



Washington-Lee Rowing Reporter

Washington-Lee High School, Arlington VA

December 2012

Crew Schedule 2013

February

18 - Crew Season Starts

March

16 - Scrimmage w/Wilson & Whitman on Potomac River

23 - Scrimmage w/TC Williams; site TBC

30 - Regatta at St. Andrews, Middletown, DE

April

6 - Arlington Cup Regatta w/Yorktown & O'Connell on Potomac River

13 - Darrell Winslow Regatta at Occoquan

20 - Smokey Jacobs Regatta at Occoquan

27 - Charlie Butt Regatta on the Potomac

May

4 - Ted Phoenix Regatta at Occoquan (lower boats only)

11 - Virginia State Rowing Championship at Occoquan (upper boats only)

16-18 - Stotesbury Cup Regatta, Philadelphia

23-25 - SRAA Championships ("Nationals"), Camden NJ

Congratulations to the W-L Crew Class of 2012!

Jasmine Herndon and Shiva Minovi are attending the College of William and Mary; Taylor Brandt, Abin Dahal, Emily Janson and Teddy Powell are attending James

2012 Rowing Recap

For the 2012 rowing season, W-L fielded (rivered?) what may have been the largest crew in its 60+ year history - 113 rowers, almost evenly split between men and women. In addition to a large number of returning seniors, the future of W-L crew was represented by 16 8th grade boys and girls. A schedule of 7 regular season regattas and 2 scrimmages kept the crew busy.

At the Charlie Butt Regatta, named for the W-L crew founder and longtime coach, W-L had a strong showing. The Men's Freshman 8, and Women's Novice 8 and Novice 4 all took first in their finals. The Women's Junior 8 and Lightweight 8 finished third, while the Men's 1st and 2nd 8s, and the Women's 1st 4, each placed fourth.

W-L entered six boats at the Ted Phoenix Regatta (the VASRA State Championships for lower boats). The Men's Freshman 8, 3rd 8, and Novice 4 and the Women's Novice 8 and Novice 4 advanced to the finals. The Men's Freshman 8 and Women's Novice 4 both finished comfortably in front of their respective fields to take gold, and a trophy, which will be on display at W-L until spring of 2013.

On May 12, the upper boats raced at Occoquan at the Virginia State Championship Regatta. W-L entered six boats, and three advanced to the finals - the Men's 1st and 2nd 8s, and the Women's 2nd 4. The Women's 1st 4 won the Petite Final with a time that would have placed them third in the Grand Final, and the Women's Lightweight 8 took second place in a field of three. In the finals, the Women's 2nd 4, cruising to an easy third place, was twice waked so badly by a judge's boat that they had to stop rowing to reset, but got their bronze on appeal. Both Men's 8s, neither of which had been ranked higher than 6th coming into the regatta, rowed the races of their lives - the 2nd boat took bronze, while the 1st boat nipped Jefferson at the finish line to take silver. Based on W-L's showing at these two regattas, six boats qualified for SRAA Nationals held two weeks later, the most boats taken in some time, and certainly the most boats taken since Nationals became a qualifying regatta.

W-L took five boats to Stotesbury Regatta in Philadelphia on May 17-19: Women's Lightweight 8, Women's Novice 4 (rowing as a Junior 4), Women's 1st 4, Men's Junior 8 (the 2nd Men's 8 boat without its seniors, who were taking IB finals), Men's 1st 4 (the remains of the Men's 1st 8 without 4 IB seniors), and the Men's Freshman 8. With the exception of the Men's 4, who



Madison University; Tim Jenkins is at Miami of Ohio; Sean Magner is attending Northwestern University, Alex Beranek is studying architecture at Temple University; Nataly Montano is at Texas Tech; Joe Crandall is enjoying the California sunshine at UCLA; Brendan Killalea is at University of Michigan; Natalie Shearin has joined the boxing club at UNC at Chapel Hill; Andrew Heinzman is rowing at the University of Virginia; Chris Lent is rowing at the US Naval Academy; Sarah Chase-Walsh, Hagar Sanjakdar, and Kayla Schoomaker are now at Virginia Tech; and Brendan Busey is at Wake Forest.

It's Back - Mulch Madness 2013!

For 6 weeks beginning in January, rowers canvas neighborhoods to obtain orders for mulch or direct donations. The Boosters also mail almost 1,000 mulch order/donation forms.

Rowers will deliver the mulch, in 50 lb bags, on Saturday, March 2. Mulch Madness is the most significant team fundraiser, and the best opportunity for each rower to satisfy his or her fundraising requirement.

Email Boosters VP Kelly Heinzman, kelly@heinzman.org, to place an order and/or make a donation (please name the rower who should receive credit). Or place an order directly with your favorite rower. W-L Crew thanks our alumni, community and friends for their tremendous and longstanding support!

had rowed together only twice prior to the regatta, and who finished the time trials 21st, where the top 18 advance, all the W-L boats advanced to the semis. The Men's Junior 8 finished in third, only a few seconds out of advancing to the finals, and the Men's Freshman 8 took second in their semi to advance to the finals, where they finished 5th in a tough field.

At the SRAA National Regatta in Camden the following weekend, W-L had four boats of six - Men's Freshman 8 and 2nd 8, and Women's lightweight 8 and 1st 4 - advance to the semifinals. The Men's 1st 8 did not advance out of the reps, and the Women's Junior 4 did not advance out of their heat. No W-L boats advanced to the finals, but the kids raced hard.

To cap the season, as a result of their second place finish at the VSRC, the W-L Men's 1st 8 was invited to US Rowing's Youth National Regatta in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, held June 8th-10th. This was the first time a W-L boat had been so honored. The boys finished fifth in their heat to advance to the reps, but did not advance to the finals. This truly was a National stage and the boys performed very well and made us proud. Now we know what it takes. The 2012 W-L crew set a very high bar for subsequent crews; we're confident that the 2013 crew will meet that challenge.



2012 Charlie Butt Scholarship

The Charlie Butt scholarship has been awarded annually since 1992 to a graduating crew member who best exemplifies integrity and honesty, work ethic and dedication, contributions to the crew on and off the water, and conduct favorable to Washington-Lee High School and to the community. In 2012, for the first time, the award was made to one male and one female graduating senior. The award winners were Emily Janson, stroke of the Women's Lightweight 8, and Alex Beranek, captain and 2 seat, Men's 1st 8. Both Alex and Emily rowed for four years at W-L.

Supporting W-L Crew

Crew is an expensive sport. W-L Crew has prided itself on providing top-quality equipment to help our crews reach their full potential. Arlington County provides valuable but limited support to the program (mostly transportation services), but the Boosters and parents fund all equipment purchases, maintenance, uniforms, regatta expenses, financial aid and other significant costs. These needs are increasing, as school enrollment increases and participation in the crew program surges in popularity.

To support the growing program and our need for speed, we purchased two new 4's last year - the "Ann Thomas" and "Ann Pizzamaglio" - as well as oars and other important equipment, and will purchase two new 8's for the 2013 season. Without support from alumni and friends of W-L Crew, fewer students would have the opportunity to row and W-L would not be able to compete at the high level that is our tradition. The team needs your help! The financial support of alumni and friends is the lifeblood of the program and keeps us competitive. We encourage you to make donations through our new website: www.w-lcrewboosters.org, or send a check made payable to W-L Crew Boosters, addressed to W-L Crew Boosters, Washington-Lee High School, 1301 North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22201. Contributions are tax deductible. For more information, contact Booster president Fieke Janson at fjanson04@verizon.net.