calif.)
Event: Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Riverside Boat Club
Undergraduate Education: Yale University
Began rowing with NorCal Crew in 2008

Ellen Tomek (Flushing, Mich.)
Event: Women’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: New York Athletic Club
Undergraduate Education: University of Michigan, 2006
❖ 2015 National Team member - Women’s Quadruple Sculls - finished 11th
❖ Beijing Olympian in the women’s double - finished fifth
❖ Seven-time U.S. National Team member

Nick Trojan (Los Alamitos, Calif.)
Event: Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls
Club Affiliation: Unaffiliated
Undergraduate Education: Orange Coast College
Began rowing at Long Beach Junior Rowing Club in 2006
❖ 2015 Senior Team member - Lightweight Men’s Single Sculls - finished fifth
❖ Finished fourth in the lightweight double sculls at the 2012 World Rowing Under 23 Championships with teammate Austin Meyer
Alex Twist (Seattle, Wash.)
**Event:** Lightweight Men’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Seattle Rowing Club
**Undergraduate Education:** University of Puget Sound, 2008
   ❖ 2015 Senior Team member - Lightweight Men’s Eight - bronze medalist

Rickey Visinski (Fairfield, Conn.)
**Event:** Men’s Double Sculls, Men’s Single Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Marin Rowing Association

Elizabeth “Liz” A. Vogt (Trout Lake, Wash.)
**Event:** Women’s Double Sculls, Women’s Single Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center
**Undergraduate Education:** University of Washington

Kristina Wagner (Weston, Mass.)
**Event:** Women’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Riverside Boat Club
**Undergraduate Education:** Yale University, 2015
Began rowing at Wayland Weston Rowing Association in 2007
   ❖ Won gold in the women’s pair in three different age categories at the 2011 Canadian Henley Championships

Stephen Whelpley (Mequon, Wis.)
**Event:** Men’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center
**Undergraduate Education:** Colby College, 2005
Began rowing at the Milwaukee Rowing Club in 1999
   ❖ Finished eighth in the quadruple sculls at the 2014 World Rowing Championships
   ❖ His uncle, Don, rowed at Columbia University and turned Stephen onto rowing

Monica Whitehouse (Big Bend, Wis.)
**Event:** Lightweight Women’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Sarasota Crew
**Undergraduate Education:** University of Wisconsin, 2014
Lucas Wilhelm (Miranda, Calif.)
**Event:** Men’s Quadruple Sculls, Men’s Single Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Community Rowing, Inc.
**Undergraduate Education:** University of California Santa Barbara, 2013
Began rowing at the University of California Santa Barbara in 2009
❖ Finished sixth in the men’s eight at the 2013 World University Games

Dominic Wilmes
**Event:** Men’s Single Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Southern California Scullers Club

Will Young (Winnetka, Ill.)
**Event:** Men’s Double Sculls
**Club Affiliation:** Craftsbury Rowing Center
**Undergraduate Education:** Dartmouth University
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