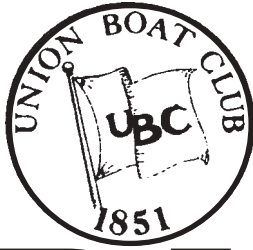


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Fall 2001

UBC Invades Camden at U.S. National Championships

Out-numbered, but never out-gunned!

On 24 July, 2001, at about 1600 hours, a squad of nine scullers from the Union Army infiltrated the banks of the Copper River in Camden, NJ. Over the next five days, the troops engaged in combat at the US National Championships. "Out-numbered," but never "out-gunned," by the country's best rowing establishments, the nine men and women left the regatta with a tremendous medal haul, two Golds, seven Silvers, and one Bronze.

In the women's events, Catherine Salomone and partner Anne Finke just missed the medal docks by taking **Fourth** in a hard fought race in the Elite Coxless Pair. The duo teamed up with a couple of Riverside scullers to take **Silver** for RBC in the Lightweight Senior Quad. Tuning up for the World Championships, lightweights Catherine Humblet and partner Mary Obidinski charged down the course to a **Silver** medal in the open weight Elite Double.

The five male scullers fought on many fronts, competing in six events



L to R—Mike Perry, Sloan DuRoss, John Macuga, Derek Silveira, and Sam Batchelor

over the five days with heats, semi-finals, and finals in four of those events. It all paid off as Union boats finished no further back than second place in each of the six events!

Mike Perry took **Silver** in both the Elite Single and Senior Single. Mike also partnered with Sloan DuRoss to take **Silver** in the Elite Double and **Gold** in the Senior Double. In the Senior Double's race, Perry and DuRoss had to fight with **Silver** medallists Derek Silveira and Sam Batchelor all the way down the course. In the Intermediate Singles, Union took **Silver** (Batchelor), **Bronze** (Silveira), and **Fourth** (Macuga)

against some great competition. Batchelor and Macuga teamed up to take **Silver** in the Intermediate Double. Winning **Gold** in the Intermediate Quad, Silveira, DuRoss, Batchelor, and Macuga finished in front by open water on the field. The five-some's collective efforts placed Union fifth overall in the Men's Points Trophy.

At the debriefing following the regatta, it was assessed that the mission was a success. The weary troops packed up camp and headed back to their Charles River outpost in anticipation of future battles and the fall racing season. ■

President's Letter

If ever there was a time that we need to feel grounded among family and friends, this past month has been it. Thankfully, Union Boat Club provides for us what many do not have—a place to go, release, relax, be among friends, and most of all provide a foundation from which we can make sense of things that often time make none. We have all become more appreciative of the things we have in life and life itself—add UBC to that list as many of us come to realize just what an important place it is.

And a busy one too. Squash season is upon us on the heels of an active summer season. The Summer Doldrums squash tournament was a great success by many measures not least of which was the number of guests that have been able to come and enjoy our club. The same can be said for the annual Commissioner's Cup—a stakes race held in the lower basin with UBC hosting and the other Charles River clubs. These efforts go a long way in our "club" community to engender goodwill, return the favors that are received at other regattas, league matches, tournaments, etc. and allow many to understand our club for what it is. We also played host to many out of town oarsmen and women during the Head of the Charles. Many of you came out to cheer on the over thirty singles entries our club had at this year's Head on top of the numerous club fours, doubles and eight. Our own Club Championships was highlighted by over thirty singles and doubles lined up together at the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge for a sprint row down the basin. There are few more satisfying sights than seeing the multitude of Union chevron blades flashing down the still water on a beautiful fall

morning!

All of this is cause for some celebration and that is exactly what we will do on November 2nd when we have a Gala at the Park Plaza Hotel. You should have already received your invitation and we encourage all to attend—please feel free to bring a guest and put together a memorable evening. An enormous amount of hard work has gone into this event and we hope to have it be the shining success that it should be as we pass our 150th year as a club.

Charlie Clapp,
President ■

Rowing News

Nick O'Connor

Union's participation in racing continues apace. At the Worlds in Lucerne on Aug. 24th, Catherine Humblet and Mary Obidinski won the B final, and placed 7th overall. The Masters Worlds were held over a beautiful labor day week-end on the spectacular Olympic site in Montreal. Ten stalwarts from UBC made the

trip, and some of the notable results: in the G quad, Nick O'Connor, Jonathan Warburg, Jim Sowles and Hartley Rogers were 2nd overall; in the H singles, Hartley was 4th overall; and in the F single Jonathan narrowly missed winning his heat, and came in 6th overall. The racing was augmented by spectacular scenery, fine French food, and great company.

The annual Commissioners Cup, a stakes race for singles and doubles from the Charles River Clubs was run by Dan Dill and Tom Bohrer on Sept. 8th in the teeth of a gale. The winners were Aleks Zosuls, and Catherine Humblet.

Despite the wind and waves in the basin, participation continues to grow each year. In contrast, on a near perfect day the Club Championships were contested over a 4000m course by thirty-one members. This was more than three times the usual number of suspects, and that is a tribute to Tom Bohrer's coaching and organizational skills. The races were in a head format, and were hotly contested. The new champs are: open women, Catherine Humblet; open men, Sam



L to R—Nick O'Connor, Jim Keaton, Sib Reppert, and Cap Kane

Batchelor: masters men, Steve Glick. In the masters women, Victoria Holliday beat Laura Donohue by one second, and in the veterans men, Greg Gallico beat Jonathan Warburg by one second and Dan Dill by three seconds. Afterwards, Carl Nichols mustered coffee and donuts while the racers pored over the timers calculations.

Twenty-six men and women from Union trekked up to Putney Vermont on a sunny day for the Green Mountain Head on Sept. 30th. Notable finishes: Tom Bohrer and Doug Burden were first and second in the masters singles, Aleks Zosuls 2nd in the open, Derek Silveira and Sam Batchelor 2nd in the open double with Jeff Marois and Aleks Zosuls 3rd. Catherine Humblet was first in the women's open, and with her partner Mary Obidinski was first in the open women's double. However the most spectacular feat of the day was an aquatic display put on by Lloyd Dahmen who, minutes before his race, tipped over his Empacher, and sneaking up inside his riggers with acrobatic finesse managed to get back in the boat to the raucous applause of the assembled masses. ■

Green Mountain

Here are the results of the Green Mountain Head, held on September 30th, 2001:

Men 1x 65+

Jim Sowles	4 th	24.21
Bob Ackerman	10	27.28

Men 55-64

Jonathan Warburg	5	23.12
Dan Dill	6	23.20
Sib Reppert	10	23.50
Lloyd Dahmen	12	23.53
Nick O'Connor	21	24.50

Men 45-54

Peter Hanson	36	24.10
Jim Keating	40	24.59

Men 35-44

Tom Bohrer	1	20.22
Doug Burden	2	20.48
Charlie Clapp	8	21.20

Men 19-34

Aleks Zosuls	2	20.19
Sam Batchelor	5	20.44
Derek Silveira	6	20.49

Women 1x 55-64

Joan Campbell	4	31.34
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Women 45-54

Victoria Holliday	4	24.32
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Women 19-34

Catherine Humblet	1	22.07
Catherine Salomone	6	23.10
Karen Chenausky	12	24.47

Women 19

Catherine Reppert	5	25.34
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Masters 2x

Probolus & Hughes	11	24.04
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Open 2x

Silveira & Batchelor	2	18.52
Marois & Zosuls	3	19.06

Mixed 2x

Gallico & Gallico	9	22.42
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Women's 2x

Humblet & Obidinski	1	20.17
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Congratulations to all! ■

The Head of the Charles

Here are results for the Head of the Charles:

Club Fours

UBC	17:18	First
Henderson		
Timmerman		
Needham		
McKierney		
Dash		

Club Eights

UBC	16:53	49 th
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Club Singles

J. Hughes	19:52	8 th
C. Baird	20:06	16
M. Emans	21:24	41
C. Garamita	22:59	14

Masters 2x

Maher/Fratini	21:40	14
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Champ 1x

M. Perry	18:32	5
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S. Batchelor	19:10	13
J. Macuga	19:28	16
D. Silveira	19:41	20

Sr. Veterans 1x

H. Rogers	25:29	16
L. Martin	27:10	26

Veterans 1x

J. Warburg	21:12	17
L. Dahmen	21:32	23
N. O'Connor	21:33	24
J. Sowles	22:07	28
L. Coolidge	23:03	39
D. Crosby	23:27	42
B. Ackerman	24:48	46
J. Campbell	27:01	6

Gr Masters 1x

M. Corr	20:18	9
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Masters 1x

T. Bohrer	18:25	1*
C. Clapp	20:06	13
P. Schnorr	20:28	20
D. Stearns	20:45	23
K. Chenausky	22:45	17

Lightweight 1x

A. Zosuls	18:31	1*
J. Crosby	19:06	8
C. Humblet	20:05	2
C. Salomone	21:00	6
L. Donohue	23:40	26

Champ 2x

Dahloff/partner	17:36	12
Moss/partner	18:32	23
Sachek/Schmidt	20:17	17

Masters eights

C. Clapp	15:34	3
J. Riley	15:35	4
G. Clapp & Doug Foy	17:44	32

Other notable accomplishments: C. Humblet 2nd—C. Schmidt who postponed her honeymoon to row in the Head—J. Crosby who has been on the water only twice since last years Head—G. Clapp, Doug Foy and Alte Achter for the most penalty minutes—B. Ackerman who could not row all week because of bruised ribs—L. Donohue for making weight at the last second—J. Campbell for taking 3 minutes off last years Head time—D. Ellis who trained for the eight by wining and dining the last 6 mos. in Hong Kong—J. Riley for making the most noise

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before, during and after the race—C. Nichols for spiffing up the boat house and getting us hot water—T. Maher for organising a great party after the Head—T. Philippi for organising the entries—But most especially Tom Bohrer, coach extraordinaire, who made getting ready for the Head so much fun—And last but not least, the Rowing Committee, headed by Nick O'Connor, whose guidance and energy allowed much of this to happen. Congratulations to all for a great Head of the Charles. ■

Important Dates:

- **150th Gala Dinner Dance**—
Friday, November 2, 2001, 6:30 PM.
- **Annual Meeting**—
Thursday, December 6, 2001, 5:30 PM.
- **2001 Summers Cup**—
Weekend of December 14, 2001

Squash News

Mark Lewis

This summer plenty of UBC squash players continued to play and work on their game. Ending a summer of squash, the UBC hosted the 2001 Summer Doldrums Squash Tournament. Players from as far away as Cleveland, OH, Syracuse, NY, and Greenwich, CT came to compete in four divisions.

In the D draw, Cambridge Racquet member Christophe Dupupet won without dropping a game. The C draw was won by Cape Cod resident Christian Von Hausen. The B draw was won by New Yorker Rahul Gupta and the A draw saw Pat Malloy of the University Club and Trinity College win without losing a game.

The UBC was represented by Tyler Hindermann, Ron Shaw, John Hemenway, Kimo Griggs and summer member and Exeter student Todd Ostrow. As in previous years, many

of the participants were impressed with the facilities and were happy to play as much squash as the squash pro could schedule.

Looking ahead to the season, the UBC intra-club state league play starts the first week of November. Therefore, open ladder challenges will be in effect until the end of October. Team captains for this year are Tyler Hindermann for the A Team, Gordon Cromwell and David Driscoll for the B Team, John Jennings for the C Team, Erik Vigsnes and Tim O'Brien for the D Team and Jon Smith for the 50+ Team. If you are interested in playing in the Leagues please contact squash pro Mark Lewis at 617-720-2252.

Also, the 2001 Summers Cup will take place the weekend of December 14th and will include a B draw and 50+ draw. Other upcoming events are the Middlesex Bowl/Wheeler Cup at Concord-Acton November 2-4. Lastly, the US Open Squash Championships have been rescheduled to January 4-8. See you at the club! ■