

It was a pleasure to captain for WRC this year – after an almost 2 year hiatus we were finally able to race again this Fall and I'm pleased to say we had a very successful season.

WRC ended 2021 with 47 members ranging in age from 23 (AA) to 77 (I). There were 20 women and 27 men rostered. We practiced 220 days in 2021, not including fun runs and bike rides.

Looking back to this Fall we competed in five regattas and placed the highest ever in the Head of the Charles as a WRC crew. We've just started winter training and everyone is working hard and logging their meters.

We started the season with our first regatta in 2 years at Tail of the Lake where we placed in 2 of the 6 races we entered (2nd and 3rd). We then headed to the American Fall Classic where we placed in every event we entered (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, and 4th). Four WRC boats competed in Boston for the Head of the Charles Regatta. Bill took 3rd in the Men's Senior Veteran Singles I/II. The Women's Senior Master's 4+ placed 5th, the highest ever! After a harrowing row the Director's Challenge Mixed 8+ took 4th, also their highest place ever, after being edged out by Riverside and Chinook. For the first time in years, the men sent a crew and placed 10th in the Men's Master's 4+. All in all a fantastic showing for WRC in Boston. October ended with the Portland Fall Classic with us placing 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, and 5th. Finally, we ended the season in sunny California with two 3rds, a 4th, and a 5th place finish at the Head of the Lagoon.

With the water racing season over we launched into ergging. We finished the 2021 season with Concept 2's Holiday Erg Challenge. 12 members made the 200,000 m leaderboard with Jann leading at 218,415 m. Another 3 members logged just over 100,000 m.

Although we continue to face uncertainty with COVID and its variants, we are excitedly launching into 2022 with hopes of a full Spring AND Fall racing schedule. Six regattas are in the Spring line up starting with Covered Bridge in early April and ending with Master's Nationals in August which is being held in Oakland.

Whether face to face or over zoom we have held steady and even grown throughout the pandemic. It takes a special dedication to be a rower and an even more special dedication to soldier on at a distance. But through bike rides, singles rowing, book groups, zoom ergs,

socially distanced dinners, and outdoor coffee we have made it this far. I look forward to what 2022 will bring!