

OAR had a very successful NW Masters Regionals this past weekend. We had a team of 21 people entered in 26 boats. A few events were cancelled mid-day Sat due to strong winds, which was very disappointing to those of us involved. But, of 23 of our boats that got to race, 16 earned medals! See M 8+ below!! - one of several highlights.

This year's format was different than in past years, so it was easier to earn medals (flights, like at CBR, rather than heats to finals), but still plenty of great competition and very close races - where our boats fought hard, often successfully, for that one better place. Way to go, OAR!

I'm listing the results below, first with lineups and placings, later with times and comments.

FRI races (strong cross-tailwind)

Mixed C 4x (Renee, Ray, Derek, Laura) 2nd of 7
W E 4x (Renee, Laura, Kathy, Sally) 1st of 6
M E-F light 1x (Kip) 6th of 7
M AA-B Novice 1x (Jove) 3rd of 6
W F+ 4+ (Jill -c, Maureen, Betty, Su, Kit) 4th of 6
M C 2x (Ray, Derek - 2nd) and (Charlie, Mike - 3rd) of 6
W F 4x ((Betty, Margot, Su, Maureen) 5th of 5

SAT races (strong cross to cross-tail; big boats only mid-day)

M B 2x (Jove, Derek) 3rd of 6
M F1x (Kip) 4th of 5
W D+ light 1x (Kathy, Sally, Margot, Kit) 3rd of 5
W G+ light 2x (Kathy/Sally and Margot/Kit) CANCELLED
W C 1x (Laura) CANCELLED
M G 1x (Kip) 2nd of 3 (one DNS)
Mixed E 8+ (Jill-c, Jon, Derek, Charlie, Mike, Betty, Kit, Su, Margot) 3rd of 5
Mixed B 2x (Jove, Laura) 2nd of 5

SUN races (light tailwind)

M B-C 4x (Derek, Charlie, Jove, Jon) 3rd of 5
Mixed C 2x (Ray, Renee) 2nd of 4
M D 1x (Ray) 5th of 5
W G+ 2x (Betty, Maureen) 5th of 5
W F-G light 1x (Sally) 1st of 4
M C 8+ (Zach-c, Ray, Spencer, Charlie, Derek, AndyL, Jove, Alex, Jon) 1st of 5
W C 2x (Renee, Laura) 2nd of 6
M AA-D light 1x (Spencer) 3rd of 4
W F+ 8+ (Jill -c, Renee, Laura, Kathy, Sally, Betty, Maureen, Margot, Kit) 4th of 5

RESULT DETAILS: Some very close races! If handicapped, raw(on-the-water) time is listed first, adjusted time(for age) second.

If more than one flight for an event, I've listed placing overall - to keep things in perspective, ie don't get too giddy nor be too disappointed. However, especially where times were close, the outcome could well have been different if boats from different flights had been racing against each other - extra incentive. Obviously, the job was to race as well and as hard as possible against those assigned to your race, and I gotta say it sure seemed like we did that!

Winds, especially Fri and Sat, made rowing more challenging but also faster if not too much bobbling or steering.

FRIDAY

Mx C 4x Thumbs up on this row, starting us off well! (4th of 12 boats overall)

1st: Pocock "B" 3:33.294
2nd: OAR 3:40.062
3rd: Olympia 3:40.802
4th: LkUnion 3:46.085
5th: Wmtte 3:46.908
6th: Samm 4:12.770
7th: LkOswego 4:18.325

W E 4x Not easy staying in our lane, but others had more trouble so glad we got out ahead early! (4th of 20 boats overall)

1st: OAR 3:50.179
2nd: DDs 3:54.719
3rd: Pocock 4:01.555
4th: Conibear 4:05.315
5th: MtBaker 4:11.558
6th: LosGatos 5:03.331

M F light 1x (Kip's a G but wanted more of a race. The G+ event had only 2 entries, and as he expected, were far apart so glad he made this choice. Race w/ Sternagel was very close til near the end when he couldn't take it up to edge him out.)

1st: Pocock(Hanson) 4:09.803
2nd: Gorge(Desjardins) 4:14.622
3rd: Pocock(Koerner) 4:16.221
4th: DeepCove(Westfall) 4:19.052
5th: LkStevens(Sternagel) 4:29.638
6th: OAR (Kip) 4:31.588
7th: Pocock(Brassington) 5:00.173

M AA-B Novice 1x Jove will still qualify for this event next year, as will Alex, so watch out!

1st: LkUnion(Buchanan) 3:49.690 (3:49.065)
2nd: Samm(Espinosa) 4:01.117 (4:00.217)
3rd: OAR(Jove) 4:06.602 (4:06.377)
4th: Vancouver(Priesnitz) 4:28.746 (4:27.146)
5th: Everett(Giddens) 4:28.752 (4:28.727)
6th: Renton(Castek) 5:00.091 (5:00.091)

W F+ 4+ Adjusted would have been 3rd in other flight. (6th of 12 boats overall)

1st: Marin 4:04.073 (3:40.551)
2nd: Moms 4:05.785 (3:40.815)
3rd: Gorge 4:18.999 (3:49.429)
4th: OAR 4:22.972 (3:54.978)
5th: Pocock 4:30.053 (3:57.199)
6th: GreenLk 4:49.853 (4:24.883)

M C 2x Two OAR boats medal in same race!! (6th and 7th of 12 overall)

1st: CommBay 3:36.611
2nd: OAR (Ray/Derek) 3:56.000
3rd: OAR (Charlie/Mike) 4:06.640
4th: RiverCity 4:10.213
5th: Samm 4:19.198

6th: LosGatos 5:04.615

W F 4x (9th of 9 boats overall, but very close to those just ahead)

1st: Pocock 4:04.398
2nd: LkUnion 4:05.022
3rd: StL "B" 4:12.263
4th: Conibear 4:24.965
5th: OAR 4:25.675

SATURDAY

M B 2x Way to pull it out for a medal in a tight race! (7th of 15 boats overall)

1st: Pocock 3:40.544
2nd: Los Gatos 3:43.570
3rd: OAR(Jove/Derek) 3:45.960
4th: MtBaker 3:46.255
5th: Olympia 4:05.169
6th: Vancouver 4:18.656

M F 1x (Kip's a light "G", wanting more racing. 12th of 15 overall.)

1st: Bainbr(Christiansen) 4:06.052
2nd: Pocock(Koerner) 4:15.453
3rd: Unaff(Fountain) 4:16.986
4th: OAR (Kip) 4:28.281
5th: Portland(Otis) 4:35.703

W D+ light 4x Handicapping helped us out here. Kit did great job keeping us in our lane in strong crosswind. (Call for no small boats soon after.) I was pleased to be so close to StL, knowing 3 of their 4 scullers.

1st: CollegeClubSeattle 4:24.330 (4:06.330)
2nd: StL 4:38.295 (4:09.415)
3rd: OAR 4:40.112 (4:11.232)
4th: Pocock 4:33.913 (4:18.223)
5th: Moms 4:58.448 (4:31.068)

Kathy/Sally and Margot/Kit 2xs and Laura 1x - CANCELLED due to strong winds

M G 1x Right age group for Kip, tho not "light". He had the most fun with this one, racing close with winner until near the end when he had trouble with wakes in his lane. Wished they had combined the 2 flights since only 6 total after no-shows. (First event re-instated after cancellation of small boats for a while.) Tho that would have probably meant 5th of 6 for him, it would have been great racing among 3 of them.

1st: DDs (Stout) 4:35.910
2nd: OAR (Kip) 4:41.136
3rd: VancLk(Venema)5:19.825

Mixed E 8+ Just missed 2nd in an exciting finish! (3rd of 10 overall - faster than winning time in other flight)

1st: LWRC 3:36.300
2nd: RioSalado 3:41.020
3rd: OAR 3:41.861
4th: Vancouver 4:00.402
5th: Bainbridge 4:01.132

Mixed B 2x When Jove learns to get his blades in the water for a full stroke... with Laura's coaching... Naw, no competitive juices here! (4th of 16 overall)

1st: Pocock 3:55.372

2nd: OAR 3:55.951 so close!

3rd: StL 3:58.953

4th: Vancou 4:06.532

5th: Everett 4:17.290

SUNDAY

M B-C 4x Report a fun row! (8th of 11 overall, but if heats to final, would have been in final)

1st: Pocock 3:22.219 (3:14.999)

2nd: Everett 3:18.332 (3:16.332)

3rd: OAR 3:38.721 (3:30.721)

4th: Wmtte 3:43.492 (3:38.721)

5th: Samm 3:48.538 (3:38.858)

Mixed C 2x Racing in Renee's new 2x!! Served them well. (6th of 16 boats overall)

1st: DDs 3:45.915

2nd: OAR 3:48.435

3rd: StL 3:49.629

4th: Vancouver 3:50.019

M D 1x Reports a good, solid race. (12th of 14 overall)

1st: Vashon(Magnuson) 3:49.996

2nd: StL(Perepelitza) 3:52.922

3rd: Pocock(Leet) 3:55.034

4th: Pocock(Shaw) 4:06.874

5th: OAR (Ray) 4:09.250

W G+ 2x Handicapping not in their favor here. 4th on water. (8th of 8 total, but 7th raw) Winning boat included JoanP who rows for multiple clubs and all over the world...

1st: Palo Alto 4:16.350 (3:43.496)

2nd: Gorge 4:22.463 (3:47.903)

3rd: Samm 4:41.054 (4:04.744)

4th: Colorado 4:54.066 (4:08.360)

5th: OAR(Betty/Maureen) 4:47.358 (4:16.168)

W F-G light 1x Went hard, trying to win this on the water, but...

1st: OAR(Sally) 4:39.651 (4:01.626)

2nd: Conibear(I.Baker) 4:35.112 (4:04.487)

3rd:NCas(Runyon) 4:53.069 (4:16.969)

4th: Vashon(Jackson) 5:07.450 (4:29.425)

M C 8+ EXCITING! Finished strong to hold on to their lead. OAR not only fielded a M 8+, but a winning boat! Way to go guys! (3rd of 10 overall)

1st: OAR 3:19.419

2nd: Samm 3:21.669

3rd: LkUnion"B" 3:30.402

4th: GreenLk 3:30.466

5th: LosGatos 3:36.015

W C 2x Space ahead and behind so didn't push it near end, knowing another race coming up. (Still 3rd of 18 overall.)

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| 1st: N Cascades | 3:59.015 |
| 2nd: OAR(Renee/Laura) | 4:08.867 |
| 3rd: Vancouver | 4:25.102 |
| 4th: Samm | 4:25.310 |
| 5th: Conibear | 4:31.522 |
| 6th: LkMerritt | 4:34.809 |

M AA-D light 1x Happy with his race. First on the water but the youngest.

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| 1st: Gorge (Wood) | 3:59.625 | (3:51.525) |
| 2nd: StL(Halprin) | 3:57.948 | (3:54.923) |
| 3rd: OAR(Spencer) | 3:57.780 | (3:57.780) |
| 4th: Unaff(Snyder) | 4:13.931 | (4:11.906) |

W F+ 8+ Good strong race with all 5 boats close. Frustrating way to end the regatta, however. Tho we were 2nd on the water, and all boats were "F" age group, there was one "G" in the other flight so our flight was also handicapped, moving us to 4th - by 1/2 second! Medaling in this race would have meant ALL of us OAR competitors would have brought home a medal, and our time was faster (raw and adjusted) than the winners (Corvallis) of the other flight (where there was also an E boat, which shouldn't have been allowed). Win some, lose some with the flight assignments and handicapping, but this was a tough one due to the circumstances. Good effort, boat mates!

Hope this is accurate. Been working on this a while so forgive me- and let me know - if there are corrections that need to be made.

THANKS to all who went, including the non-competitors - coach Andy, Derek's girlfriend Tanya, other family/friends that came by to cheer us on and help us out. FUN WEEKEND with you all!

For those who missed out - put it on your calendar for next year and get out on the water often :) - Sally