



ORC's Womens 8+ Bid Accepted to Race in Boston

ORLANDO, FL (September 5, 2009) - In this year's Head of the Charles Regatta draw for entries, ORC's bid for participation in the Womens Senior-Master 8+ event was accepted this afternoon.

ORC's crew, Cre8Havoc, will be facing twenty-one other crews representing clubs from across the US and Canada, with ORC being the only entry from Florida. The race is tentatively scheduled at 9:45am on October 17, the first day of the two-day regatta.

Representing ORC will be Gwenn Hamilton, Vicky Hatter, Adrienne Payor, Linda Rich, Lynn Shoemaker, Jamie Thomas, Kim Watson, Lesley Welch. Coach Mike Vertullo has been working them hard in preparation for a hoped-for medal winning performance.

Congratulations, Ladies and Coach!

About the Head of the Charles Regatta

Head Of The Charles Regatta®, the world's largest two-day rowing event, was first held on October 16, 1965. The race was established by the Cambridge Boat Club members D'Arcy MacMahon, Howard McIntyre, and Jack Vincent, with the advice of Harvard University sculling instructor Ernest Arlett. Arlett proposed that a "head of the river" race similar in tradition to races held in his native England, be held on the Charles River. "Head" races, a class of regattas, are generally three miles long-boats race against each other and the clock, starting sequentially approximately fifteen seconds apart. Winners of each race receive the honorary title of "Head of the River" or, in this case, "Head Of The Charles."

Over the past 45 years, the Head Of The Charles regatta has grown tremendously. Today, more than 7,500 athletes from around the world compete in 55 different race events. The Regatta grew to a two-day event in 1997 and now attracts up to 300,000 spectators during the October weekend.