

Oakland Strokes' Race Delayed By Drug Bust

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If spectators weren't excited enough to watch the Oakland Strokes team go against Serra High and Palo Alto, the U.S. Coast Guard created even more excitement. On Sunday, April 22, the Oakland Strokes rowing team, which includes several Lamorinda high school rowers, faced the Serra High and Palo Alto teams, for both women and men, in Varsity and Junior Varsity. They raced in both 2,000 and 1,000 meter courses at the Oakland Estuary, JLAC.

Right when the rowing teams were ready to start, a U.S. Coast Guard cutter, surrounded by a dozen smaller boats, stopped the racing. It was later found out that the Coast Guard had just seized 20 tons of cocaine in a drug bust off the coast of Mexico. Because of this interruption, the races were delayed, and many races began at the 1,000 meter mark

instead of the usual 2,000 meter mark. Despite the delay, the rowers remained focused. The results are as follows:

Opening Race/2,000 meters

OS Men's V-8 6:28.0
Serra Men's V-8 6:31.7
OS Men's Novice A 6:48.9
OS Men's Novice B 6:51.3
OS Women's V-8 7:12.2
OS Women's JV-8 7:16.0

Women's Novice

Mix/2,000 meters

OS Wom Novice 4-A 8:03.6
OS Wom Novice 4-B 8:14.1
OS Novice 8-A 8:37.8
Palo Alto Wom N-4 9:16.1

Men's Varsity/1,000 meters

OS Men's V-8 2:58.1
Serra Men's V-8 3:02.1

Women's

Varsity/1,000 meters

OS Women's 3V-8 3:46.0
OS Women's V-8 3:54.0
OS Women's V-4B 3:56.0
OS Women's N-4C 4:00.0
OS Women's N-8 4:05.0
Palo Alto Wom V-4 4:26.0

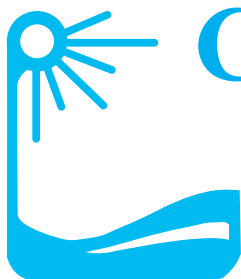
Men's Frosh

4/2,000 meters

Serra Men's Frosh 47.1
OS Men's Frosh 4 7:18.0

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