

1984 V8 - Beat Stanford...Must Shave Heads!!

## UCD Crew is 40 Years Old!

Save the Date:

### Alumni Reunion Weekend May 12-13, 2018

#### Dear Alumni,

We are kicking off the 2017-2018 year with good news. In Desmond Stahl's first year back leading the program, the team hit the recruiting trail hard last year and it paid off: Membership numbers are the highest they've been since 2004. This caps several years of growth and the team is now two and half times larger than the low in 2013. Several four year seniors graduated last year and we are indebted to them for their commitment to turning the program around. The new team members seem just as committed and the team expects to have more returning athletes than any year since 2004 (2004 seems to have been a strong year!!). With almost four boats returning from last year's team and roughly eight boats of novices showing up to give crew a try this Fall, the program is on the right trajectory.

Increased numbers will help with the budget. The team has yet to achieve a surplus that will enable it to put enough money aside each year to replace their aging racing shells with the latest technology. While the team was able to purchase two 10-year old eights from Gonzaga to replace two 20-year old shells that required too much maintenance to stay useful, the best two shells in the fleet are 12 and 13 years old. The team needs a new boat to stay competitive and to help with recruiting.



This is where we can help. The alumni, parents and friends of the program donated \$61,000 last year, the most we have ever raised! Since 2018 will be our 40th Anniversary, we would like to shoot for the moon and do something special for the team. If we raise \$100,000, we can meet our annual commitment to the team for coaching salaries and purchase a new boat for the team. We can talk to the team about naming it something special to commemorate our 40 year anniversary.

We would like to hear from you. If you have ideas, questions, or would like to help in any way, please contact your class rep or any of the Friends of Davis Rowing board members.

## Coach's Corner - Des Stahl, Head Coach

Hi all,

We've just gotten started with Year 41 for UC Davis Rowing, our 40th reunion year. Week 1 of varsity practices is in the book, the freshman class moved into the dorms this weekend, and our fall recruiting blitz kicks off tonight. I don't know everything in store for this year's Aggie crew, but the spirit in the boathouse is energizing, and we look forward to the challenges ahead. We start the year with 3 1/2 8s and 4 coxswains. We graduated a strong accomplished senior class, and this year's group will have to grow into both their boat speed and their leadership roles. Academically, the squad consists of 5 seniors, 13 juniors, and 14 sophomores. However, when you factor in non-frosh novice, transfers, and injuries in previous years, the "rowing age" of the squad amounts to 2 4th-years, 7 3rd-years, and TWENTY-THREE 2nd-years. There's much to learn...

With this being a big reunion year, the season will be marked by looking both forward and back. Throughout the year we'll reintroduce things to them that have been important links in the historical chain of the program: Practices at Toomey; Running both versions of "Cardiac Hill"; Various traditions that have marked different eras; The Rio Vista row. And we'll introduce them to the new: Physical testing at the UCD Sports Medicine clinic in midtown Sac; Nutrition education from recent alum Casey Gallagher; Sports Psychology education from slightly-less-recent alum and PhD David Schary.

We finished last year at ACRA having improved from 19th in 2016 to 13th in team points. When all is said and done for 2017-18, I hope we can say we've moved UC Davis another step closer to being one the best club teams in the country. And we'll continue to strive to improve the experience for the athletes, and improve how we represent all of you in the boathouse and on the race course. Your support is a huge part of making that happen, so thank you for continuing to be a part of this program. I look forward to the reunion weekend in the spring, when the team will get to hear all of the best stories directly from you.



# Men's Crew Over the Decades



1979 V8

## 1970's

## 1980's



1986 V8

1993 V8 - Cal Cup Champion



## 1990's

## 2000's



American Collegiate Rowing Association Championships 2009  
Oak Ridge TN

UC Davis Men's Varsity 8+ Silver Medalists:(from top left) Andrea Gutierrez(C), Kelly Hughes(B), Chad Christiansen(S), Will Wiersig(5), Caton Mande(3), Seth Weil(7), Pat Geddes(6), Brandon Nuckles(4), Cooper Johnson(2)  
(front row) Assistant Coach: Jeremiah Renfro, Spare: John Chase, Head Coach: Sam Sweitzer

## 2010's



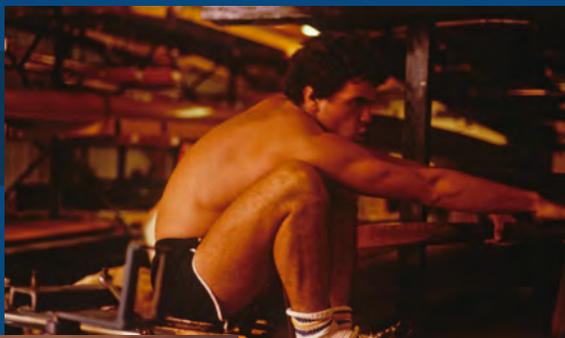
2015 V8



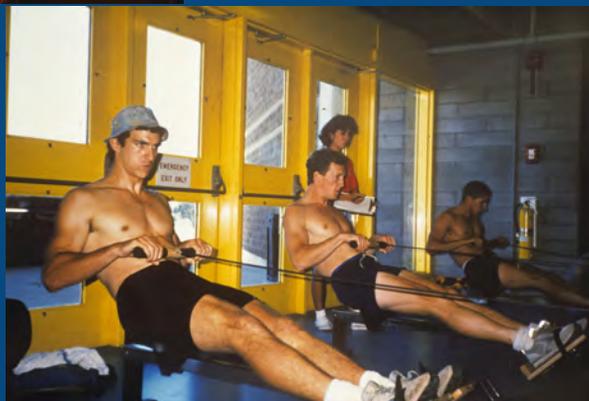
## Preliminary 2017 Racing Schedule

Sun Oct 15	Head of the Port, Port of Sacramento
Sun Oct 22	Head of the Charles (Men's Collegiate 4)
Sat Oct 28	Head of American, Lake Natoma
TBD	TBD Head Race
Sat Dec 2	Tail of the Port, Port of Sacramento
Sat Mar 3	UC Challenge Cup, Newport Beach
Sun Mar 4	vs. Orange Coast College, Newport Beach
Sat-Sun Mar 10-11	TBD
Sat-Sun Mar 17-18	TBD
Sat-Sun Mar 24-25	San Diego Crew Classic, Crown Point Shores
Sat-Sun Apr 14-15	Stanford Invitational, Redwood Shores
Sat-Sun Apr 28-29	WIRA Championships, Lake Natoma
Sat May 5	vs. Sacramento State, Port of Sacramento
Sat May 12	UC Davis Invitational, Port of Sacramento <i>40 Year Alumni Reunion Weekend</i>
Sat-Sun May 26 - 27	ACRA National Championships, Lake Lanier GA

**Aggie**



**Pride**



## Class Representatives

Class Representatives represent all alumni in the year they started rowing. Their goal is to stay connected with their Class, keep alumni contact information current, and provide any feedback or suggestions the alumni have to the Friends of Davis Rowing Board of Directors. Expect to receive a call from one of the Class Reps asking for your support in the near future. If you would like to be a Class Rep for one of the “open” years, or take a year away from someone who is handling more than one year, contact Roger von Ting at [rvonting@watsonlandcompany.com](mailto:rvonting@watsonlandcompany.com).

Year	Class Rep	Year	Class Rep
1978-79	Phil Kearney	2001	Erik Loboschefskey
1980-81	Pete Brostrom	2002	Ian Kolb/James Partridge
1982-84	Pat McLaughlin	2003	Dane Behrens
1985	Roger von Ting	2004	Aaron McKenzie
1986	Kent Perkocha	2005	Vince Rogers
1987	Open	2006	Marcus Godfrey
1988-89	John Heron	2007	Ryan Mangan
1990-92	Jonas White	2008	William Wiersig
1993	Alexandre Baudouin	2009	Open
1994	Open	2010	Thomson Gilles
1995-96	Sean Ballard	2011-14	Open
1997-99	Charley Johnston		
2000	Adam Donovan		

## Alumni Day Weekend Details - May 12 - 13, 2018

Please remember to block out Alumni Day weekend May 12th and May 13th on your calendars. We will watch the team race at the Port on Saturday followed by alumni rowing at the boathouse, then a dinner banquet at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. On Sunday, we plan to meet for a family picnic and those interested can head to the campus to catch some of the Whole Earth Festival that will be going on that weekend. More details will come later including an evite in January 2018.

Sincerely,  
Chris Gemulla  
President



# 2017/18 FUNDRAISING GOAL = \$100,000

As previously mentioned, our main priority is to provide funding for a full-time head coach who will have the time it takes to move our program forward and reduce the severity of peaks and valleys many club teams face. This year, in honor of our 40th Anniversary, we also hope to buy the team a new racing shell. Donors will be recognized on the alumni website (<http://davisrowing.org/your-support/>) at the following sponsorship levels.

## Annual Sponsorship Levels

Hall of Fame:	\$5,000
All American:	\$2,000
ACRA Champion:	\$1,000
WIRA Champion:	\$500
Engine Room:	\$250
Bow Pair:	Any amount

Please make your checks payable to "Friends of Davis Rowing, Inc." and mail to:

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