

TEXAS A&M CREW

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALL OUR TRAVELS AND
ADVENTURES



THIS SEASON'S COMPETITIONS

THE TEAM'S STATS:

TEAM MEMBERS: 60

COACHES & OFFICERS: 10

MEDALS AWARDED: 37

METERS RACED: 386K

MONEY RAISED: \$8,146.12

MILES TRAVELED: 2,600+ MI

Welcome to the Fall 2018 Texas A&M Crew Newsletter! This semester, we added many new rowers, growing our team close to 60 rowers in total. Over \$7,500 was raised for the team through fundraisers like Row for Dough and our PR apparel sales. We tackled some weather challenges throughout the semester, but we were able to travel to three regattas: Head of the Oklahoma, Head of the Brazos, and Head of the Hooch. Throughout the practices, work days, and regattas, we have become a tight-knit group and shown some great improvement and proved ourselves to be a competitive group.

For those parents new to the sport of rowing, there are two seasons in the sport; fall season is "distance season" in which races consist of 4k and 5k head races, while the spring season is "sprint season," in which races are 1k or 2k head-to-head sprints.

In the fall semester, all the regattas are on the water and are timed competitions. In a head race for distance season, boats race against the clock as they are sent off one at a time in a chute with a small time gap in between each boat. This differs from the head-to-head race style in sprint season in which boats race in heats similar to swimming or track meets. Due to weather, we only were able to participate in two regattas this semester: Head of the Oklahoma (Oklahoma City, OK) and Head of the Hooch (Chattanooga, TN).

Top: Open Women Kassie Stagner, Kristyn Kraus, Savannah Tamayo, Emily Mitchell, and coxswain Michele Pless take in the beauty of an evening practice at Lake Bryan.

HEAD OF THE OKLAHOMA REGATTA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

The first of the two regattas that we attended this season was the Head of the Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, OK. This was a 4K head race, followed by 500m night sprints, which many of our open rowers competed in. Throughout the day, we raced six 8+ boats and nine 4+ boats against many universities including Oklahoma, TCU, and A&M Galveston. One of our novice women actually rowed with our Novice Men's 8+, and won a medal in the race! Our Novice Men's 4+, Open Men's 4+, Open Men's 8+, and Novice Women's 8+ were also awarded medals in their 4K races. Many of the other boats placed very well despite the size and competitiveness of the regatta, especially the novices, many of whom had only begun rowing less than 2 weeks before this competition.



Above: Both of the Novice Women's 4's launching and rowing towards the start line. From front: Mimi Hein, Jeneve Wilder, Kaylin Seguin, Clara Abdelmessih, coxswain Kassie Stagner, coxswain Fallon Wenck, Elisa Weich, Paige Wirth, Sarah McQuaid, Shelby Ostrom.

MEDALS

NOVICE MEN'S 8+ -- 2nd place with a time of 16:10

NOVICE MEN'S 4+ -- 2nd place with a time of 17:12

OPEN MEN'S 4+ -- 2nd place with a time of 16:24

OPEN MEN'S 8+ -- 3rd place with a time of 15:38

NOVICE WOMEN'S 8+ -- 3rd place with a time of 19:50

Below: The team took a group picture after the handing out of our 37 medals at Head of the Oklahoma before heading back to College Station.



HEAD OF THE BRAZOS REGATTA

WACO, TX

The week after Head of the Oklahoma, the entire team traveled to Waco to compete in the second regatta of the season, Head of the Brazos. However, once we arrived to the regatta site on Baylor University's campus, the rain started! After a few rain delays, the regatta was canceled due to a tornado warning in the area. The team did enjoy some good team bonding throughout the rain. Huge thank you to all the Aggie Moms and families who housed us in Waco, as well as the parents who kept us warm and fed us in the rain!



Above: Team members flip a boat to stop it from filling up with more water in the rain at Head of the Brazos.



Left: Equipment Managers Sam Musso (pictured) and Garrett Horton help run our riggings and deriggings to make them go smoothly and efficiently.

Bottom left: The open men pose for a photo with their squad at Head of the Brazos.



HEAD OF THE COLORADO REGATTA

AUSTIN, TX

Due to the flooding in Austin on the Colorado River and the opening of the floodgates on the dam, the Head of the Colorado (Pumpkinhead) was canceled and the team did not travel.