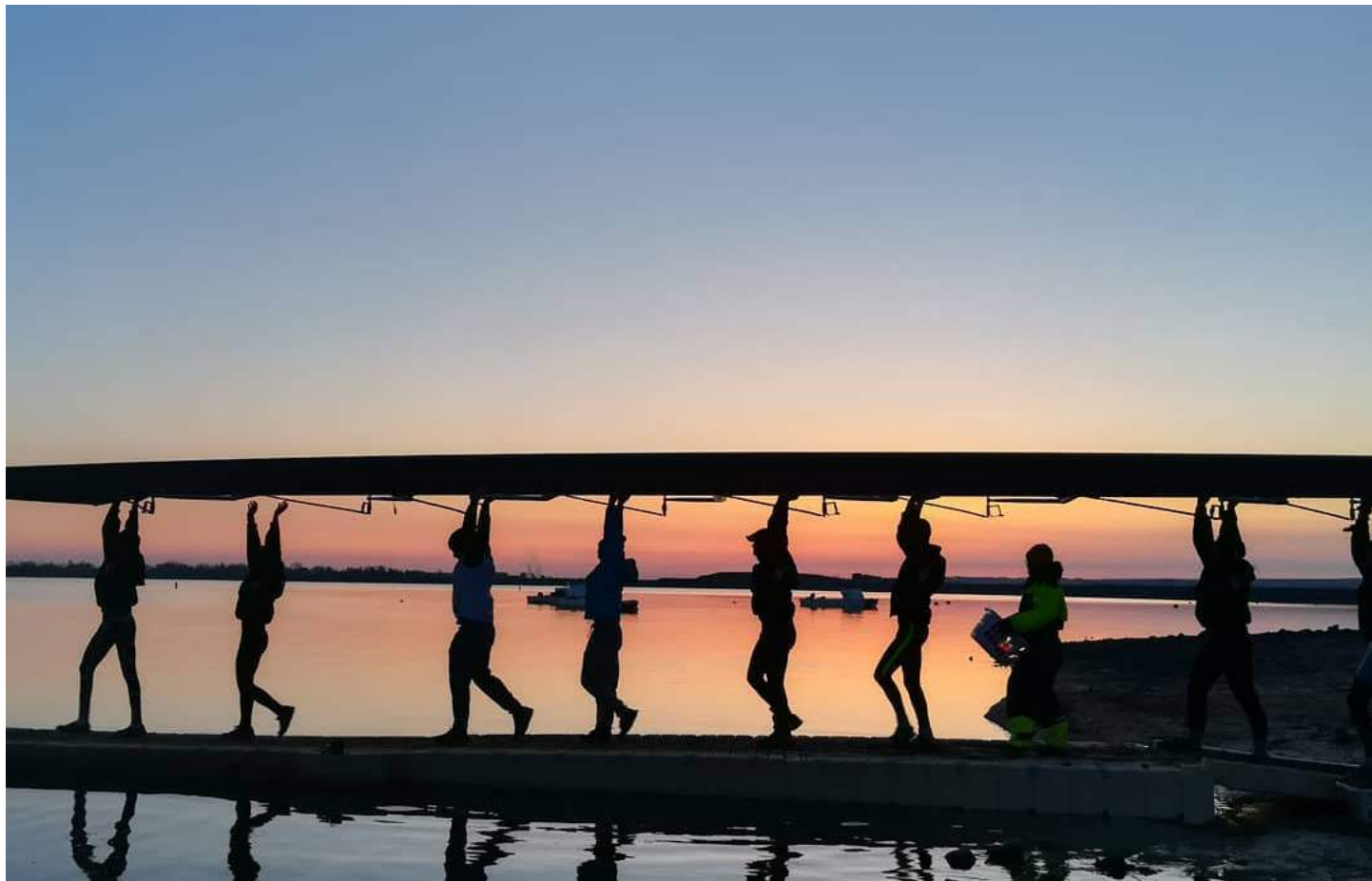


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AT THE CATCH

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The team launching on the Boulder Reservoir after a long winter indoors.

This is it: the final stretch of the 2017 - 2018 season. As we head into our fastest and biggest races of the year, we're looking forward to seeing the results from working hard during winter training. If you'll be coming to see us at PAC12's, ACRA Henley, the banquet, or ACRA's, please let us know - we'd love to see you! As always, keep in touch with us over social media on Facebook and Instagram, and we look forward to sharing our successes with you. We're hungry for medals, and we're ready to end this season on top of the podium. Row hard, go Buffs!

Meet you at the catch -
2017 - 2018 Officer Board

THIS ISSUE:

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You are cordially invited to the annual Colorado Crew banquet for a night of awards, celebration of the year, and excitement for nationals!

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO CREW BANQUET 2018

Saturday, May 19

6pm

Glenn Miller Ballroom

at the University of Colorado at Boulder

\$25 per person

for dinner, collected at the door

We look forward to seeing you!

SPRING BREAK

Long Beach, California | March 26, 2018 - April 1, 2018

The team returned to Long Beach for spring break for the second year - thank you to Long Beach Rowing Association for hosting us out of Peter Archer Rowing Center! Although we went into the week with a stormy weather forecast, the skies stayed pretty clear throughout our training trip. This was the first time we've been on the water since the fall, and we broke in plenty of new blisters (but thankfully broke no equipment). The team took excursions between two- and three-a-day practices to spend time together at the beach, squad dinners, the Getty Villa, the JL factory, and a bonfire. At the end of the week, the men went to the UCLA Classic in Marina Del Rey and the women went to the Berg Cup in Newport Beach for the first 2k race of the season.



SPRING BREAK RACE RESULTS

MEN'S UCLA CLASSIC

Marina Del Rey, CA | March 31, 2018



Men's Varsity 8+ A

Heat 4 - 1st Place (6:59.12)

Semifinal 2 - 3rd Place (6:47.15)

Petite Final - 2nd Place (5:63.7)

Men's Varsity 8+ B

Heat 3 - 2nd Place (7:18.16)

Semifinal 1 - 4th Place (6:51.65)

Petite Final - 4th Place (7:17.42)



Men's Novice 8+ A

Heat 2 - 4th Place (7:28.7)

WOMEN'S OCC BERG CUP

Newport Beach, CA | March 31, 2018

Women's Novice 8+

5th Place (7:56.8)

Women's Varsity 8+

Fog cancellation



REGIONALS

Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships (SIRAS)
Oak Ridge, Tennessee | April 21 - 22, 2018



Once again, the team piled into the bus for a 20-hour ride to Oak Ridge, Tennessee for regionals. The conditions over the weekend were beautiful and led to some competitive racing - and a medal for the novice women! - for all crews despite some last-minute changes and unforeseen obstacles. We thank the families and alumni who supported us at the regatta, in person and through donations.



Kealey | Chumakova | Hooper | Wilson | Conley | Fowle | Hoelscher | Van Sant | Brummond
in the Mimi

The novice women started off strong, placing third in their time trial on Saturday morning. They continued to storm across the line in semis, placing second in their heat and third overall to qualify for grand finals. On Sunday morning, they crossed the line in third with a time of **7:35.7**, six seconds ahead of fourth place - and nearly twenty seconds faster than they were over spring break!



Bulik | Childs | Julian | Doremieux | Klassen | - | Klauber | Tran | Miller
in the Willy O'Brien

After an unfortunate series of events, the novice men were left with seven rowers and a coxswain right before the weekend. Unfazed, the novice men stepped up to the challenge. Racing as a seven in the time trial on Saturday morning, they qualified for the C finals held that afternoon. In C finals, they raced valiantly and crossed the line in second with a time of **7:19.4** and beat a full 8+ in the process!



Kealey | Dempsey | Blackwell | L. Herrick | Fisher
in the Thomas B. Ryerson

The men's varsity squad were split into heavyweight and lightweight categories for this regatta. Jack Dempsey, who won the varsity men's 4+ event last year, was joined by transfer student Liam Herrick, senior Jules Blackwell, and junior Mark Fisher to try and make it a back-to-back title for Colorado Crew in the event. The boys placed sixth in the time trial with less than three seconds separating the top six crews, then took second in semis to advance to grand finals. Seeing that they raced at a slightly lower stroke rate than the other crews, Coach Jen Gilbert took the calculated risk to re-rig the boat for a starboard-port-port-starboard bucket on Sunday morning, moving returning varsity rower Jack Dempsey into stroke seat. They successfully attacked grand finals with a higher stroke rate, sitting in second until the last 1000 meters of the grand final. Less than a length continued to separate the field until the sprint for the line started at the 1500m mark. Our heavyweight men's 4+ finished sixth overall with a time of **7:01.4**.



A. Herrick | Dodge | Swain & Hooper | Anella | Eger | Gander | Chen | Owlett | Ranzo
in the Anne Kenney Evans Jeffries

After placing fifth in time trials to advance to semis, Amanda Swain was permanently sidelined with a fractured rib and the varsity women waited to hear if they would have to row a 7+ for the rest of the regatta or would be granted a medical substitution from the novice team. After approval from the race director, novice lieutenant Vickie Hooper stepped up for the team and completed three 2ks back-to-back on Saturday with both women's boats, helping the varsity women qualify for grand finals by coming in second in their heat. On Sunday afternoon, they edged out Georgia Tech by 0.4 seconds to come in fourth overall with a time of **7:14.0**.



A. Herrick | Lang | Tyrrell-Ead | Goldt | Cole | Bradley | Bunce | Cohen | Suarez
in the LaVecchia

As the only lightweight men's 8 entered in the regatta, this crew was reallocated into the JV8+ race. After weighing in - with no athlete allowed to be over 160 pounds - the crew placed tenth in time trials on Saturday morning and advanced to B finals in the afternoon semifinal. On Sunday morning, they put down a fast piece and finished fifth in B finals with a time of **6:42.3**.



Staitman | Fitzrandolph | Coyle | Hanemann | Birman | Pruitt | Swanson | Schmitz | Boyd
in the Ruth M. Fulton

The varsity men put down a solid piece at time trials to come in eighteenth, taking the last spot to semis. On Saturday afternoon, they qualified for C finals and placed fourth in C finals on Sunday morning with a time of **6:41.6** - edging out their true rivals, our lightweight men, by less than a second.



The team after dinner at Calhoun's, the restaurant at the start line of the course. Thank you to the LaVecchias for this meal and wonderful experience!

INTRODUCING THE 2018 - 2019 OFFICER BOARD



P R E S I D E N T
Mark Fisher ('19)



V P / F I N A N C E
Suzannah Ranzo ('19)



V P / A D M I N I S T R A T I O N
Annie Herrick ('19)



F U N D R A I S I N G
Vickie Hooper ('20)



L O G I S T I C S
Josh Schmitz ('20)



R E N T - A - R O W E R
Sophie Chumakova ('21))



S E C R E T A R Y
Francesca Kealey ('21)



S O C I A L M E D I A
Kai Klauber ('20)



A L U M N I R E L A T I O N S
Aaron Miller ('21)

OFF THE WATER ACHIEVEMENTS



Huy Tran ('19) won the **Genentech USBTD Student Award**, founded to recognize outstanding students in Chemical and Biological engineering with high scholastic achievement, strong critical thinking, communication and collaboration skills, and experience working in research labs. This award included a scholarship and an internship at Genentech, a *Forbes 100 Best Company to Work For*. Huy will be working in the Analytical Operations department in San Francisco where he will be characterizing a new cancer treatment.

Ben Hagenau ('19) took time off this season after being selected to the **CU NASA SUITs** (Spacesuit User Interface Technology for Students) team. NASA SUITs is a NASA challenge to design an augmented reality heads-up display with voice recognition, object recognition, and audible readouts for astronauts during extravehicular activity. Ben is the lead of the programming team and will be going down to Houston Johnson Space Center at the end of May to present their developed technology.

Andrew Swanson ('19) was the only undergraduate presenter at the **2018 Hydrologic Symposium**.

Hannah Dodge ('18) won her age division in **America's Uphill**, a 2.5 mile and 3,000'+ vertical climb up Aspen Mountain.



Jack Boyd ('18) and his senior design team won the **People's Choice Award** at the CU Boulder Engineering Expo.



Lizzie Hoelscher ('21) received the **Girl Scout Gold Award** along with the **Debbie Haskins scholarship**.

THANK YOU



As always, thank you for your support of our athletes. We wouldn't be here without the support of our families, friends, and alumni. Thank you for putting up with our stinky spandex, early morning alarms, blistered hands, voracious appetites, and obsession with "fat ergos". We row for you.

RENT-A-ROWER

Need work done? Athletes on the team are able to help fund their dues by fulfilling odd jobs at the low rate of \$15 per hour of work. More information can be found at www.colorado.edu/sportsclub/crew/rent-a-rower. Contact crewjobs@colorado.edu with your request, number of rowers needed, time requirement, location, and available dates and we'll get on it!

DONATIONS

This team couldn't be where it is today without the generous donations from our friends, families, and alumni – whether that's money towards equipment (on our wishlist right now are A-frames, coxboxes, and boat speakers), donating meals at regattas, volunteering their time at races, or any other creative way you can think of giving to the team – we are always in need of a little bit of extra support and appreciate it so much! If you have connections to clothing or travel companies, have an extra tent we can borrow at regattas, want to help organize food at a race, would like to make a monetary donation, or support our athletes in their quest for medals and winning races in any way at all, please contact our president, Jack Dempsey, at jack.dempsey@colorado.edu. If you'd like to purchase some team gear for yourself or your athlete, please contact our secretary, Austin Cole, at austin.cole@colorado.edu



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