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Oakland Strokes Rowing Club goes to Youth Nationals

Submitted by Oakland Strokes

Student athletes of Oakland Strokes Rowing Club have been working hard all season for a chance to row at the Youth National Championships.

The Youth National Championships were held in Sarasota, Florida on June 6-9. The regatta features high school-aged athletes from across the country competing for National Championships in 18 racing categories. Oakland Strokes have qualified for the regatta many years running, and currently, have 19 National titles to their credit.

This year Oakland Strokes was represented by five teams. Women's light weight Four were placed fourth in the USA, followed by Women's Varsity Four at sixth place and Women's Pair at 11th in USA. Women's Eight were placed at 21st in the USA while Men's Eight were placed at 22nd in the USA.

Here are details on all the boats represented by Oakland Strokes at the Youth Nationals 2019 held in Sarasota, Florida.

? Women's Lightweight Four - Carly Wright (Berkeley), Isabelle Sauter (Alameda), Grace MacLean (Alameda), Isabel Wang (Moraga), and Samia Nelson (Berkeley) - 4th in the Grand Final (4th in the USA).

? Women's Varsity Four - Lily Rausser (Alameda), Caroline Fagg (Alamo), Kieran Wallace (Pleasanton), Bridget O'Kelly (Berkeley), and Sara Covin (Piedmont) - 6th in the Grand Final (6th in the USA).

? Women's Pair - Melissa Wright (Moraga) and Betty Hosler (Piedmont) - 5th in the Petite Final (11th in the USA).

? Men's Eight - Ryan Tripp (Piedmont), Andrew Stoddard (Piedmont), Anthony Banis (Clayton), Andrew Simpson (Richmond), Matthew Boranian (Oakland), Tibor Thompson (Alameda), Carter Young (Alamo), Richard Reid (Alameda), and Elizabeth "Z" Romero (Pleasant Hill) - 4th in the "D" Final (22nd in the USA).

? Women's Eight - Ella Lewerenz (Lafayette), Grace Hinckley (Alamo), Ella Kalmbach (Berkeley), Julie Ray (Piedmont), Ashley Abramson (Orinda), Aline Van Eeghen (Alamo), Julia Adey (Pleasanton), Yasmeen Darcazallie (Oakland), and Gig Onken (Berkeley) - 3rd in the "D" Final (21st in the USA).

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