

APRIL 2026

# FLORIDA CLUB ROWING

University of Florida Club Rowing Newsletter



## REGATTAS

### SARASOTA 2K (FIRA)

DATE: MARCH 27-28

LOCATION:  
SARASOTA, FL

### SIRA

DATE: APRIL 18-19

LOCATION:  
OAK RIDGE, TN

### ACRA

DATE: MAY 15-17

LOCATION:  
OAK RIDGE, TN

## EVENTS

### FAMILY AND ALUMNI WEEKEND

DATE: APRIL 11

LOCATION:  
GAINESVILLE, FL



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## HELLO FLORIDA CLUB ROWING FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ALUMNI,

We love the sound of clinkage!

Since our last newsletter, our rowers have been staying busy racing at FIRA and SIRA, and bonding with loved ones at Family and Alumni day!

At FIRA, our novices showed out, with the WN8+ taking gold and the WN4+ taking bronze. The men's and women's doubles also kicked butt, taking home bronze and silver, respectively.

At SIRA, all our varsity women across the 1V8+ and the 2V8+ walked away with bronze, with very tight races across both events. Congrats to all our medalists from both weekends!

Lastly, our annual Family and Alumni weekend was a huge success at the Boathouse and Swamp Restaurant. Many stories were shared and many tears were shed at our most emotional event of the year. Thank you to everyone who planned, contributed, and went to the event.

**FIRA:** Racing in Sarasota is hot, but we're hotter. Shoutout to our medalists, the WN8+ placing 1<sup>st</sup>, the WN4+ placing 3<sup>rd</sup>, the W2X placing 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the M2X placing 3<sup>rd</sup>! Let's go gators!



**FAMILY AND ALUMNI WEEKEND:** Family and Alumni Day is our most special and emotional day of year, and this year was no exception. We first had the morning shift which included banner signing and erg relays, followed by the evening dinner which included a silent auction, senior speeches, and awards! A most special shoutout to Brianna Babani and Annie Fretwell for planning the most memorable night!



**SIRA:** At SIRA, both of our women's boats found the podium, highlighted by an especially tight, hard-fought race in the 1V8+. This year's SIRA felt especially special with how close the team became, bonding over races, singing karaoke, and laughing over shared stories on the bus ride back to Gainesville.



We're so excited to return to Oak Ridge for ACRA in a month! Follow us on Instagram (@ufloridacrew) to get updates about our most anticipated regatta of the year!

## ROWER OF THE MONTH



### Annie Fretwell

What makes junior rower Annie Fretwell especially deserving is the time & effort spent putting into Fam and Alumni this year. It would not have been the same without you and we appreciate how much work you did, Annie!



### David Silva

Junior rower David Silva has been a team player from the start. He reminds the men that he is available whenever needed, and he's there to help with any boat at any time. David is a true team player, and it doesn't go unnoticed.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND ALUMNI FOR YOUR ENDLESS SUPPORT!**

**SPRING DONATIONS** can be made electronically via our [website](#). We are raising funds for upcoming regattas. Your donation would go towards food and travel. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**, please feel free to reach out to us via email, [ufloridacrew@gmail.com](mailto:ufloridacrew@gmail.com), or message us on Instagram at [@ufloridacrew!](#)

**- HANNAH MANNINO, SECRETARY**