



Radnor Girls Crew Club

2010-2011: The Year in Review

To members and supporters of the Radnor Girls Crew Club:

Building on the club's success in the 2009-2010 academic year, this year saw a record number of freshmen athletes join the program, and they made a great impact, but our Second 8 and Varsity 8 boats, with 10 seniors on board, exhibited performance like the club has never seen before. Your coaches, board and volunteers continue to work diligently to give these athletes the tools and platform they need to be the best on the river. Herein, we highlight some of our accomplishments as a club this year.



Last day of spring crew

Athletic Achievements

RGCC accumulated more varsity medals than any other year in its 17 years of existence.

- Received an invitation to compete in the **Head of the Charles Regatta**, sending a 4+, which placed 8th out of 77 boats.
- RGCC was again ranked as the top public school girls rowing team in **Philadelphia Scholastic Rowing Association** competition.
- At the **Mercer Lake Sprints** on April 16, our 2nd Novice 8 placed first in its flight, and our Novice 8, 2nd Varsity 8, 3rd Varsity 4 and Lightweight 4 all placed second in their flights. Our Varsity 8 placed second in its heat, advancing to the final which was cancelled due to weather conditions.
- At **PSRA City Championships** on May 8, all four of our boats advanced to the finals, with both the Freshman 8 (A) and Second 8—with seniors Liz Berezna, Lauren Turner, Emma Howard, Ellen Miller and Rebecca Michelson on board—winning gold, and the Varsity 8 winning silver.
- At the **Stotesbury Cup Regatta** on May 20-21, the largest high school regatta in the country, all three of our boats advanced to finals, with the Varsity 8 winning the gold medal and Robert Engman Trophy, the Freshman 8 taking silver and the Second 8 placing 4th.
- Three RGCC boats earned bids to **SRAA Nationals** in Pennsauken, NJ on May 27-28. Once again, among very stiff competition, our Freshman 8, Second 8 and Varsity 8 boats all advanced to their respective semi-finals, where the Freshman 8 and Varsity 8 placed first to advance to the final. The Freshman 8, having placed first in both its heat and its semi-final, missed the bronze medal by the slimmest of margins—just 2/1000ths of a second. (The Second 8 missed a first place finish in Flick 4 by a similar margin.) The Varsity 8, having also placed first in both its heat and its semi-final, just missed the gold medal by 1.01 seconds in a great race. But the entire crew was content to send off seniors Sophia Blair, Hannah Edelmann, Lexie Katz, Chandler Lally and Alli Webster with a final silver medal to cap off their historic season.



Varsity 8 wins silver at Nationals



Freshman 8 wins gold at Cities



Coaches Thole, Sullivan and Biging



Second V8 wins gold at Cities

Other Achievements

Coaching

- Head Coach Megan Biging recruited two accomplished coaches—Dani Thole and Joe Sullivan—as assistant coaches



Branding

- Augmented the logoed gear available to athletes and parents

Finances

- Staged a second hugely successful (and fun) erg-a-thon fundraiser
- Expanded the financial assistance program
- Received our largest ever financial contribution to fund the purchase of a new set of oars and other equipment
- Offered regatta sponsorships for the first time
- Continued laying the foundation for financial sustainability



Recruiting

- Attracted the largest group yet to our summer learn-to-row camps (45 athletes)
- Welcomed our largest freshman class ever (19 athletes)
- Six athletes recruited to row in college (Duke, UVA, Cornell, Drexel, Duquesne)
- Offered a first-ever middle school program in the fall
- Increased exposure to college coaches

Communications

- Celebrated the 1st anniversary of our Puddles newsletter (in December), with 69 issues published to date
- Submitted weekly newspaper contributions highlighting successes
- Posted edited videos of many races on website
- Continued posting all information on the RGCC website in a timely manner
- Distributed real-time race results from regattas, with schedules posted in advance
- Improved parent and athlete participation in monthly club meetings

Equipment

- Acquired two fully refurbished Vespoli 8s
- Repaired all our boats over the winter
- Acquired four brand new Concept2 ergs
- Enhanced workouts with new weights and benches

Miscellaneous

- Welcomed back 21 returning athletes and 19 new athletes
- Hosted a very fun Parent Learn-to-Row at the end of the fall season
- Introduced new bonding and team-building opportunities for our athletes

The Radnor Girls Crew is recognized as a club sport with the endorsement of Radnor (PA) High School. RGCC is supported through seasonal dues and donations and is governed by a board comprised of parent volunteers. Our team races in boats with either eight or four seats (categorized as “sweep” rowing), in several racing categories: Freshman, Novice, Junior Varsity and Varsity.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities and supporting RGCC, please contact John Steely, Treasurer, at (610) 585-3685 or RGCCtreasurer@radnorcrew.org.

For more information about the Radnor Girls Crew Club:

www.girls.radnorcrew.org



Varsity 8 wins gold at Stotesbury



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Our seniors