

NRRA wins at Northeast Championships

The Norwalk Rowing Youth Racing Team traveled to Lowell, MA for the USRowing Regional Championships this past weekend and the 2nd Novice Boys Eight of Ryan Cross (Middlebrook MS), Ryan Lewis (Wilton HS), Adam Worrell (Foundation HS), James Griffiths (Darien HS), Alex Nicoll (Wilton HS), Ben Quantock (Wilton HS), Willem Taverna (Wilton HS), John Thacker (Darien HS), and Charlie Stout (Darien HS) won Gold on Sunday. Jumping out to an immediate lead, they led the entire race with Boston College HS and CRI of Boston chasing them the entire way.

In what was arguably the most exciting race of the weekend, the Norwalk Rowing Junior Boys Varsity Four of Sumner Richter (Wilton HS), Carson West (Wilton HS), Matt Koenigsberg (Wilton HS), Brendan Keegan (Wilton HS), and Sebastian Van Eck (Wilton HS) battled it out for the entire 2000 meter course with Bromfield Rowing and Central Crew of NH. The lead changed hands every 200 meters with no one giving up more than a few feet of lead at a time. A furious sprint in the last 100 meters put Bromfield in front with Norwalk 0.1 seconds behind for the Silver Medal.

The last medal won on the weekend was the Novice Girls four of Anastasia Livesay (Wilton HS), Caroline Demko (Brien McMahon HS), Kylie O'Connor (Wilton HS), Madeline Vocke (Wilton HS) and Adrianna Marino (Norwalk HS). A strong start put them in 2nd place where they stayed the entire race finishing with a Silver Medal. This result bodes well for the future as these girls move up to the Varsity team next Fall.

A beautiful weekend of racing was had by all on the scenic Merrimac River. The NRRA now goes into its Summer season with a huge variety of programs available for youth and adults alike.

Founded in 1986, the Norwalk River Rowing Association is the only non-profit rowing organization in Fairfield County. With a focus on athletic excellence as well as community building and outreach, the NRRA offers recreational, competitive, and educational 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.

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