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**WINNIPEG ROWING CLUB CAPTURES TWO WINS
AT REGINA REGATTA**

Winnipeg MB (June 13, 2011) -- The Winnipeg Rowing Club is pleased to announce wins in two races at the first regatta of the 2011 racing season. The 34th annual Western Canada Sprints took place on Wascana Lake in Regina on Saturday June 11, and the following WRC athletes took home first place medals:

- Master Men's Quad – **Eric Johnstone, Tracy Kowal, Ryan Desilets, Vic Bartel**
- Master Men's Single – **Vic Bartel**

As winner of the Master Men's Single, Vic Bartel was also named this year's recipient of the Bob Ellard Memorial Trophy.

A total of 17 athletes from the Winnipeg Rowing Club's Adult Competitive Program took part in Saturday's regatta, and enjoyed exciting (and often close!!) races.

At 130 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 North-West 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.

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