



City of Cambridge

R-21.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 29, 2001

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
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MAYOR GALLUCCIO
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WHEREAS: On October 11, 2001, the second annual Sprint Sprints event was held at Northeastern University's Henderson Boathouse to raise funds for a new G-ROW team van; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending best wishes to the fund raising effort for G-ROW girls rowing; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to G-ROW on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council October 29, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Councillor Davis

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Resolved That this CC go on record extending best wishes ~~for~~ to the fund raising effort for G-Row girls rowing; & be it further

Resolved SEC to G-Row.

Henrietta

September 20, 2001

Ms. Henrietta Davis-Mullen
Cambridge City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor 795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Davis-Mullen:

The Head of the Charles Regatta is the largest event in the City of Cambridge and a major economic driver, as athletes and visitors from around the globe join area residents to celebrate the sport of rowing and enjoy Cambridge and the Charles River in the fall.

This year one of the most important prep races for the HOCR will be an on-land rowing event to benefit what is arguably the Regatta's most unusual team—the G-ROW girls rowing team sponsored by Sprint PCS, which is also a major HOCR corporate sponsor.

G-ROW, a joint effort of Community Rowing, a local rowing institution, and Row as One, a non-profit group founded by Olympian Holly Metcalf, is dedicated to bringing the camaraderie, teamwork and work ethic of rowing to urban girls. Rowing has traditionally been regarded as a sport for men from elite private schools and colleges, and the G-ROW program is changing that perception.

Sprint PCS will be hosting the second annual Sprint Sprints event Thursday evening, October 11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Northeastern University's Henderson Boathouse on Soldier's Field Road. This event will raise money for a new G-ROW team van. Teams of five will compete on rowing machines in a 5,000-meter relay race to raise money for a new G-ROW team van. Last year's Sprint Sprints raised \$5,000 for G-ROW and attracted competitors from area companies, rowing clubs and the news media.

We are extending an invitation for you to attend the Sprint Sprints and cheer the teams on. Attached is background on the G-ROW Boston program and Sprint PCS.

If you have any questions, please call Skip Perham or me at (617) 247-1055. I will follow-up with you and your staff next week to determine your interest. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Debbie Rizzo
For Sprint PCS

Enclosures

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City & Region

THE BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE OCTOBER 22, 2000

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MCNAMARA

It's their day to row



Look for them today at the back of the pack at the Head of the Charles.

The teenage girls with the biggest grins and the newest shell slicing through the river won't win their division, packed as it is with older, more experienced rowers from Yale and Radcliffe. But it is enough for the team from O'Bryant and Brighton high schools to be on the Charles River for the second straight year as serious competitors in one of rowing's elite regattas.

G-ROW Boston (for Girls Row) broke some sweat to get there. Rowing three days a week on the Charles in spring and fall, in sun or rain. Training indoors on winter afternoons in the rowing tanks at Simmons College. Heading home to Roxbury, Charlestown, Dorchester, or Brighton at dusk by subway, tired and sore, to confront homework, part-time jobs, or family responsibilities.

The team finished just ahead of the last boat in the Head of the Charles last October but the girls are stronger now, more committed, better trained. This year, their spirits are buoyed by having placed third in the junior regional championships in Connecticut. They spent the night before that race, grateful just for the chance to compete, spread out in sleeping bags on the living room floor of the mother of a coach's boyfriend.

"We make it work for them. It's a huge commitment for these girls," says Emily Jennett, who has directed the all-girls crew team from the city's public schools since Holly Metcalf, an Olympic gold medalist, launched the nonprofit Row As One Institute six years ago. "Rowing is a tough sport technically. You have to work to get into physical shape. You have to sacrifice a lot of time. These girls are incredible."

The reward comes, says 16-year-old Joan Almonte of Roxbury, when you and your teammates push away from the shore, when you glide onto the open water and together dip your oars into the river. Eight rowers move as one and the world and its worries slip away with the shoreline. "We struggle together; we share the pain together; of course, we are friends together," Almonte says of girls she might never have met were it not for G-ROW Boston, girls from across the city who are African-American, white, Latina, and Asian. "Doing this with them, it makes me so much stronger."

G-ROW Boston will be among the youngest teams to push off in the Youth Eights Women's Division at 10:18 this morning. Most of the 40 other teams are from college clubs. Other high school rowers in the regatta hail from prep schools like Winsor in Boston and Buckingham, Browne & Nichols in Cambridge.

Those teams might place higher in the rankings, but few will have displayed the grit of G-ROW Boston. They trained in a heavy, used, wooden shell, lugging it back and forth between boathouse and riverside. The girls did not launch their new racing shell until Friday afternoon, a day after Sprint PCS delivered its gift. Not even Ralph Nader could object to this form of corporate sponsorship; the global communications company donated \$12,000 outright and sponsored an event last week that raised most of the rest of the shell's \$17,000 cost. Last year, the company donated the team's uniforms.

Wherever they finish, the girls say, today is going to be a great day. The sun will be out; their families will line the banks of the Charles; their friends will cheer for Almonte, for Juana Baez, 15, for Carla Campbell, 15, for Elizabeth Eng, 16, for Nour Faisal, 16, for Victoria Gibson, 15, for Lindsay Healy, 16, for Alexandra Cindy Petit-Frere, 13, and for Olivia Tapia, 17.

And when the Head of the Charles regatta is over, G-ROW Boston will vote to christen its new shell. The girls have placed several names in contention. The top three — Diversity, Tenacity, and Determination — say everything about why this team just can't lose.

*Eileen McNamara's e-mail address is
mcnamara@globe.com*

Sprint Sprints **Steel**

Check Entry Category

☐ Novice

Experienced

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Team Captain

Address

City

Home Phone

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Work Phone

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Fitcorp location (if applicable)

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Other team member

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Ask your sponsors to give you their donation when they sign up and bring that donation to the race. Each individual team member will be racing 1,000 meters. Donors sponsor individual team members. **\$400 minimum pledge per team to enter.** Donations are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to: **Community Rowing (Federal Tax ID # 04-286-3756).**

Please print legibly. Attach additional sheet with team addresses if necessary.

Thank you for your support.

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Waiver (each team member must read and sign)

I hereby release Sprint, Sprint PCS, Fitcorp, G-Row, Northeastern University and other sponsoring or co-sponsoring agencies or individuals whose property and/or personnel are used from responsibility for any injuries or damages I may suffer as a result of my participation in the "Sprint Sprints." I hereby certify that I am in good physical condition to safely participate in this event. I hereby permit the use of my name and pictures in broadcasts, telecasts, newspapers, brochures, etc. I have read the entry information provided for the event and certify my compliance by my signature below.

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Waiver signature

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rock & row

for **G-Row** at the **Sprint Sprints** **october 11**

Help Sprint PCS and Fitcorp raise money for G-Row (Girls Row) Boston, a non-profit program founded by Olympian Holly Metcalf, dedicated to bringing the excitement of the sport of rowing to girls in the Boston Public Schools. G-Row needs a new van to help them expand their outreach to girls in Boston. Sprint PCS has already donated \$5,000. Help G-Row raise additional money for the van by competing in the Sprint Sprints and get the team off to a great start.



What Sprint Sprints —5,000 meter relay race on rowing machines

Who Teams of five rowers (male, female or co-ed) who will row 1,000 meters each. Enter in novice or experienced categories. \$400 minimum pledge per team to enter.

Prizes Free Sprint PCS wireless phones and one-year membership to Fitcorp to the team raising the most money.* Prizes will also be given to the fastest teams in the novice and experienced divisions. Gift bags awarded to each individual rower who raises a minimum of \$100.

Date Thursday evening, October 11
Time 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
(5:30 check-in)

Location

Northeastern University Henderson Boathouse, 1345 Soldiers Field Road Brighton, MA

What else

Food and refreshments to be served during award ceremony. Parking located at the Artesani Playground parking lot on Soldiers Field Road (Directly across from WBZ-TV).

www.growboston.org.

Registration

(781) 370-2010 (leave team name, division, team captain name, phone number and questions on voicemail)
Advance registration recommended.



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*in case of tie, winner will be decided by fastest time.



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Resolution #21

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**Councillor Davis and entire
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