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HENLEY WINS FOR WINNIPEG ATHLETES!

Winnipeg MB (August 10, 2010) -- Winnipeg Rowing Club athletes captured two first place and two second place finishes at the 128th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta during the Masters' events:

- Masters A Women's Single – 1st place – **Sheila Wilson**
- Masters A Mixed Double – 1st place – **Dave Cooke** & Sherry Mullin (Oklahoma)
- Masters C Mixed Double – 2nd place – **Sheila Wilson & Vic Bartel**
- Masters A Men's Double – 2nd place – **Dave Cooke & Vic Bartel**

During the regular Henley events, two more Winnipeg athletes also won Gold:

- Under 23 Women's Single – 1st place – **Claudia Blandford** (rowing for Ridley Graduate Boat Club) ***this is Claudia's third Henley win in the single!*
- Championship Women's Eight – 1st place – **Janine Hanson** & crew (rowing on the Canadian Women's National Team)

Since the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta settled in St. Catharines, Ontario, in 1903, it has grown to become the largest sporting event of its kind, representing the best in North American rowing. Each year, thousands of men and women from over 150 rowing clubs compete for coveted Henley Gold.

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KENORA RESULTS

It has been a successful season of racing for the Winnipeg Rowing Club so far. At the Kenora Rowing Club's annual Tops & Bottoms Regatta, held this year on July 24, Winnipeg rowers won first place in the following:

Junior Events

Junior Women's 1x – Kaitlin Rempel

Junior Men's 1x – Paul Thiessen

Junior Novice Men's 1x – Pawel Glowacki

Junior Women's 2x – Marianne Bergmann, Kaitlin Rempel

Junior Mixed 2x – Nia Perron, Paul Thiessen

Junior Women's 4x – Nia Perron, Tiffany Green (Kenora RC), Marianne Bergmann, Kaitlin Rempel

Junior Men's 4x – Jesse Reitberger, Pawel Glowacki, Loch Inglis, Paul Thiessen

Master Events

Master Women's 1x – Brandi Smith

Master Men's 1x – Curtis Oleschuk

Master Women's 2x – Brandi Smith, Nicole Nakatsu

Mixed Master's 2x – Curtis Oleschuk, Nicole Nakatsu

Master Women's 4x – Sheila Wilson, Crystal Evans, Nicole Nakatsu, Brandi Smith

Master Men's 4x – Jeff Reitberger, Dave Cooke, Tom Pundyk, Andrew Lamont

Mixed Master's 4x – Curtis Oleschuk, Peter Vilks, Crystal Evans, Nicole Nakatsu

At 129 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 85, and the club offers programs for all skill levels.

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