

Sunday, July 29, 2007 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Thanks to all of the entrants who fearlessly braved our new venue. We had nearly 500 athletes competing in over 50 events. Everyone enjoyed the new venue at the Sailboat house. It was a wonderful day at the lake.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard over the past few months and days to make this event a reality. This event was only possible with the support and volunteers from Lake Merritt Rowing Club, Marin Rowing Association and Los Gatos Rowing Club. A special thanks goes to them for their hard work helping us with the course and on regatta day. Special thanks goes to the Official Referees, without whom we never could carry out such an event, a very special thanks. In particular I would like to thank Stan Shawl, our head USRA referee. For the past few years Stan has successfully recruited an outstanding team that keeps the regatta on time and the event safe! Special thanks to Oakland Swift Water Rescue whose presence ensured everyone's safety during this event. Behind the scenes, we had the invaluable support and assistance of the Oakland Parks and Recreation Department, helping us out with docks, a beautiful lake view office to compute the results and providing a launch and driver to help cover the racing on the lake. Thanks also to Oakland Strokes who generously lent us launches and engines. Special thanks to Fine Designs, who designed and sold our t-shirts this year.

Thanks goes to Regatta Central who handled registration; their support keeps an event this large manageable. A special recognition of appreciation goes to the Regatta Committee. This is a dedicated group that comes together every year to make the event seem so seamless and easy to host. This years Regatta was not possible without all the entire Committee which included Shirley Doell, Emily Pietzak, Nancy Blom, Jill McIntire, Tori Decker, Judy Udove, Ann Macdonald, Gary Ladd, Cindy Ladd, Alan Dreyfuss, Dave Haddick, Alan Kirshbaum, and Dennis Watt. Special thanks goes to Miki Kossa who beautifully generated the new map of the course as well as the venue. Again thanks again to everyone who made this event a pleasure to run and we hoep to see you all again next year. Candace Swimmer, Regatta Director and The Regatta Committee