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Norwalk River Rowing Youth take Multiple Medals at Saratoga Sprints

The Norwalk River Rowing Association continued its strong opening to the spring season at the Saratoga Sprints in Saratoga, NY this last Sunday. Hot on the heels of April 18th's medal-winning run at the Mercer Sprints in New Jersey, NRRRA's youth team had another notable day of racing, winning multiple gold, silver and bronze medals despite hot weather and choppy water.

Both of the NRRRA boy's varsity eight boats finished in the gold. The first boat (cox Connor Boyd (Ridgefield), Evan Boliakis (Norwalk), Lane Brokaw (Darien), Mike Labine (Darien), Gus Vergara (Ridgefield), Scott Yanoff (Wilton), Tom Liederbach (Ridgefield), Michael Squitieri (Wilton), Derek Emerick (Wilton) followed up strong on last week's silver. The boy's varsity two boat also finished in first place with cox Matt Stout, Michael Gurluacci, Lane Alden, AJ Mahoney, Will Robertson, Corbitt O'Connor, Brendan Keevan and Sebastian Van Eck, all of Wilton, and Patick Doty of Ridgefield.

The two NRRRA novice boy's boats medaled as well. The first novice boat took their first gold medal of the season. In that boat were Wilton athletes Ritchie Sumner (cox), Nick Flynn, Jack Wall, Matt Koenigsberg, Nicholas Massari and David Sullivan, Clark Ely of Norwalk, Kyle LaVecchia of Darien and Danny Schonning of Ridgefield. The second novice boat (cox Spencer Mulligan (Darien), Connor Zingale (Wilton), Ted Riegel (Wilton), Hunter Schneider (Wilton), Peter Mueller (Ridgefield), Francesco Criscuolo (Darien), John Paul Morales (Norwalk), Luke Samuel (Norwalk) and Ryan Kupersmith (Wilton) came home with the silver.

Also in the silver was the girl's novice boat, with cox Jordyn Weiss and Isabella Furlo of Wilton, Megan Galloway and Kate Harold of Ridgefield, Ann Labine of Darien, Stacey Velasquez and Amanda Sanders of Norwalk, Jackie Cloud of Stamford and Emily Wilson of New Canaan.

Rounding out NRRRA's impressive weekend were the boy's lightweight varsity eight and the girl's varsity four, both with bronze medals.

This coming weekend, NRRRA travels to Princeton, NJ in a rematch against the Mercer Junior Rowing Club, the last event in preparation for the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Championships in May which will be their chance to qualify for this year's Junior Nationals.

NRRRA is a non-profit organization which offers learn-to-row, recreational, competitive, and community outreach rowing programs to youth and adults. Summer programs for new and experienced rowers begin in June. New athletes are welcome and no experience is necessary. For more information, visit www.norwalkriverrowing.org or call 203-866-0080.