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### **ROWING SUMMER CAMP A SUCCESS!**

Winnipeg MB (August 17, 2011) -- The Winnipeg Rowing Club has offered a youth summer camp this summer – and it has been a success!

Starting in July, the WRC hosted day camps designed to introduce youth to rowing, focusing on the following age groups:

- **Aquanauts** – open to those who have just finished grade 6 or 7.
- **Rookies** – open to those who have just finished grade 8.

Campers spent weekdays at the Winnipeg Rowing Club, learning the basics of rowing technique and water safety through games and challenges, and taking part in other active pursuits. Since July 19, dozens of kids have participated in the camp. The final two-week session begins Monday, August 22.

“We are always trying to attract more junior-aged athletes into the sport of rowing, typically from grades 9 to 12,” says WRC Head Coach Brent Figg. “Offering youth camps at the Winnipeg Rowing Club is a great way to get younger kids thinking about rowing even before they reach junior age.”

“It’s also a great day-camp option for parents who are looking for something different for their kids to do. Our rowing camp allows kids to be active, learn about water safety, and have a great time in a fun setting.”

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***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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