



## **ORC Rows Strong at Head of the Hooch**

CHATTANOOGA, TN (November 7-8, 2009) - In this year's Head of the Hooch Regatta, ORC crews rowed to a strong second place in the Team Points race. The Hooch is now the largest regatta in the US, and this year over 1,750 boats and 8,600 rowers competed under clear sunny skies at the fabulous downtown venue on the Tennessee River.

Over 50 ORC crew members raced in 24 events, earning medals in three, and finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place or better to earn Team Points in eight additional events.

Following a strong showing at the 2009 Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, ORC's crew, Cre8Havoc, rowed to a gold medal finish in the Women's Masters 8+. Representing ORC were Gwenn Hamilton, Vicky Hatter, Adrienne Payor, Linda Rich, Lynn Shoemaker, Jamie Thomas, Kim Watson, Lesley Welch, and Sonja Jamilla (cox). Congratulations, Ladies!

Rowing to a bronze medal finish in the Mixed Masters 8+ was ORC's crew of Brad Ingram, David Dojcsak, Robert Hoppenfeld, Patrick Fore, Lindsey Fore, Lesley Silvia, Tara Schweizer, Lynn Sproul, and Mary Walters (cox).

Jamie Thomas earned ORC a bronze medal rowing to a solid finish in the Women's Masters C-D 1x.

ORC boats finishing out of the medals but earning ORC Team Points by rowing to a 6<sup>th</sup> place or higher finish included the Women's Lightweight 4+ (M. Walters (cox), L. Silvia, T. Schweizer, L. Sproul, S. Jamilla), Women's Master 4x (D. Kamrad, L. Schwartzberg, J. Thomas, K. Davis), Women's Master 4+ (L. Rich (cox), G. Hamilton, A. Payor, L. Shoemaker, L. Welch), Mixed Master 4+ (M. Sims (cox), D. Kamrad, D. Kamrad, K. Watson, J. Field), Women's Club 8+ (M. Walter (cox), M. Mims, L. Sproul, T. Schweizer, K. Broome, L. Schwartzberg, L. Silvia, L. Fore, B. Watt), Men's Master 8+ (H. Brooks (cox), B. Ingram, D. Dojcsak, R. Hoppenfeld, P. Fore, K. Kranz, D. Lukasik, W. Enright, J. Field), Women's Masters E-J 1x (D. Kamrad), and Men's Novice 1x (D. Lukasik).

Photos of the event can be found at [Head of the Hooch 2009](#).