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Off The Water

Get to know men's head coach, Michael Callahan, '96

Now in his 13th year at UW and ninth year as men's head coach, Callahan has helped establish Washington Rowing as an indomitable force in the world of rowing. While a student-athlete at Washington, Callahan was the captain and commodore of the 1996 team and earned a degree in history.

Where did you grow up?

My father was in the Navy so we moved all over the U.S. I was born in Honolulu, HI, and we moved around from Idaho Falls, Norfolk Virginia, San Diego, Mystic, CT, and the Kitsap Peninsula before settling in the D.C. area where I went to Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, VA. Jirka Zapatal and Bob Ernst recruited me to the UW. That was the first place I chose to go so I consider Seattle my home.

Who is the single biggest influence in your life and why?

I feel like I have a lot of influencers in my life. My coaches really stand out being a Navy kid growing up. Charlie Butt was my first rowing coach. Todd Jesdale showed me how to excel in rowing. Bob Ernst showed me a systematic, scientific approach. And my parents taught me to be dedicated and work hard. My wife Joanna is a continuously positive influence in my life.

What do you do in your time away from the boathouse?

When I'm not coaching, I always try to spend time with my family and get in a bike ride if I can. We try to take advantage of all the adventures available near Seattle: the zoo, the Seattle waterfront, Seward Park, ferries, the Seattle Center, etc., and we watch a lot of Moana lately.

If you could choose one outdoor activity (besides rowing) in Seattle what would it be and where would you go?

Probably cycling around the Pacific Northwest. I would also love to do more mountain biking in the summer, cross country skiing in the Methow Valley in the winter, and fly fishing anytime anywhere.



Favorite Seattle restaurant?

Dick's! It became a tradition to go there after we win a National Championship....it's been two years!

Favorite movie?

The Right Stuff.

Favorite book?

The Boys in the Boat, of course!

Proudest moment as a Husky so far?

That's a tough one, some of the proudest moments are not necessarily the public ones on a big stage. Most of them are the small moments when you see students reach or surpass their potential: making the 3rd varsity, getting a personal record on an erg test, passing calculus, getting into a difficult major, receiving a Commission in the military, being accepted to graduate school or showing citizenship and giving back to the program that served them and realizing they can handle the hardest of all challenges.

Last but not least, tell us about your children.

I have two lovely daughters, Ellison who turned 4 in August, and Maja who will be 2 in October.

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Cover: 2017 is a year for the record books! From the women sweeping the Pac-12's and NCAA's, to the men winning the Pac-12 Varsity 8, Team Title, and IRA Team Points Trophy, 2017 marked the first time in 20 years that both the men and women won national team titles together. Our cover photo features all 18 major trophies won by Washington Rowing in the 2016-2017 season. _Congratulations Huskies!



Friends,

Last September we highlighted momentum and raised the question of the direction the accompanying change would take. After an unprecedented sweep of the NCAA Championships by the women and the men winning the Ten Eyck trophy at the IRA Championships, it's clear the program is in a very good place.

A word about the Board of Rowing Stewards. Generous in every sense of the word, these men and women quietly go about their business and in so doing, allow the coaches to remain focused on developing their student-athletes. We are grateful to our Board Members (see page 11) and encourage you to recognize their service when the opportunity presents itself.

To you, the Stewards of this program, please know your support was simply exceptional this past year. A few particular metrics stand out. Alumni participation in the Annual Fund was up 33% over 2015-16. Overall participation was up almost 25% and most importantly, you blew right by our goal of \$250,000, contributing \$324,000 for the fiscal year. Additionally we had a new women's endowment established and fully funded. This is championship-level stuff and one of the reasons both the men's and women's teams will be sending crews to the Head of the Charles this fall.

As Stewards, you are likely aware of the costs associated with running a Division I program. Even if Yaz and Michael were to choose mediocrity over excellence, costs would continue to escalate. Consider scholarships, which are directly tied to tuition. In 2003, the State of Washington covered two thirds of the University's budget with tuition covering one third. By 2017, those

numbers have flipped with tuition covering two thirds of the budget and the State covering the other third. Accordingly resident tuition has increased from \$4,600 in 2003 to \$10,750 in 2017.

Looking forward, we have a choice. We can fund the team at a competitive level, comfortable in the knowledge we will go head to head with the top programs, or alternatively we can resolve to continue to fund the team at the championship level established last year, confident we will consistently compete for the national title. The difference between these two choices is defined by the Annual Fund.

With the start of school comes the opportunity for the class of 2021 to begin to write their history and the class of 2018 to leave their legacy. Rowing for the University of Washington comes with inherent expectations. The program's success in 2017 has emboldened us to elevate those expectations. Please join us in supporting these student-athletes in their quest for the sublime. Go Dawgs!

Sincerely,

Jane Powers and Trevor Vernon Co-chairs Washington Rowing Board of Stewards







The Washington rowing magazine

Coaches' Letter Annual Report

Beyond The Boat

By Yaz Farooq and Michael Callahan

The University of Washington Rowing program stood at the top of the National Rowing field once again in 2017, taking home the team point trophies at the Pac-12, NCAA, and IRA Championships. Combined, the men's and women's teams won six of seven Grand Finals at our respective National Championships (the men missing Varsity 8 gold by thousands of a second).

The women's Varsity 8 took the crown as the fastest women's boat in the land for the first time in sixteen years, as the team swept the NCAA's. It was a superb year athletically.

It was also a superb year academically. Seventeen men and ten women made the UW Dean's list during our Championship Season, while the women's team average GPA (3.19) and the men's (3.11) both increased over last year.

At the 1965 Varsity Boat Club Banquet, George Pocock addressed the crowd with these words: "Harmony, Balance, Rhythm. These things stay with you your whole life." This is what we teach

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at Washington. One of the ways we are advancing that—and by doing so are leading the collegiate rowing landscape—is by emphasizing the development of young adults outside of the rowing shell. In that spirit, this year we are formally introducing our personal development curriculum: the "Beyond the Boat" life skills program.



The program is centered on the concepts of personal responsibility, accountability to teammates, valuing the University (and the academic and cultural opportunities that abound here), and the Seattle community in which we live. It is a holistic program that includes weekly seminars with guest speakers, group activities, and open discussion (along with personal introspection), and will be guided by our head coaches and our staff.

The "Beyond the Boat" program is one that we aspire for each and every participant with Washington Rowing—past, present and future. It is an innovative program that is unique in collegiate rowing. We believe it will help cement our culture in the boathouse, and help in the recruitment of top athletes to Washington.

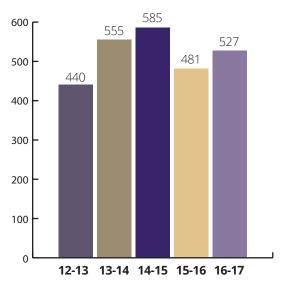
"Beyond the Boat" also presents unique opportunities for our alumni base to re-engage with the development of our student-athletes. From attending one (or all!) of our alumni events, addressing our team, providing internship opportunities, or simply investing in our Annual Drive (which will fund this program), you can be the difference in the personal growth of our athletes.

The goal is simple: to re-invigorate and re-commit to these words "Harmony, Balance, Rhythm."

That is our priority at Washington; it always has been, and it always will be.

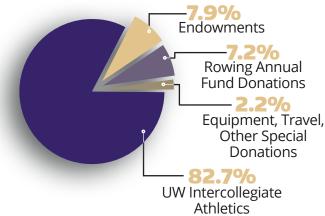
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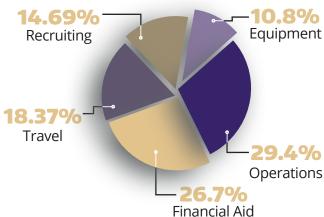


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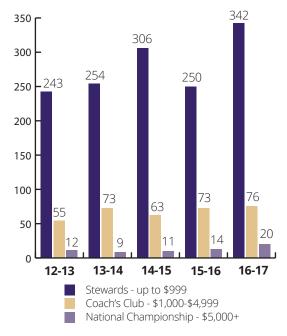


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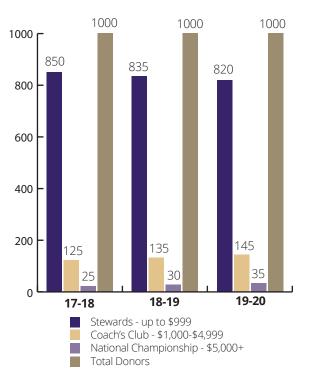
These charts represent our last fiscal year, July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017.

Rowing Annual Fund Donations by Level



This graph shows the number of donations to the Washington Rowing Annual Fund received by level. Giving to The Rowing Fund provides unrestricted funding that allows Washington Rowing to tackle its greatest needs. Gifts to this fund allow us to provide the best possible experience for Washington Rowers like scholarship support, recruiting, student-athlete wellness and cutting-edge equipment and other special projects that make Washington Rowing the program we all love.

Rowing Annual Fund Goals



Thank You to the 527 Donors Who Contributed \$1,478,401.

Endowments

Washington Rowing Endowments

Endowment donors establish sustaining sources of scholarship and program funds that last through time. Endowments preserve the principal and use the interest from invested funds to cover the costs of program needs and the costs of annual scholarships – the single biggest expense for Husky Athletics. We are deeply grateful to all our endowment donors.

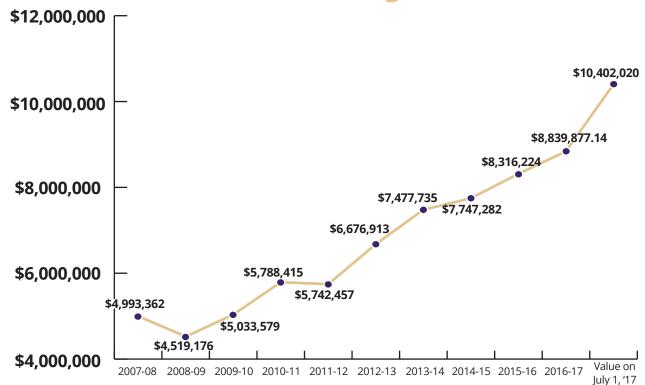
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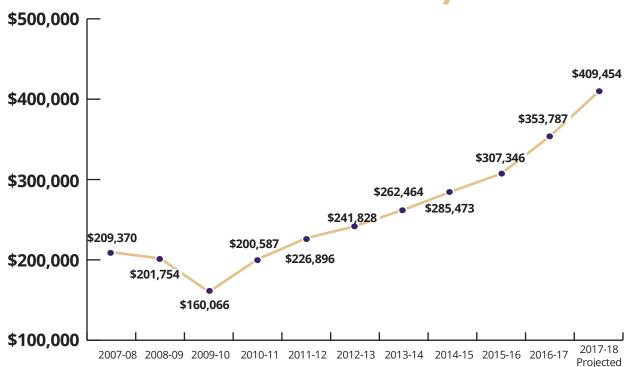
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The Washington Rowing Stewards, through an active presence of alumni and friends of the program, work to connect and inspire our community to support and promote the men's and women's rowing teams at the University of Washington.



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Student Recognition Summer Rowing

2016-17 Men's and Women's **Dean's Lists**

Avery Andrews (w) Sophia Baker (w) Blake Bauer (w, s) Julia Bergquist (f, w, s) Grant Bringham (w, s) Kadie Brown (f) Rosie Brown (s) Weston Brown (f) Delaney Butler (s) Guglielmo Carcano (w, s) Braedan Daste (f, s) Eliza Dawson (f, w) Elliot De Bruin (w, s) Amanda Durkin (f, w) Lucas El Khoury (f, w, s) Anouschka Fenley (f) Thomas Fuller (w, s) Annaka Green (w) Valentina Iseppi (w) Robert Karlen (f, s) Harvey Kay (w) Sean Kelly (s) Harrison King (f, w, s) Arne Landboe (w) Luca Lovisolo (w) Phoebe Marks-Nicholes (w, s) Vuk Matovic (w, s)

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2017 National Scholar Athletes

Amanda Durkin, Environmental Studies Anouschka Fenley, English; Law, Societies, & Justice Margaret Phillips, Comparative History of Ideas Anna Calina Schanze, Business Jalyn Stinardo, Psychology/Diversity McKenzie Waltar, English Jennifer Wren, Pre-Major (A&S)

Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) Pocock All-Americans

These awards recognize the outstanding performances of rowers and coxswains on the national level in women's collegiate rowing. First team:

Elise Beuke Katy Gillingham **Brooke Pierson** Karle Pittsinger

2017 Inter-collegiate Rowing **Association All-Academic Team**

To be eligible for recognition a student-athlete must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.35 or higher, completed one full year at their institution (freshmen and first-year transfers are not eligible), be an institutional letter winner, and also competed at the 2017 IRA National Championship Regatta. In all, 336 studentathletes from 32 member institutions were recognized.

Guglielmo Carcano, 3.63, Sr., Business Administration (Marketing), Mendrisio, Switzerland Braedan Daste, 3.40, Jr., Business Administration, Redmond, Wash. Andrew Gaard, 3.38, So., Pre-Engineering, Madison, Wis. Luke Khoury, 3.80, Jr., Chemical Engineering, Los Angeles Arne Landboe, 3.45, Jr., International Studies, Shoreline, Wash. Rielly Milne, 3.53, Jr., Communication, Woodinville,

Madison Molitor, 3.50, So., Pre-Arts & Sciences, Moses Lake, Wash. Lia Roberds, 3.59, Sr., Industrial Engineering, Kirkland, Wash.

Stuart Sim, 3.47, Sr., Business Administration (Finance), Melbourne, Australia

2017 Academic All-Pac-12 **Teams**

In order to be recognized as a PAC-12 All Academic athlete. the student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and row in least half of the team's regular season events.

Women's 1st Team

(Name, Year, GPA, Major) Anouschka Fenley, SR, 3.70, Delaney Goetz, SR, 3.68, Intercollegiate Athletic Leadership Calina Schanze, SO, 3.65, Pre-Major (Arts & Sciences) Kenzie Waltar, JR, 3.69, English

Women's 2nd Team

Amanda Durkin, SO, 3.51, **Environmental Studies** Phoebe Marks-Nicholes, JR, 3.38, Medical Anthropology & Global Health Chiara Ondoli, JR, 3.45, Pre-Major (Arts & Sciences) Margaret Phillips, SR, 3.55, Comparative History of Ideas Anna Porteous, JR, 3.43, Pre-Major (Arts & Sciences) Phoebe Spoors, SR, 3.34, Communications Ialvn Stinardo, SR, 3.56. Psychology Jennifer Wren, SO, 3.50, Pre-Major (Arts & Sciences)

Women's Honorable Mention

Sophia Baker, SR, 3.25, Comparative Literature Kadie Brown, SR, 3.25, Psychology

Men's 1st Team

Guglielmo Carcano, SR, 3.63, **Business Administration** (Marketing) Luke Khoury, JR, 3.80, Chemical Engineering Lia Roberds, SR, 3.59, Industrial Engineering Stuart Sim. SR. 3.47. Business Administration (Finance)

Men's 2nd Team

Blake Bauer, JR, 3.31, Pre-Major Eric Benca, SR, 3.33, Business Management (Human Resources) Andrew Gaard, SO, 3.38, Pre-Engineering Arne Landboe, JR, 3.45, International Studies Luca Lovisolo, JR, 3.43, Public Health Rielly Milne, JR, 3.53, Pre-Major (Arts & Sciences) Madison Molitor, SO, 3.50, Pre-Major (Arts & Sciences) Pietro Zileri dal Verme, SR, 3.28, **European Studies**

Men's Honorable Mention

Oscar Golberg, SR, 3.30, Biology Robert Karlen, JR, 3.24, Political Jake Zier, SR, 3.26, Political Science

Summer Rowing Results

Huskies Haul In 17 Medals At World U-23s

Seventeen Huskies earned medals at the World Rowing Women's Eight (W8+) Under-23 Championships in June.

In all, 21 Huskies, all of whom will return to Seattle for the coming season, rowed in the regatta.

In a dramatic women's eight final, Russia led in the early-going, but gave way to the American boat with Elisa Beuke, '19, and Jessica Thoennes, '18, at the halfway mark. However, just after the United States crew had moved into the lead, two-seat rower Claire Collins' seat came off of its tracks, throwing the boat out of rhythm and allowing Canada to take over first. Unable to reattach the seat, Collins rowed the final 750 meters without it and, despite that disadvantage, the U.S. women held off the rest of the field to earn the silver medal.

In the men's pair B final, Huskies Alexander Vollmer, '20, and Philipp Nonnast, '19, finished in fourth place in a competitive race, just six seconds behind the first-place Dutch. In the B final in the men's eight, Luca Lovisolo, '18, and his Italian crew finished fourth in a fast and tightly-packed race.

For full results, photos, recaps and more, check out WorldRowing.com.

Here's the full list of UW rowers who participated in the World Rowing Under-23 Championships, with their final result:

USA - Elise Beuke, '19, Jessica Thoennes, '18 (finished 2nd in A final)

Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)

Great Britain - Anna Thornton, '19 (finished 1st in A

Women's Coxless Four (W4-)

Italy - Carmela Pappalardo, '20 (finished 5th in A final) Germany - Tabea Schendekehl, '20, Annemieke Schanze, '20, Calina Schanze, '19 (finished 3rd in A final)

Women's Double Sculls (W2x)

Italy - Valentina Iseppi, '20 (finished 2nd in A final) Women's Pair (W2-)

USA - Brooke Pierson, '18 (finished 3rd in A final) Men's Eight (M8+)

Italy - Luca Lovisolo, '18 (4th in B final)

Netherlands - Bram Schwarz, '20, Simon van Dorp, '20, Michiel Mantel, '19 (finished 1st in A final)

Men's Coxed Four (M4+)

USA - Tennyson Federspiel, '19, Evan Olson, '19, Ben Davison, '18, Rielly Milne, '18, Arne Landboe, '18 (finished 3rd in A final)

Men's Pair (M2-)

Germany - Philipp Nonnast, '19, Alexander Vollmer, '20 (finished 4th in B final)

Serbia - Viktor Pivac, '18 (finished 3rd in A final)





Washington Wrapped Up Successful Summer with US Rowing Club Nationals

Five Washington student-athletes wrapped up a successful summer racing campaign at the US Rowing Club Nationals. Representing Seattle Area Rowing Association, Madison Molitor, '19, and Sam Halbert, '20, took an early lead in the Men's Elite Pair and Intermediate pair races and never looked back. They took home the gold in both events. Rising sophomores George Esau, '20, and Cole Zwierzynski, '20, finished second behind Halbert and Molitor in the Elite Pair event. Joined by coxswain Thomas Fuller, '20, the two pairs joined forces and came away with Gold in the men's elite coxed four. Well rowed!

Featured Alumni Featured Alumni

Why I Give:

Peg Achterman, '82, and Andrew Beaton, '08

By Eric Cohen, '82

One of the more familiar faces in the last two decades at any UW rowing event – you name it – is Peg Achterman '82. Whether it is volunteering at the Steward's Enclosure at the Windermere Cup, flipping burgers on Class Day, or representing her class at Steward's meetings, she is a mainstay among the alumni supporting the program.

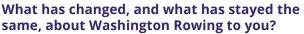
In addition to her time, Peg consistently gives to the program, and has also included Washington Rowing in her will as part of the Forever Washington legacy program. We asked her recently about her experience as an athlete at Washington, her greatest influences, and why she gives back:



Cal Dual in 1981 on Opening Day. All I remember was the noise as we started to move on Cal. We could barely hear Lisa Horn (coxswain) but we knew we were moving and by the time we hit the bridge we were ahead by a few seats. Once we crossed the finish line I could hardly hear or see — everything was pounding, we were all gasping for air, but we'd won the Cal Dual for the first time.

Who influenced you as a rower or mentor when you were a student?

I came to rowing as a sophomore after being on the track and field team my first year. So Laura Jackson and Katie Fox — who were just ahead of me — convinced me to shift. I also give a lot of credit to Ken Shannon (track coach) for making me a better athlete for success as a rower.



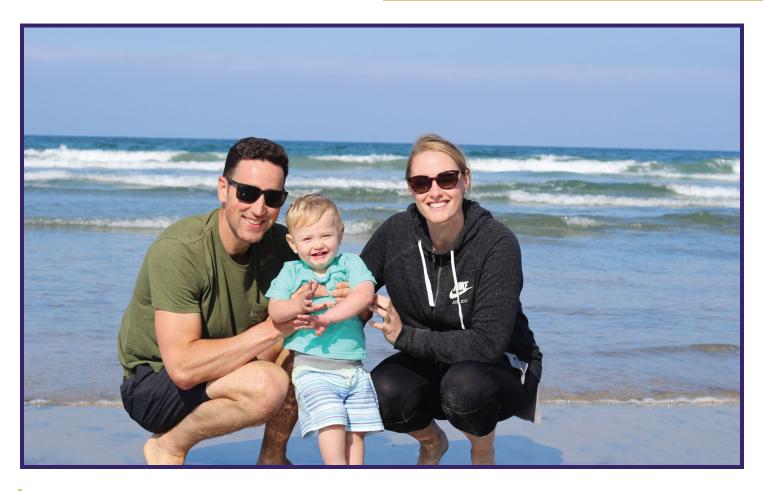
I appreciate that the traditions have mostly stayed the same - whether it's how we christen shells, or how teams work together - Washington Rowing is steeped in commitment to the team and to excellence. The other thing that remains constant is our course and our lake... when I see it I can remember a practice or a race. The Mountain (Rainier) is still there - kind of saying "think you're so tough?"

What do you see as the role of the alumni in the success of Washington Rowing, and why?

The fact that the current rowers see the alums regularly – particularly women - at events is just a far-reaching influence. And that fact that names are attached to scholarships, to shells, to rooms... they see what it takes to keep UW rowing strong.

Why do you give to Washington Rowing?

I've given to the program pretty regularly since my graduation in '82, but in the last few years I've been able to do more. I lost my sister Gail to pancreatic cancer five years ago. She was an athlete at Stanford in the pre-Title IX days. They swam and played ball and ran for the sheer love of it. She was my best cheerleader as I went through my career at UW. I honor Gail and her trail-blazing spirit as an athlete and leader every time I give to UW Rowing since I know she would do the same.



Less than ten years out of school, Andrew Beaton, '08, and his wife Genevieve, have set the bar for their generation. Through the everpresent demands on their life from careers (he works for a Seattle-based asset management firm and frequently travels to the Bay Area) and starting a family, the Beatons still find the time to help organize the annual Class Day BBQ, sell gear on Opening Day, and donate to the program.

Here is what Andrew had to say about the influence of Washington Rowing on his life, and why he gives back:

What was your most memorable moment as a Husky?

The 2007 Cal Dual in the Cut, junior year. It was the JV race, we were down 3/4 of a length with 600 meters left, and the feeling that it was another Cal "rout" began creeping in (my first two years were plagued by Cal dominance). Then our stroke, BJ Caron, the Flying Dutchman, the Swedish Chef, or whatever teammates "affectionately" called him, began swinging. Micah Perrin, our otherwise jovial coxswain, put BJ's actions into words, igniting a move that had us walking back on the Bears. My field of vision narrowed in what I can only describe as akin to the end of a Looney Tunes cartoon as our boat heaved through the Cut... we won by a boat length (or was it open water? The distance grows with time...) And the varsity dominated from

line-to- line, signaling what would turn out to be a seismic shift on the West Coast and national scene for years to come.

Who influenced you when you were a student?

Bob Ernst taught me the importance of process and to have faith that the program has given you the best opportunity to reach success on the last day of the year. And Michael Callahan for trying to imbue us with strong leadership qualities from his first day in the boathouse (even though it took me a few years in corporate life after rowing to fully appreciate).

What has changed, and what has stayed the same, about Washington Rowing to you?

Clearly the turnout gear ascends to a new level each year, causing envy among the alums on race day.

The rowers wearing the gear, though... they haven't changed. Students, competitors, winners, that's been consistent.

What do you see as the role of the alumni in the success of Washington Rowing, and why?

Support in all forms: money, time and cheering, whether all of it or simply giving \$20 or attending a race and yelling your voice hoarse.

Why do you give to Washington Rowing?

One small way to give back as gratitude for the things you've seen on these pages before: strong desire to succeed in life and lasting friendships.



Honoring Our Women's Captains 1975–1980

By Eric Cohen, '82

Honoring our captains at Washington is a tradition that goes back to the earliest days of the program. The Captain's Wall at Conibear Shellhouse – with photos of every athlete that has led the program since the beginning – serves as a connection to our past, and a reminder of those that have come before us.

Missing from that wall have been the women's captains who served their teams from 1975-1980. Through extensive searching and conversations with alumnae, late last spring these six Washington Rowing captains joined their peers on the Captain's Wall: BJ Connolly and Nancy Michalson (1975); Kathy Bulger (1976, 1977); Linda Cox (1978); Jean Bulger (1979); and Lori Slehofer (1980). We talked with BJ, Linda and Kate about their Washington rowing experience and what it has meant to them. Read more about the 1975-1980 captains at WashingtonRowing.com.

BJ Connolly

BJ began rowing when the sport was still an intramural sport for women at Washington, and they rowed out of the old Navy Hangar on the Montlake Cut. "The old shellhouse was dark and cold but we did not care. Who would have thought that by the end of



my freshman year we would be winning the NWRA National Championship in the lightweight eight... to have been a part of those boats was an unbelievable experience. By my senior year additional universities had also started their programs; UCLA, Cal, Oregon State; and we were all creating history for our schools: racing at the Western Sprints, and the best race of all: being the first Husky Women's Crew to compete in Opening Day.

Husky rowing taught me that life is all about connecting. Those that know the sport know that the

tradition of excellence, giving of yourself 110% for a team effort and being able to handle the workload of training with studying are all challenges we overcome. And after you graduate, because of that you can handle any experience with fortitude and grace. The skills you learn as a rower will serve you for years to come!"

Linda Cox Fornaciari

Captain in 1978, Linda is the only coxswain added to the Captain's Wall in this group. "I like to say that my four years as a coxswain were where I learned how to tell taller people what to do, and haven't stopped since. But the truth is that



Washington Rowing taught me the power of a group working together, and how each individual adds their particular strength to the whole to do what seems impossible. Quite frankly, once you have worked this hard and this many hours in the dark and rain, you have an innate confidence any place you go.

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-Linda Cox Fornaciari

I became a corporate attorney and could always look anyone in the eye and think they never could have done the crazy early practices, the 100 sets of stadium stairs and work as hard as we did. You simply cannot be intimidated and you know you can work harder than anyone else in whatever you do. In the late '70's there was active opposition to women rowing by the men's team... except for the few who were our friends. Title Nine brought us more equal benefits, but as the first group of women inducted into the Varsity Boat Club, we faced hostility. The strong bonds we developed, knowing we could count on each person in our boat in a crunch, always pulled us through, in a race or any time we needed each other.

I know that the amazing women rowing today for the UW are forging this confidence and strong connection with their teammates now. I hope they will treasure it and carry it with them forever."



Kathy Bulger (Kate Camber)

Kate was elected captain in both 1976 and 1977 by her teammates, and for good reason: she was a leader both on and off the water throughout her career at Washington. "All of us loved rowing - to me it was the best part of my day... as a sport it is individual and

it's a team, I loved that part of it. When you can rely on other people... and feel the swing together in the boat... those relationships stood above and beyond anything else in my life at the time."

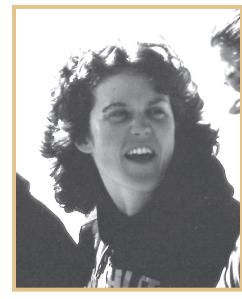
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As captain in 1977, Kate was instrumental in bringing women into the Varsity Boat Club for the first time and said at the time: "I am looking forward with a lot of hope" to being a VBC member. Sixteen women were inducted into the VBC for the first time

"I always remembered my rowing career as a really special time, it was my refuge, everything fell away, I didn't have any problems. You have to be in the moment every moment when you are rowing. When I got into the rowing shell my life was perfect. And I was aware of that.

It was so beautiful. The sounds of the bubbles, on the cedar shells, Mt. Rainier, the sunrise over the Cascades – it was like music. When you have the run, and the drip, drip, drip off the oars... it was almost perfection."

The 70's Captains will be recognized at the Women's Brunch on February 3, 2018.







that year.

Nancy Michalson



Jean Bulger

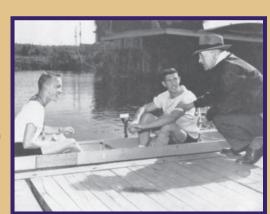
In Memoriam

ROGER BAIRD, '51

The Washington Rowing family was saddened to hear of the passing of Hall-of-Famer Roger Baird, '51, on July 14, 2017.

Roger was inducted into the Hall of Fame in the fall of 2000, along with many of his '48-'50 teammates, as recognition for the dominant performances of the Washington Rowing team during that era. Both the 1948 and the 1950 teams swept the river, with Baird playing a critical role as stroke of the Frosh 8 in 1948 and stroke of the Varsity 8 in 1950. In fact, he is one of the few oarsmen in Washington history to win a gold medal in all three IRA major events, stroking to victory the Frosh 8 in '48, the JV 8 in '49, and the V8 in '50.

"He stroked every day of his career," said classmate Tren Griffin, '51, "and he gave everything on every stroke, so much so that there were days where I thought I was going to have to carry him out of the shell. Besides being a wonderful person, I believe he was one of the greatest stroke oars in Washington history."



Roger defined the exceptional nature of the athletes and crews of his era, and the entire Washington Rowing family would like to extend our condolences to his family, friends and teammates during this time.

ROBERT (BOB) ROGERS, '55



Bob Rogers, '55, passed peacefully in his sleep July 9, 2017 next to his beloved wife, Jennie, in their home in Edmonds, WA.

In 1941, the family moved to Seattle. Bob attended the University of Washington, graduating with a BA in Business in 1955. He joined the army in 1956 and served two years at Fort Lawton in Seattle.

Rowing became a very large part of Bob's life during his freshman year at UW. He made varsity crew in his senior year. After college, he and several other rowing friends formed Lake Washington Rowing Club and rowed competitively aiming for the Olympics. They missed 1956, but in 1960, he and lifetime friend Ted Frost started rowing a pair without coxswain and won nearly all of their events. They won the Gold Medal in the 1959 Pan American games, and took fifth place in the 1960 Olympics in Rome. He always used a quote one of his coaches told him after the last race: "It's not what you do when you win big, but what you do when you lose big that counts." He used that quote often throughout his life.

CLASS REUNIONS IN 2018

Classes of '08, '98, '88, '78, '68 and '58 – watch social media and Washington Rowing email announcements for more information on your class reunions during class day weekend March 23–24, 2018.



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Out & About





(1) Karle Pittsinger, '18, Elise Beuke, '19, Jess Thoenness, '18, and alumna Katelin Snyder Guregian, '09, at U23 Trials in Princeton, NJ, in June. (2) Huskies class of 2012 at Opening Day. Left to right: Rob Munn, Rob Squires, Ambrose Puttmann, Reiner Hershaw, Cl Miller, Jay Thompson, Laura Denman, Mathis Jessen, Tom Lehmann and Sam Ojserkis. (3) Congratulations to Margaret Dobrowolski, '14, and Myles Neary, '14, (V8 national champ) on their July 14, 2017 wedding in The Culford School, Bury St. Edmund England. (4) Members of the class of '82 together at Crater Lake, OR, this summer, left to right: Kevin Hansen, Al Erickson, Jim Pugel ('81), Al Forney, Blake Nordstrom, Eric Cohen, Jon Corriveau, and John Menefee. (5) Terry Fisk, '79, Mike Hess, '77, Mark Miller, '79, John Stillings, '78, and Jesse Franklin, '77, celebrated the 40th anniversary of their Grand Challenge victory with the trophy at Henley Royal Regatta 2017.

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2017-18 Washington Rowing Schedule

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Head of the Charles	Oct. 21-22 All Day	Boston, MA
Head of the American (w)	Oct. 27-28 All Day	Gold River, CA
Head of the Lake	Nov. 5 8 AM	Montlake Cut
Turkey Trot	Nov. 17 4 PM	Conibear Shellhouse
Women's Brunch	Feb. 3	Conibear Shellhouse
Stewards All-Call Meeting	Feb. 7	Conibear Shellhouse
USC (w)	Mar. 3 All Day	Las Vegas, NV
Washington Rowing Banquet	Mar. 23 6 PM	Don James Center, Seattle, WA
Class Day Regatta	Mar. 24 8 AM	Montlake Cut
Husky Open (m)	Mar. 31 8 AM	Montlake Cut
Husky Open/ WSU (w)	Mar. 31 8 AM	Montlake Cut
Stanford/OSU (m)	Apr. 7 8 AM	Montlake Cut
Texas/U of Michigan (w)	Apr. 14 All Day	Las Vegas, NV
CALIFORNIA	Apr. 21 8 AM	Redwood Shores, CA
Windermere Cup	May 5 8 AM	Montlake Cut
PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIPS	May 13 All Day	Gold River, CA
NCAA Championships (w)	May 25-27 All Day	Sarasota, FL
IRA National Championships (m)	May 31-Jun. 3 All Day	Mercer Lake, NJ

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