



MEDIA RELEASE

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WRC WINS 17 OF 26 RACES AT KENORA REGATTA

Winnipeg MB – The Winnipeg Rowing Club captured 17 wins in 26 events this past weekend at the annual Tops & Bottoms Regatta at the Kenora Rowing Club. Winnipeg sent 36 athletes to compete against seven other rowing clubs from Ontario and the US, winning gold in the following:

JUNIOR RACES

- Men's Single – Chris Yachison
- Men's Double – Kirk Vilks, Jesse Reitberger
- Men's Pair – Anthony Linton, Josh Mintz
- Men's Four – Kirk Vilks, Jesse Reitberger, Jeff Slater, Tanner Prasek
- Men's Quad – Chris Yachison, Jeff Slater, Russ Alexander, Mark Humphreys
- Men's Eight – Kirk Vilks, Jesse Reitberger, Russ Alexander, Anthony Linton, Josh Mintz, Mark Humphreys, Tanner Prasek, Jeff Slater, Paul Blandford (coxwain)
- Women's Single – Claudia Blandford
- Women's Quad – Annie Eastwood, Clarey Funk, Nia Perron, Claudia Blandford
- Women's Four – Annie Eastwood, Natasha Tersigni, Sydney Gilchrist, Fran Strange

MASTERS RACES

- Men's Single – Kevin Kowalyk
- Men's Double – David Drews, Dave Cooke
- Men's Quad – Eric Johnstone, Ryan Desilets, Dave Cooke, David Drews
- Women's Single – Emily Cameron
- Women's Double – Brandi Smith, Crystal Evans
- Women's Quad – Emily Cameron, Mel DeCorby, Kellie Rudy, Sheila Wilson
- Women's Four – Emily Northcote, Vanessa Brown, Heather Skelton, Charlotte Young
- Mixed Double – Emily Cameron, Kevin Kowalyk

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

WRC athletes will be competing in the following regattas this season:

- 127th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario (August 2-9)
- Canada Games in Prince Edward Island (August 15-29)
- 106th NWIRA Championship Regatta in Lake Elmo, Minnesota (August 21-22)
- Two Rivers Regatta in Winnipeg (September 26)
- 2009 World Masters Games in Sydney, Australia (October 10-18)

At 128 years old, the Winnipeg Rowing Club is one of the oldest sporting organizations in Western Canada. It has been in operation since 1881, stopping only twice – during WWI and WWII. A long-time tenant of the banks of the Red River in downtown Winnipeg, the WRC survived the Northwest Rebellion of 1885, the General Strike of 1919, the Great Depression of the 1930's, the Great Flood of 1950, and the Flood of the Century in 1997. Over the years the clubhouse has been destroyed by fire, wind, and water, but has always managed to maintain its long and proud tradition. Today, the WRC is a non-profit organization with a rich and successful sporting history, fostering generations of camaraderie and friendships. Members range from 13 to 85, and the club offers programs for all skill levels. www.winnipegrowingclub.ca