

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for participating in the 2008 LMRC Sprints. This was our second year at our temporary venue and things went smoothly. Everyone enjoyed the day and the races. Thank you for your comments. We strive to improve the event every year and appreciate feedback. We had nearly 400 athletes competing in 47 events. 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. Special thanks go to these local clubs for their hard work helping us with the course and on regatta day. Extra special thanks go to the friends and family members who came down and helped out as well!

Our sincere thanks to the Official Referees, without whom we never could carry out such an event. In particular I would like to thank Bob Whitford, our head USRA referee. Bob and his team- John Holt, Sheila Tolle, Ed Borgens, Corki Rawlins and Eric Weir- were an outstanding team that kept the regatta on time and safe!

Special thanks to Oakland Swift Water Rescue whose presence helped ensure 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 with the racing on the lake. Thanks also to Oakland Strokes who generously lent us launches and engines.

Our hearty thanks go to Pete's Coffee, Noah's Bagels, Trader Joes, Whole Foods, and Coca-Cola Bottling Company for their generous food and beverage donations!

Our appreciation also goes out to the Cameron-Stanford House who kindly provided us with electricity at the finish line.

And thanks to Fine Designs, who designed and sold our t-shirts this year.

Thanks goes to RegattaCentral 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 the energy and commitment of the entire Committee which included Alan Dreyfuss, Alan Kirshbaum, Ann Macdonald, Brian Birch, Cam Sutter, Dave Haddick, Dennis Watt, Dominique Channell, Emily Pietzak, Gary Ladd, Jill McIntire, Judy Udove, Pam Weimer, and Shirley Doell. Special thanks go to Miki Kossa who beautifully generated the map of the course as well as the venue.

Again, thanks again to everyone who made this event a pleasure to run and we hope to see you all again next year!

Candace Swimmer, Regatta Director and The Regatta Committee