

ORC Makes Good Showing at Diamond State Regatta

MIDDLETOWN, DE (July 27, 2008) - This past weekend, more than 32 of Orlando Rowing Club's members traveled to Middletown, Del., to compete in this annual national-level regatta that draws top masters crews from all over the Northeast, including former elite and pre-elite rowers. It was our first time at this event, which is so competitive, it is on par with USRowing's Masters Nationals.

Our single scullers led the way for our club, bringing home two gold medals out of nine events in which ORC raced.

Jonathan Rich started off ORC's competition on a hot, humid Sunday in the men's single E-category race (ages 55-59). He then set the bar high with our first gold medal of the day with a time of 4 minutes, 19.3 seconds over the straight, six-lane, 1080-meter course.



Jamieson Thomas easily captured ORC's second victory late in the day in the women's C-J single with a time of 4:45.62.

Jamie and Jonathan joined forces for second place in the mixed (man-woman) double sculls in 4:04.08, less than four seconds from first.

In other events, ORC's women's C (43-49) eight took second in 4:00.14; our women's A-B (27-42) eight took third in 3:44.82; Head Coach Laura Riecki raced to fourth place in the women's A-J lightweight single event in 5:02.35; our men's C four captured fourth in 4:03.16; and our mixed eight also finished fourth in 3:54.29.

The regatta was delayed for about two hours right after lunch, when lightning and a severe thunderstorm — including a minute's worth of pellet-sized hail — passed right over Noxontown Pond. ORC's mixed eight was on the launching dock, ready to set their boat in the water, when regatta officials called all crews to shore because of lightning.

Because of the rain delay, race officials scratched the last hour's worth of events.

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