

THE CLEVELAND ROWING FOUNDATION (CRF) SUPPORTS, FACILITATES AND PROMOTES THE SPORT OF ROWING AND OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT RIVERGATE PARK BY PARTNERING WITH MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND THE COMMUNITY.



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## Our Rowing Community

CRF provides a rowing home for over 1,500 high school, collegiate and adult athletes from our member programs (Western Reserve Rowing Association, Freedom Rows Veterans, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, John Carroll University, St. Ignatius High School and Saint Joseph Academy). Through Row Cleveland outreach programming, CRF provides hundreds of additional youth with rowing experiences in a safe, supportive environment.

### Investments in Equipment, Safety & Accessibility

We are excited to announce several significant acquisitions and repairs that will benefit all our programs. We have completed asphalt repairs between the boathouse and the dock, ensuring smoother and safer access. All our coaching launches now have brand-new engines, enhancing the efficiency and reliability of our training sessions. Additionally, we have acquired a training barge, which allows non-rowers, novices, and individuals with mobility challenges to safely experience the joy of rowing. Lastly, we have added a new ramp to enhance accessibility for everyone at our dock.



### International Competition Comes to CRF

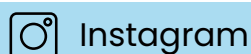
On Sunday, July 14, the CRF served as the host site for rowing for the International Pan-American Masters Games (PAMG). This was the first time that the PAMG were held in the United States. We made the city of Cleveland, and the rowing community proud. PAMG organizers, partner organizations and athletes alike had high praise. Several WRRRA teams competed and earned gold medals. We could not have done it without the many volunteers from WRRRA and other CRF member organizations. The Pan-American Masters Games are projected to boost Cleveland's economy by an estimated \$8-10 million. Check out the news article and pictures on Cleveland.com:

[Pan-American Masters Games rowing competition brings together athletes from all over the world](#)

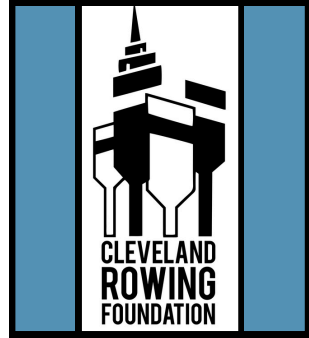


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## Community Outreach

The Cleveland Rowing Foundation was excited to welcome 150 middle schoolers to our "River Experience Camp" in partnership with Open Doors Academy. This immersive program introduced these students to the joy of rowing in a safe and supportive environment. Throughout the camp, participants not only learned essential safety measures and rowing terminology but also honed their skills on erg machines, engaging in friendly competitions among their peers. The highlight of the experience was their hands-on learning on the Cuyahoga River, where they navigated both our new training barge and an 8-person shell. For many of these kids, this camp was their first time rowing, creating a sense of achievement and friendship that they'll remember long after they're done with the program. Outreach program funding was generously provided by the Northeast Ohio Sewer District.

## Coming Soon to CRF



Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21, 2024, as the Cleveland Rowing Foundation proudly hosts the 28th Annual Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta (HOTC). This event kicks off the Head Race season with a challenging course featuring intricate turns and stunning views of Cleveland. Originally a small local regatta, HOTC has grown into one of the nation's top ten largest single-day head races. High visibility events hosted by CRF showcase recreation on the Cuyahoga River and have significant economic impact on our region. CRF is grateful for the support of Gold Sponsor Bedrock. We can't wait to share this incredible event with you! Watch this one minute video to see the scale and the energy of the HOTC: [Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta hosted by Cleveland Rowing Foundation](#)



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