

## **Boulder Sprints**

**April 22, 2006**

Thirteen RMRC members competed at the Boulder Sprints on Saturday, April 22, hosted by Colorado Crew. In addition to the CU rowers and RMRC, participants included Boulder Community Rowing, Fort Collins Rowing Association, the new CSU club, Colorado Juniors, and Utah Juniors.

All races were 1000m on Boulder Reservoir on a straight, buoyed course. A duals format was used: two boats racing head-to-head with a stake boat start. A few races with odd numbers of entrants had three boats.

The RMRC women's 4+, made up of Linda Browning (coxswain), Katie Thurstin, Rachel Pazmino, Rene Olin, and Taylor Ritzel, won its heat against BCR. Those five then hopped into the mixed 8+, joined by Greg Fletcher, Tom Murphy, Nat Jackson, and Liz Daeninck (yes, five women and three men rowing), and won that final against two BCR crews. Mark Groshek and Scott Noble raced the pair against two CU boats. Using the Filippi, our guys were the only crew that actually stayed in their lane, but finished second. The men's 4+, with Linda, Mark, Scott, Greg, and Tom, finished a close second to the CU varsity A boat.

Also competing were RMRC members Linde Howell and Kent Wilson, who signed up to row with BCR before we received the race information.

The weather was beautiful, a warm, sunny day with flat water, but the duals format and the frequent need to hotseat boats stretched the racing into the middle of the afternoon and several RMRC rowers had to leave before the finals.

Thanks to Colorado Crew and BCR for letting us borrow the 4+ and 8+, and to Mark Groshek for coordinating the race entries.

*Thanks to Mark Berkner (left, with Tom Murphy and Greg Fletcher) for the photos.*

