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## Oakland Strokes Beat Bay Area Rivals

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The Oakland women's varsity and junior varsity boats bested their Bay Area rivals, Berkeley High Crew, Marin Rowing Association and the St. Ignatius High School Rowing team, in the decade-long tradition of the Battle of the Bay regatta on Sunday, March 11 on the Oakland estuary.

"This is a pretty big race because the Marin and Oakland girls are typically battling it out at the end of the season," said women's varsity coach Derek Byrnes. "This race is how we gauge the rest of the year."

The women's first place finishes included the varsity eight, JV eight, 3V eight, and lightweight eight.

Oakland Strokes' lightweight women captured first place in the recent Battle of the Bay regatta. From left: Michelle Lee (Orinda), Brittney Presten (Orinda), Anna Weitlmann (Piedmont), Indigo Catton, (Lafayette), Alia Shafi (Lafayette), Lizzie Pate (Lafayette), Cassey Chan (Piedmont) Photo provided

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