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**WINNIPEG ROWING CLUB:
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE – SATURDAY MAY 26th**

Winnipeg MB (May 16, 2012) --It was an early thaw on the Red River this year, and all programs at the Winnipeg Rowing Club fully now up and running. With the lengthy season, it's a great year to get on the water and try rowing – one of Canada's most successful Olympic sports!

Members of the public are invited to visit the Winnipeg Rowing Club (WRC) during the annual open house:

**Saturday, May 26th
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
20 Lyndale Drive**

Rowing is a lifelong sport for fitness, for competition, or just for fun, and the WRC offers rowing programs for all ages and skill levels.

Whether you are interested in a recreational pursuit, or exploring the potential of a competitive sport, you can find out more at the open house. It's your chance to tour the facilities, learn about indoor training, check out the boats and boathouse, watch rowers in action, and even try the sport yourself.

At 131 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 86, and the club offers programs for all skill levels.

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