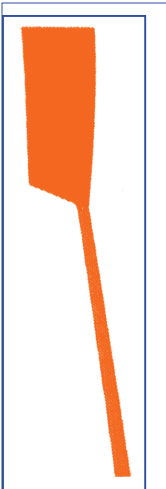


Sit ready...Ready all...

- Alumni Eight Takes IRA Title Again
- New Assistant Coaches for Women's and Men's Teams
- Alumni Expected in Force at Fall Gathering
- Goodale, Liwski Continue International Success

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A LABOR OF LOVE: SU ALUM RIDES CROSS COUNTRY FOR HIS DAUGHTER AND OTHERS



Mike Love '92 poses with a Loneliest Road truck before taking off on a cross-country bicycle trip to help fight the rare cancer that threatens his daughter's life.

When Mike Love pulled an oar for Syracuse University he rowed with a passion, but it seems safe to say not quite the passion he brings to another athletic effort this month. Here's Mike's story in his own words from an email to *The Orange Oar*.

"In December 2006 my daughter, Taylor Love (who just turned 2 in June), was diagnosed with Stage IV High Risk Neuroblastoma (a rare pediatric cancer). We have been in treatment since then battling this horrific disease with seven rounds of chemotherapy and a surgery completed at Children's Hospital in Washington DC. Currently we are working with the doctors up at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center as she goes through a Phase I clinical

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ALUMNI COMING HOME

SU's football team may be struggling but Homecoming Weekend will be big this year for Orange Crew and Rowing alums. SARA is hosting a Men's and Women's Reunion Oct. 12-13.

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Letter from the President

Fellow SARA members;

A coach's job is to set the bar high...ALL THE TIME. Dave wrote in recent coaches update "I don't believe in rebuilding years. The job is always the same--take a group of athletes and make them go as fast as you can". I agree. Any coach who says "I think our team can make the second level finals this year" is setting his team up for failure. There is always a chance to win. If your coach doesn't believe that he or she is in the wrong profession. A businessperson doesn't walk into a presentation thinking he or she won't sell the product or convince the group that what he or she has to say isn't the greatest idea in the world. There is always the chance. We all love the underdog, Billy Mills who won the 10K race at the 1964 Olympic games in Tokyo, the 1980 Olympic Hockey team. These historical moments are what sport is all about. If you asked any of these athletes how they did it. They will tell you that they believed in themselves, their mission and their coach. SU men and women's teams will go into this season to win every race, the sprints, the IRA's and the NCAA's. Just like every year. We as alumni can do our part by supporting SARA and our mission "to aid, encourage, foster, support, and promote the sport of rowing at Syracuse University." GO to the races, READ your Orange Oar (send your information and pictures to our editor, John Nicholson jsnich@twcnv.rr.com), and please pay your dues at www.saracrew.org.

I hope to see as many of our men and women alums at the October 12 and 13 Rowing reunion weekend and BBQ in Syracuse especially the Men's '57 crew who will be celebrating a 50 year reunion. If you haven't received your Evite please click on www.saracrew.org. and respond.

SARA congratulates Anna Goodale and Chris Liwski for their gold medal performances this past summer. Good luck to you and we wish you well in the upcoming year. SARA also recognizes the achievements of Dan O'Shaughnessy '06, newly elected president of Cambridge University Boat Club who will be joined by recent graduate Bartosz Szczyrba '07 and Andrew Wright '04 at Oxford who will be joined by Justin Stangel '07. Good luck to you in the upcoming year as well. SARA welcomes our two new coaches to the Syracuse team, Alicia Kochis '02, Assistant Coach to Kris and Dave Weiss our new freshman men's coach and assistant to Dave. We alums look forward to meeting you soon.

The upcoming 2008 season will be a tremendous one. Remember to believe in ourselves, our mission and our coaches who set the bar high every day.

See you at the races.

Tom
SARA President



P.S. Here are two pics ..one past and one present. The first is Jerry Jacobi, Charlie Feuer and myself on the banks of Onondaga Lake after winning the Freshman IRA's in 1978. The second is of my wife, Jillian and 6 year old daughter Lia on the beach in Maya Tulum, Mexico this past February 2007. I much prefer Mexico in February but winning that trophy 29 years ago was pretty special too. I hope to see many of my classmates this October at the boathouse reunion on the 13th.

SU WOMEN: DEPTH TO LEAD BACK TO THE HEIGHTS

SU's women are looking to make their season longer in 2008. They want it to include a trip top the NCAA's. Head Coach Kris Sanford says depth is the key.

She has been going for depth and it began to pay off in 2007, even though the Orange did not earn an NCAA bid. "The highlight of our season was the team finish at Eastern Sprints," Sanford told *The Orange Oar*. "We had four of six boats make the finals landing us a sixth place team finish, which is the best overall finish we have ever had. For the last two years we have been building team speed from the bottom up and it is great to see that we are moving in the right direction and that we are improving our team depth. This depth, along with more speed in our Varsity and II V 8's should set us up to be in contention for a team bid to the NCAA's this coming spring."

A solid freshman class adds to that depth with a group that includes Rachel Ogundrian who competed for the US Junior National Team in China, this summer and Natalie Mastracci who won gold in the Junior Women's Eight at the Canadian Henley.

There's also a new assistant coach and recruiting coordinator on board. **Alicea Kochis '02** returns to SU where she rowed in the six seat for the varsity eight that made the NCAA Grand Final in 2001. She succeeds Sara Cannon who moved to the University of Virginia.

SU's spring 2007 season was one road trip after another, with not a single home race. The Orange women will open at home against Boston University in 2008, but then will take to the road again, hoping that road leads to the NCAA's.

SU WOMEN'S ROWING CALENDAR 2007-08

Saturday October 6	Head of the Ohio	Pittsburgh
Sunday October 7	Head of the Genesee	Rochester
Saturday October 13	SARA Alumni Day	Syracuse
Saturday October 27	Head of the Schuylkill	Philadelphia
Saturday November 3	Syracuse Invitational	Syracuse
January 2 – 13	Winter Training Trip	Stuart, FL
March 7 – 16	Spring Training Trip	Oak Ridge, TN
March 29	Boston University	Syracuse
April 5	Cornell/Yale	Derby, CT
April 12	Penn/NU	Boston
April 19 – 20	Charles River Challenge	Boston
April 27	Big East Championships	Oak Ridge, TN
May 18	Eastern Sprints	Camden, NJ

REISCHMAN: "I DON'T BELIEVE IN REBUILDING YEARS"

Schedule changes, a new freshman coach and a lot of new faces in key roles are some of the features of the SU men's team heading into the 2007-2008 season. Head coach Dave Reischman's first major recruiting class has graduated with a dozen solid crewmen now members of SARA. The team likely will not be as deep, but Reischman says it will not be lacking for talent. Returning oarsmen include several who were in the V8 this past spring and JV guys ready to move up.

Dave Weiss takes over as freshman coach, moving up from coaching the frosh at George Washington. Weiss rowed for **Tony Johnson '62** at Georgetown where he was captain and team MVP in 2001. Phil Marshall has moved on to become development coach for the province of Ontario.

The new freshman class has some solid prospects including Mark Gennaro who rowed in the US eight at the FISA World Rowing Junior Championships in Beijing this summer.

The Orange men will skip the Head of the Charles this fall and race at the Foot of the Charles instead. "The Foot of the Charles regatta in Boston on November 17 allows us to race a bigger squad, a little later in the fall, at a more reasonable price," Reischman said. Spring will see the varsity eight competing at the San Diego Classic to start the season. In addition to West Coast powers, they'll face some Eastern crews not normally on the schedule until the Sprints. "This is a popular trip with the guys and will no doubt make selection for the varsity eight just a bit more competitive," Reischman said.

Men's Spring: Hard Racing, Tough Endings

In 2007 The SU men went where no Orange varsity eight had gone in more than a decade - into the Grand Final of the Eastern Sprints. SU trailed Harvard in the morning heat, but edged out the Big Red of Cornell for second place to qualify. In the process however, seven-man Justin Stangel broke two ribs, and while he fought through the morning race and the afternoon final, SU wound up sixth.

Stangel's injury turned him from a key factor in the boat to an assistant coach and while the revamped eight handled Dartmouth at home, SU struggled at the IRA and was edged by Oregon State for a spot in the upper level semi-finals, finishing in the third level.

SU, which went unbeaten in cup races for the second year in a row, sent two eights to Henley, where each won a race before being eliminated in the second round. With that, the 12 seniors were gone and Coach Reischman found himself looking at some would expect to be a rebuilding year. Not this coach. "I don't believe in rebuilding years," Reischman told The Orange Oar. "The job is always the same--take a group of athletes and make them go as fast as you can."

Here are his comments on the spring season and the Henley trip:

Eastern Sprints:

- We knew the heat would come down to Cornell and us for the last final spot. When we raced them at Annapolis we spotted them a full length in the first 1000m and we knew we couldn't do that again. We had them by a half-length at halfway and they pushed us to the line. I thought we should have sprinted given how close the finish was but the guys said they had everything under control. My heart rate contradicted that.

- We had some trouble in the final. We pride ourselves on our ability to handle rough water. Onondaga Lake is a great training ground for this and we are out there in the rough stuff a lot. You don't get many flat water races in the Northeast. For whatever reason we didn't handle it. Maybe we were too excited for our first grand final--I am not sure. Making the final was great but we didn't feel like we represented ourselves to the best of our abilities. There are no do-overs in rowing.

- The 3V did some great racing, as did the JV. There wasn't much difference between these two crews during the entire racing season and it was fun to watch. The reason you have a 3V is to keep the JV honest and these

guys were quite good at that. I think some of the guys in the 3V came of age at the sprints. I am hoping it carries over to this next year.

The IRA:

- The 3V broke up into fours and did quite well. The year before we were in the 3rd level finals in our small boats and this year they both made the grand and they were a lot of the same guys. We saw some good improvements. The medal in the 4- was good. These were some guys who just missed the JV and worked hard all year long. They actually had to race two finals as with 750m to go in the first one the referee stopped the race when two crews out of the medals collided. This is not something the ref is supposed to do and he later apologized for his mistake. The guys did a good job of handling the re-row.
- The JV did a nice job of racing as well. We changed the lineup from Sprints and we had a nice run of practices up to the IRA. The new lineup wasn't a drastic change of speed but had a lot of consistency. Every day was just a bit better.
- The Varsity definitely wasn't what anyone would have imagined. Here is the story: The strength of our team was that we had a lot of depth on the lower end of the squad. This was evident in our fast 3V. Our weakness was depth at the varsity level--particularly in the skill spots. We had some second boat guys who could row in the engine room and do fine. But when Justin (Stangel) went out with his injury we struggled to find a stern pair combination that could generate the proper rhythm. We tried several combinations between the Sprints and the IRA and went with what we thought gave us our best shot. But sometimes things look good in practice and you never know until you get on the racecourse. From the first race it was obvious we were not generating the right rhythm and it was more of a mad scramble. The guys got off the water completely exhausted every race and twice as frustrated. We tried to make some changes on our rows between races and they would always go well but then the same thing would happen coming down the racecourse. The frustrating part was that the guys were getting off the water completely exhausted and the boat was going nowhere.
- A lot of coaches were coming up to me and saying "bad luck" about our injuries and I appreciated that but the truth of the matter is that strong programs overcome adversity. We have made some very good progress over the past couple of years and these seniors put their heart and soul into the program. It is not how any of us wanted it to end. The key is to learn and be better prepared next time. I know I will be.

Henley:

- I think Henley was a great learning experience, particularly for me. I had been over there to watch the racing once but this was the first time I had taken my own crew. There definitely are a lot of things I would do differently.
- The Ladies Plate lineup was a combination of Varsity/JV guys and the Temple Cup lineup was JV and 3V guys. We had a number of guys who had some great internships lined up and couldn't make the trip.
- During our training camp we went to Boston for four days to train with Harry Parker and his varsity crew. That was a great experience and very helpful. We were able to try a couple of different lineups in practices with them and see how they responded to racing and that helped us sort things out. I thought both boats came away from that trip with some nice rhythm and the ability to do it under the pressure of racing.
- Our hosts (the Atkinsons) were fantastic and I thought the racing was about where we should have ended up. The Ladies Plate is a tough event and it was good to advance past the first round. We ran into a very good Brown crew (4th at the IRA) in the second round and we raced hard but lost. The Temple boat progressed the same way: we won our first race against Glasgow (who advanced to the semis the year before) and ran into a good West England crew in the second round. If you know the course you know the lanes can be a bit tricky on the Thames. In the last Temple race West England shot off to the early lead by a half length open water in the first part and we did a nice job of just staying with it and had it down to 3/4 length at one point but couldn't get through. The guys raced hard all the way down the course.
- I hope we get the chance to go again. Like I said a few things I would do differently.

Loneliest Road (from Page One)

trial. Her story can be found at www.carepages.com (Page Name: Taylorgram)

On September 10th I plan to join four other fathers of children with Neuroblastoma for a collective cross country bike ride to raise awareness and funds for some cutting edge treatment options being developed at Sloan Kettering (www.loneliestroad.org). The survival rate numbers on this disease are not pretty and we are trying to do everything in our power to give our kids the best chance."

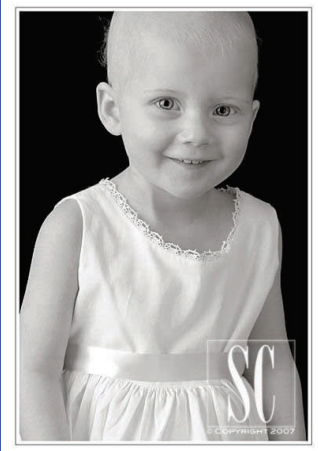


Michael and Taylor Love
- Courtesy: loneliestroad.org

The plan was to bike in shifts, non-stop, 3,700 miles from Sacramento to Washington, D.C, over 19-days, in hopes of raising awareness and two-million dollars to fight this cancer. The trip follows Highway 50 which Life magazine once called "The Loneliest Road." It seems a fitting name for the campaign involving these men and their families in what has been a lonely fight.

Here are some statistics from www.loneliestroad.org :

- *Neuroblastoma, a cancer of the sympathetic nervous system, is the third most common childhood cancer, and has one of the lowest cure rates among childhood cancers.*
- *The average age at diagnosis is 2 years old.*
- *The survival rate for high-risk neuroblastoma is a grim 30% with a 50% relapse rate.*
- *Federal funding for pediatric cancer research has declined annually for the past several years. In 2007, federal budget cuts put more than 20 new studies on hold and kept 400 children from being enrolled in clinical trials.*



Taylor Love

For more on Mike Love's journey and/or if you'd like to help, go the Loneliest Road web site: www.loneliestroad.org

SU COACHES HUNT THE QUAD FOR TALENT

In these days of intense worldwide recruiting for Olympians and junior national team members to fill men's and women's Division One squads, the quad still comes into play for Syracuse University teams. Registration with IBM cards at Archbold Gym is long gone so coaches can't put an oar at six feet with a sign saying, "If beneath this oar you cannot walk, see our crew coach and have a talk." That's how I joined. But they can and do get out among the incoming frosh during Orientation and sign them up to try out. You never know who will turn out to be a "diamond in the rough."



Coach Alicea Kochis gathers vital information



Coach Dave Weiss spreads orange crew gospel on the Quad

I remember being asked after getting my freshman haircut (another long-gone tradition) why my hair was so short. I replied, "I'm on the crew team." The response? "How do you play crew?" Coaches and team members are making sure young men and women who could be good at it are learning the answer.

-John Nicholson '68

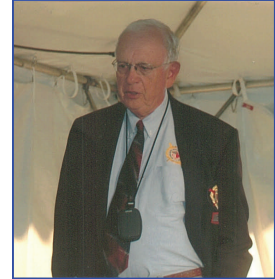
BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

1950s

Bart Green '56 - Lightweight Coach 1956-57 is living with wife Carol (married 50 years this June) on Miles River, near St. Michaels, MD, on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay, about an hour and a half from Washington, D.C. "I'm still working as General Counsel of the American Iron and Steel Institute, the North American steel industry trade association, with an arrangement that I do not have to keep regular office hours. Last year, we attended my 50th S.U. reunion, and this year we plan to attend my wife's 50th S.U. reunion (and also the Crew alum events). I keep in periodic touch with several old rowing chums. I have a nostalgic interest in the Boathouse and Long Branch area, since my family, on my father's side, for over two hundred years, lived on farms near Cold Spring." bcbgreen@crosslink.net.

Tom Lotz, '57 - of Houston, TX completed his second and final term as chair of the USRowing Referee Commission. The commission manages referee issues, to include recruitment and training. While serving in this position, he has officiated at the IRA, the Head of the Charles and the Head of the Hooch, plus several Youth and Masters regattas in Texas and the southeast US. He will serve one more year as the southeast region representative to the Referee Commission.

Tom received SU's Letterwinner of Distinction award in 2002. Former rowers and coxswains interested in becoming a rowing official may contact him at tmlotz@swbell.net.



Tom Lotz

1960s

Walter Kehm '60. Greetings to all my fellow rowers from '56 to '60. We had some great rows and fun times together. I'm still busy rowing most days and founded the Guelph Rowing Club nine years ago. (www.guelphrowing.ca). It has been an exciting time for us as we've grown to 300+ rowers with HS, Varsity and Masters programs. Our men's varsity team at the University of Guelph has placed two of its rowers in the national program and we hope to be a strong feeder club to the Canadian national team. We also start construction of our new boathouse on Sept. 15th which will greatly add to our capacity. If anybody is in the Guelph, Toronto or Southern Ontario region please contact me for a row. 519-821-1121. I'm also extending an invitation to SARA and all to join us next August 15-16, 2008 as we host the Canadian Open Masters Rowing Championships on Guelph Lake. It is the week after the Canadian Henley and we're arranging a full week of practice rowing and family, cultural and recreation events during this period. Stay tuned for more news. And congratulations to our "Cuse" rowers for their fine performances this year at home and abroad. I think Dave has done a great job in putting the university rowers in the spotlight again.

1980s



Shevaun (Webster) Fennell '89 - competed in the ITU (International Triathlon Union) BG Triathlon World Championships on Sept 2, 2007 in Hamburg, Germany. She competed for Team USA in the Age Group Championships in the intermediate distance triathlon (1.5km swim/40km bike/10km run) with participants from over 50 countries.

Fennel and Fans in Hamburg

BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

1990s

Todd I. Selig '91 - is the Town Administrator of Durham, New Hampshire. He serves as member of the board of directors for the New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies and as a trustee and vice-chairman of the board of PRIMEX (N.H. Public Risk Management Exchange). Originally from Laconia, NH, Todd lives with his wife and two daughters in Durham.



Todd Selig

Pat Young '90 – and his family are settling into Lincoln, Nebraska after moving from the Hudson Valley and Pat reports “everything is going great here.”

Scott Leventhal '95 – “I have been teaching high school English for 10 years in the Council Rock School District in Newtown PA. I have been married to my wife, Jennifer for two years. Our daughter Ryan was born on April 8, 2007.

Joe Bufano '99 – reports The Class of '98 and '99 joined together to begin an annual class gift (donation). The donation consisted of asking our team members to donate a minimum of \$25.00 and every year thereafter we pledge to increase our donation to beat our previous years total. This year, 22 alums contributed a total of over \$1000.00 to the crew program!

And a bachelor party was held for Skye Michiels in Dewey Beach, Delaware. One of the many events was a golf outing. Several alums were in attendance. The wedding is to be held in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. on October 14. Kristin Sudimack is the bride to be.



Front Row: **Jason Hillebrecht '99** and **Josh Kaplan '98**; Back Row: **Mike Cellucci '98, John Curtin '98, Paris Daskalakis '98, Skye Michiels '99, Joe Bufano '99, Robbie Hopkins** and **Patrick Daughton '99**.

BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI



Evan and Nolan

Evan Scott '99 - and his wife Katy have a second son. Nolan Henry Scott. Nolan was born at 8:14am on Sat. June 23, 2007. He weighed in at 9 lbs 3 oz and was 21 inches long. Big brother Calder is said to be “absolutely thrilled.”

2000s

Glenn Heyer '00 - recently became a certified NYS Professional Engineer, and has been training to run the NYC Marathon in November.

Andrea Mueller '05 - lives in Menlo Park, California and works for Trend Micro (software security like McAfee and Symantec) doing public relations.

Last December she ran the Honolulu marathon in Hawaii. In March Andrea went to Japan to visit her sister and planned a trip to Nepal and Tibet for about three weeks in September.

“I miss crew, having a team and the workouts,” Andrea says. “I'm currently not rowing but I am staying busy with other activities. I run, bike, do yoga and rock climb. I do short races and am going to do some adventure races this fall. In a few years I will probably start rowing again.”

ALUMS MAKING AN INTERNATIONAL SPLASH

Congratulations to two Syracuse Rowing Grads who won gold medals at the World Rowing Championships this summer in Beijing.



Liwski

Anna Goodale '05 won gold rowing 3 seat of the Women's Eight.

Chris Liwski '02 won gold while stroking the Men's four with coxswain.

Both will be training next year for the Beijing Olympics.



Goodale

BACKSPLASH—NEWS OF OUR ALUMNI

A story can be found here: <http://suathletics.com/News/Crew/2007/9/4/RowingChampionships.asp?path=crew>; You can also find more stories on www.row2k.com.

Also, Syracuse alums are making their presence felt at Oxford and Cambridge. **Dan O'Shaughnessy '06** is the newly elected president of the Cambridge University Boat Club. El Presidente rowed 2 seat in the victorious Cambridge top boat last spring. Dan is joined this year at Cambridge by **Bartosz Szczyrba '07** who rowed 6 seat in our varsity last spring. Additionally, **Justin Stangel '07** (last year's varsity 7 seat) will be rowing for Oxford. **Andrew Wright '04**, who rowed 5 seat in last year's Oxford boat was undecided when I talked to him this past summer on whether he will join the squad. He was weighing some great educational/career opportunities.

- Above items courtesy of Coach Dave Reischman

ALUMNI EIGHT TAKES IRA MASTERS TITLE AGAIN

Captain Bob Price's Elite Eight defended its Masters Title at the IRA in Camden this June, once again edging the rival Big Red of Cornell, with Brown third. SU's alums finished in 7:03.8 to Cornell's 7:05.2. Brown was three seconds farther back, followed by Penn B, Navy, Penn A and MIT.

IRA Masters Championship Boat

Cox Joe Peter, Stroke Bob Price, 7 Don Smith, 6 Jeff Schafer, 5 Tom Darling, 4 John Campbell, 3 Bill Purdy, 2 Ted Kakas, Bow Jim Edmonds

Homecoming (from Page One)

Plans include:

- Social gathering Friday evening at local pub/restaurant
- Alumni Row/Class Day races and picnic Saturday
- Meet the team members and coaches
- Annual Alumni awards to be given out

Syracuse Football vs. Rutgers at the Carrier Dome

It will be especially big for the Class of '57 - the 50-year class – and Tom Lotz says he is putting together an eight. “Jack MacClelland (Captain), Bob Angelucci, Pete Beckett, Karl Blixt, Tom Lotz, Dave Acker, Bart Green ('56, spouse is '57) & Ham Dixon ('55, spouse is '57. Help us find a cox and we are in business!”

Times for the Saturday events will depend on when the football game is scheduled and that depends on TV. If you are planning on attending the football game on Saturday please send a quick email with your phone number to jibu-fano23@hotmail.com

indicating how many tickets you would like.

As of Sept. 12 more than 70 men and women had indicated they'll be coming. To get on the list contact **Tracy Smith 617-803-8660 or Joe Bufano 315-247-6055**

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S CREW CALENDAR 2007-08

Saturday October 13	SARA Alumni Day	Syracuse
Sunday October 28	Princeton Chase	Princeton
Saturday November 3	Syracuse Invitational	Syracuse
Saturday November 17	Foot of the Charles	Boston
Sat-Sun May 5-6	San Diego Classic	San Diego
Saturday April 12	Rutgers (Ten Eyck Cup)	New Brunswick, NJ
Saturday April 19	Navy, Cornell (Goes Cup)	Ithaca
Saturday April 26	BU, Columbia (Conlan Cup)	Syracuse
Saturday May 10	Dartmouth (Packard Cup)	Hanover, NH
Saturday May 18	Eastern Sprints	Worcester, MA
Thu- Sat June 5-7	IRA Regatta	Camden, NJ