



**2019 USRowing Youth National Championships**  
**Nathan Benderson Park – Sarasota-Bradenton, FL**  
**June 6-9, 2019**  
**Presented by Visit Sarasota and SANCA**

**Press Kit**

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## **The Event**

USRowing is partnering with Visit Sarasota County and the Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center Associates (SANCA) to host the 25th annual USRowing Youth National Championship Regatta from June 6-9 at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida. Nathan Benderson Park, which hosted the 2017 World Rowing Championships last September, will play host to the event from 2019-2021.

This year's event will feature more than 1,600 high school and junior athletes from 151 programs competing for titles in 18 boat classes including the men's and women's eight, lightweight eight, quadruple sculls, four with coxswain, lightweight four with coxswain, pair, double sculls, lightweight double sculls and single sculls.

Practices will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday (June 4 and 5, respectively). Racing will start with time trials on Thursday, June 6. Repechages will start on Friday, June 7, followed by D finals in the afternoon. Semifinals will take place Saturday morning, followed by C finals in the afternoon. Crews will race for the medals in the A finals on Sunday morning, which precede the B finals taking place Sunday afternoon.

With 416 total entries in the regatta, RowAmerica Rye has the most entries with ten. RowAmerica Rye will compete in the men's pair, men's lightweight four with coxswain, men's four with coxswain, women's four with coxswain, women's quad scull, men's lightweight eight, women's lightweight eight, women's eight, and will have two boats in the men's eight. The men's eight is the most contested event with 27 entries.

## **About Nathan Benderson Park**

Situated just west of Interstate 75 in tropically beautiful Sarasota, Fla., Nathan Benderson Park (NBP) is a unique 600-acre community park providing the public access to a picturesque 400-acre lake and an exciting world of recreational pursuits. NBP 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. Nathan Benderson Park hosted the 2015 USRowing Youth National Championships, 2017 USRowing Youth National Championships, 2017 World Rowing Championships, 2018 World Rowing Masters Regatta, and is slated to host the 2019 World Rowing U23 Championships. Hosting national championships such as the USRowing Youth National Championships and winter training for collegiate teams will help prepare athletes to enter onto the international stage. NBP will play host to the USRowing Youth National Championships from 2019-2021.

In addition to world-renowned rowing, the Sarasota area is home to dozens of attractions, such as the famed Siesta Beach, of which athletes and their families can take advantage.

## **Event Address**

Nathan Benderson Park  
5851 Nathan Benderson Circle  
Sarasota, FL 34235

## **The Competitors**

To qualify for the USRowing Youth National Championships, crews must place first, second or third (differs at each qualifier) in the men's or women's championship event for the eight, lightweight eight, quad, four with coxswain, lightweight four with coxswain, pair, double sculls, lightweight double sculls or single sculls at a qualifying regatta. This year's qualifying events included the USRowing Northwest Youth Championships, USRowing Northeast Youth Championships, Midwest Junior Rowing Championships, USRowing Southwest Youth Championships, USRowing Southeast Youth Championships, USRowing Mid-Atlantic Youth Championships, USRowing Central Youth Championships, New York State Scholastic Championships, Midwest Scholastic Championships, Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships, Philadelphia City Championships and New England Interscholastic Rowing (NEIRA) Championships. A crew may petition to be included in the Youth National Championships if it does not automatically qualify.

## **The 2018 USRowing Youth National Championships**

The 2018 USRowing Youth National Championships were hosted June 8-10 at Lake Natoma in Gold River, California.

Saugatuck Rowing Club won the women's eight, while Sarasota won the men's eight. In the women's eight, Saugatuck defeated Greenwich by 3.988 seconds to win the gold medal. Saugatuck clocked a 6:46.518 to Greenwich's 6:50.506. The Chicago Rowing Foundation finished third in a 6:51.639. In the men's eight, Sarasota defeated Oakland Strokes by 2.562 seconds. Sarasota clocked a 6:05.719, while Oakland Strokes finished with a 6:08.281. Montclair finished third in 6:11.940.

The men's coxed four final saw a tight finish with the top three boats all finishing within 2.5 seconds. Deerfield edged out Belmont Hill for the win with a time of

6:43.475. PNRA/Mercer trailed runner-up Belmont Hill by only four tenths of a second, landing them in third place.

Y Quad Cities won the women's quad scull by a decisive 11 seconds, beating 2nd place finisher Seattle 7:06.793 to 7:17.869. Seattle beat third place finisher Long Beach Junior by nine seconds. Long Beach Junior finished with a time of 7:26.311.

## **2018 Event Winners**

**Men's Youth Single Sculls:** Germantown Friends School Rowing

**Women's Youth Single Sculls:** West Cambridge Rowing

**Men's Youth Double Sculls:** Saratoga Rowing Association/Saratoga Springs High

**Women's Youth Double Sculls:** Y Quad Cities Rowing

**Men's Lightweight Youth Double Sculls:** Seattle Rowing Center

**Women's Lightweight Youth Double Sculls:** Y Quad Cities Rowing

**Men's Youth Quadruple Sculls:** New Canaan High School

**Women's Youth Quadruple Sculls:** Y Quad Cities Rowing

**Men's Youth Pair:** Chicago Rowing Foundation

**Women's Youth Pair:** Long Beach Junior Crew

**Men's Four with Coxswain:** Deerfield Academy

**Women's Four with Coxswain:** Connecticut Boat Club

**Men's Lightweight Four with Coxswain:** New Canaan High School

**Women's Lightweight Four with Coxswain:** Wayland Weston Rowing Association

**Men's Eight:** Sarasota Crew

**Women's Eight:** Saugatuck Rowing Club

**Men's Lightweight Eight:** Oakland Strokes

**Women's Lightweight Eight:** Greenwich Crew

## **Race Schedule (Subject To Change)**

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Time Trial Heats.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. Repechages; 2:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. D Finals

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Semifinals; 1:45 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. C Finals

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. A Finals; 12:15 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. B Finals

## ***Entries by Event***

**Men's Youth Single Sculls:** 22

**Women's Youth Single Sculls:** 15

**Men's Youth Double Sculls:** 23

**Women's Youth Double Sculls: 23**  
**Men's Lightweight Youth Double Sculls: 22**  
**Women's Lightweight Youth Double Sculls: 24**  
**Men's Youth Quadruple Sculls: 26**  
**Women's Youth Quadruple Sculls: 25**  
**Men's Youth Pair: 23**  
**Women's Youth Pair: 23**  
**Men's Four with Coxswain: 22**  
**Women's Four with Coxswain: 26**  
**Men's Lightweight Four with Coxswain: 24**  
**Women's Lightweight Four with Coxswain: 22**  
**Men's Eight: 27**  
**Women's Eight: 24**  
**Men's Lightweight Eight: 25**  
**Women's Lightweight Eight: 20**

### ***Entries by Club***

Academy of Holy Angels: 1  
Advanced Community Rowing Association: 4  
Annapolis Junior Rowing Association: 1  
Asheville Youth Rowing Association: 2  
Atlanta Junior Rowing Association: 5  
Atomic Rowing: 2  
Austin Rowing Club: 4  
B-CC High School Crew Boosters: 1  
Bainbridge Island Rowing: 3  
Belen Jesuit Prep School: 3  
Belmont Hill School: 1  
Berkeley High School Crew: 1  
Blair Academy Crew: 1  
Boston Latin School Crew: 1  
Bromfield Acton Boxborough Rowing: 3  
Brookline High School: 4  
Brooks School Crew: 1  
Burton Beach Rowing Club: 2  
California Yacht Club: 3  
Cambridge Boat Club: 3  
Camp Randall Rowing Club: 7

Canisius High School: 1  
Capital Crew: 6  
Cascadilla Boat Club: 1  
Charlotte Youth Rowing: 1  
Chicago Rowing Foundation: 5  
Christian Brothers Academy Crew: 3  
Cincinnati Junior Rowing Club: 6  
City Island Rowing: 1  
Community Rowing: 6  
Conestoga Crew Club: 7  
Connecticut Boat Club: 3  
Conshohocken Rowing Center: 1  
Dallas Rowing Club: 1  
Dallas United Crew: 4  
Dayton Boat Club: 2  
Deerfield Academy Crew: 2  
Detroit Boat Club: 1  
Detroit Waterfront Rowing Association: 1  
Dublin Crew: 1  
Episcopal School of Jacksonville: 1  
Everett Rowing Association: 1  
First Coast Rowing Club: 3  
Founders Rowing Club: 3  
Gainesville Area Rowing: 1  
Germantown Friends School Rowing: 4  
Girls Preparatory School: 1  
GMS Rowing Center: 4  
Gonzaga College High School Crew: 2  
Greater Miami Rowing Center: 1  
Green Lake Crew: 3  
Greenwich Crew: 7  
Haddon Township High School: 3  
Holy Names Academy: 3  
Indianapolis Rowing Center: 2  
Jesuit College Prep of Dallas: 3  
La Salle College High School: 1  
Lake Leelanau Rowing Club: 1  
Lakeside School: 1  
Long Beach Junior Crew: 3

Long Lake Rowing Crew: 2  
Los Gatos Rowing Club: 3  
Malvern Preparatory School: 3  
Manhasset High School: 1  
Marin Rowing Association: 4  
Marina Aquatic Center Junior Rowing: 1  
Mendota Rowing Club: 2  
Merion Mercy Academy: 1  
Miami Beach Watersports Center/Miami Beach Rowing Club: 2  
Miami International Rowhouse: 4  
Miami Rowing and Watersports Center: 3  
Mile High Rowing Club: 2  
Minneapolis Rowing Club: 1  
Montclair High School: 2  
Mount Saint Joseph Academy: 4  
Mountain Lakes Rowing Club: 3  
Mt. Baker Crew: 4  
Narragansett Boat Club: 8  
Nashville Rowing: 3  
Nereid Boat Club: 3  
New Canaan High School Crew: 6  
New Trier High School Rowing: 5  
Newport Aquatic Center: 5  
Newport Sea Base Rowing: 2  
Noble & Greenough School: 1  
Norcal Crew: 3  
North Charlotte Rowing/Belmont Rowing Center: 1  
O.A.R.S./Albany Rowing Center: 2  
Oak Neck Rowing Academy: 8  
Oakland Athletic Rowing Society: 2  
Oakland Strokes: 5  
OKC Riversport: 6  
Olympia Area Rowing Association: 3  
Oregon Rowing Unlimited – PDX: 2  
Orlando Area Rowing Society: 2  
Pacific Rowing Club: 2  
Palo Alto Rowing Club: 1  
Parati Competitive Rowing: 5  
Pocock Rowing Center: 6

Port Rowing: 3  
Potomac Boat Club: 1  
Princeton National Rowing Association/Mercer: 9  
Queen City Water Sports Center: 1  
Ransom Everglades Crew: 1  
Redwood Scullers/PACJC: 4  
Resilient Rowing Club: 2  
Riverfront Recapture: 1  
Rochester Rowing Club, Minnesota: 1  
Rogue Rowing: 2  
Rose City Rowing Club: 2  
RowAmerica Rye: 10  
RowLA: 1  
Sacred Heart Academy-Bryn Mawr: 2  
Sagamore Rowing Association: 1  
Sammamish Rowing Association: 2  
San Diego Rowing Club: 2  
Sarasota Crew: 7  
Sarasota Scullers: 1  
Saratoga Rowing Association/Saratoga Springs High School: 6  
Saugatuck Rowing Club: 7  
Seattle Preparatory School: 3  
Seattle Rowing Center: 8  
Seattle Scullers: 1  
South Jersey Rowing Club: 6  
South Orlando Rowing Association: 2  
Space Coast Crew: 1  
St. Andrew Rowing Club: 1  
St. Joseph High School Crew/Falcon Rowing: 1  
St. Joseph's Preparatory School: 3  
St. Louis Rowing Club: 3  
St. Mark's School of Texas: 1  
St. Paul's School: 1  
Texas Rowing Center: 4  
The Bolles School: 2  
The Milwaukee Rowing Club: 2  
Three Rivers Rowing Association: 2  
Treasure Coast Rowing Club: 3  
Triangle Rowing Club: 3



Unaffiliated: 1  
Upper Arlington Crew: 1  
Upper Merion High School: 1  
Vancouver Lake Rowing Club: 2  
Vashon Island Rowing Club: 1  
Walt Whitman Crew Boosters: 1  
Wayland-Weston Rowing Association: 3  
West Cambridge Rowing: 1  
Westerville Rowing Club: 2  
White Rock Boathouse: 2  
Whitemarsh Boat Club: 4  
Woodrow Wilson Sr. High School Crew: 1  
Y Quad Cities Rowing: 6

## **Important Links**

RegattaCentral: [https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job\\_id=6196&org\\_id=0](https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job_id=6196&org_id=0)

USRowing homepage: <http://www.usrowing.org/>

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/user/usrowingorg>

HereNow results: <https://www.herenow.com/results/#/races>

## **Event Press Releases**

The most up-to-date USRowing Youth National Championships event information is available at [www.usrowing.org](http://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](mailto:media@usrowing.org).

## **Social Media**

The official Twitter account of USRowing is @USRowing. The official hashtags for the event are #SeeYouInSarasota and #USRyouthnats. USRowing will provide updates, photos and short commentary via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram @USRowing. Athletes, fans and media are encouraged to send messages using the official hashtag.

## **Live Streaming**

Watch the live broadcast of semifinals and finals on USRowing's YouTube Channel [www.youtube.com/usrowingorg](http://www.youtube.com/usrowingorg).

## Events on Site

### *USRowing Graduation Ceremony*

**Where:** Graduation Tent near the Nathan Benderson Park Finish Tower

**When:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

An evening set to honor the graduating class of 2019, senior student-athletes will be honored in a 30-minute ceremony and receive a USRowing Certificate of Excellence. World Champion Sara Simmons will serve as the keynote speaker. She was a collegiate and world class athlete, competing on the world stage with the U.S. National Team. Gerry Anderson from Green Lake Crew will be the senior speaker for the class of 2019.

### *Olympic Day* ☒

**What:** Commemorating the birth of the modern Olympic Games on June 23, 1894, Olympic Day's mission is to promote fitness, well being, culture and education, while celebrating the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect. From May 31-June 30, communities across the United States will celebrate Olympic Day 2019 through educational programming and other activities. Follow @USRowing, @USOlympic, #OlympicDay on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.☒

Olympians will be on hand to sign autographs, meet fans and present medals.

**Where:** USRowing Marketing Tent

**When:** Sunday, June 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.