

SUMMER 2026

FLORIDA CLUB ROWING

University of Florida Rowing Club Newsletter



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MAY 15-17, 2026

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HELLO FLORIDA CLUB ROWING FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ALUMNI,

This summer has been a busy one for our rowers! The ACRA National Championship in May was a success, and since then, our members have transitioned into summer activities and commitments. The new executive board has been working hard to ensure a successful season this year, and we're all excited to be back in Gainesville in just a couple weeks!

We'd like to share some important updates for the coming year:

- We have made changes to our coaching staff and are thrilled to formally introduce Chris Tippin as our Varsity Men's Coach, Megan Helge as our Varsity Women's Coach, and Braydon King as our Head Novice Coach. Learn more about them below!
- The executive board and team members have pushed recruitment to a new level, and the team is anticipating a large incoming frosh/novice class!
- Due to slow recovery after the harsh drought that Newnans Lake experienced earlier this year, we will be temporarily relocating our operations to Lake Wauburg.
- The first day of practice for Varsity/Frosh will be Friday, August 21st. The first day for inexperienced rowers will be Monday, August 24th.

ACRA



A grand finish to the 25'-26' season for the Gators! This May, Florida Crew fielded four boats to take on the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA) National Championship. Due to low numbers, some of our rowers took an unconventional approach to this regatta by splitting up into smaller boats. Despite limited practice time due to our temporary move to Lake Wauburg, the Women's 1x and the Men's Lightweight Novice 4+ both finished 5th place in their respective Grand Finals; the Women's Varsity 4+ finished 1st in the B Final and 7th overall; and our varsity men made Florida Club Rowing history by bringing the first ever Men's Varsity 8+ to ACRA, placing 24th. Congratulations to all of our ACRA athletes!

MEET OUR COACHES



CHRIS TIPPIN

Coach Tippin has been a coach with Florida Crew since [2010] with the women's team; he returned to coaching post-COVID with the men's team in 2023 and has remained the head coach of Florida Club Rowing since 2024.



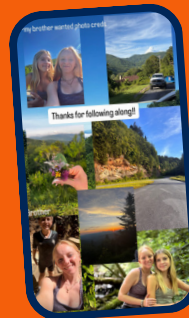
MEGAN HELGE

Coach Megan was welcomed to Florida Club Rowing as an assistant coach this past spring. A former student athlete at Jacksonville University, she will be pursuing a Master's in Medical Geography in Global Health at UF while she leads the women's team through this next season.



BRAYDON KING

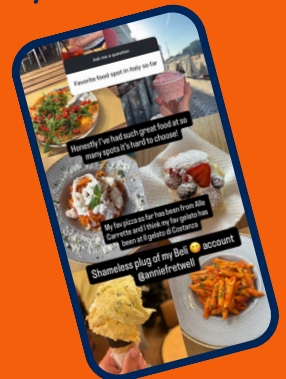
Coach Braydon is a former rower turned coach with Florida Club Rowing. Braydon rowed with FCR from 2024 until the start of last season, where he volunteered as an assistant novice coach, and is now stepping up as our official novice coach starting this fall.



A very busy summer of traveling, food, internships, and physical activity for our Gators! Every summer, we give our rowers the opportunity to take over the team's Instagram account to answer questions and show viewers a day in their summer. Follow us for more!



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ANY DONATIONS can be made electronically via our [website](#). We are raising funds for this year's 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, or message us on Instagram at @ufloridacrew!

- ALEXA MILLER, SECRETARY