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FOR THE ROW

by Stuart Pressage

So I sit in IAH homebound and I've learned that this is the secret you all keep from us foreigners that occasionally invade your shores and estuaries and arrive at BARC whilst supposedly on business from the likes of Aberdeen.

You tried to hide it all; Saturday I turn up and there's no water in the lake, so that was one way of doing it. Theresa showed me around BARC, humored me a little, took details and enrolled me and waved me off with a huge "maybe tomorrow" smile in that remote Cajun kindly way. So with the water hose pipe left on overnight (according to Andy Johnstone) and a sea breeze all Saturday, the right corner of the moon (courtesy of NASA) and no doubt a little recycled fluid from the Clear Lake crawfish party festivities, then Sunday had at least the possibility of a row.

Despite moving to daylight saving time and being asked to wake the dawn chorus on my way to BARC, the day dawned bright clear at the boathouse, more importantly with water in the lake! Chance of a row but what a day to do it on! The day broke to an azure blue sky and not a breath of wind, the golden orb of sun climbing slowly in to the sky, and Mud Lake, Clear Lake and right out onto Galveston Bay was like high polished glass, and not just for five minutes

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2005 SPACE CITY SPRINTS

WILDLY SUCCESSFUL REGATTA!!

Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great 2005 Space City Sprints! The weather was ideal, the 80+ participants were spirited and energetic, the food was tasty, and the day flowed smoothly. We also had one of the most technologically advanced systems for organizing the races and rowers, tracking the rowing time and getting the information displayed just moments following each race....

thanks to **Karl Zimmer** and **Tom Heig**!

Lots of BARCers made it a GREAT day:

Referees: Hannes Hofer, Andy Johnstone (best dressed), Zoe Smith, Breff Cooling

Dock Master (Hula guys and gals!): Marilyn Bullard, Irene Barnett, Martha Hood, Lisa Takagi, Bill Geissler, Bob Albright, Candy Ludwick

Finish Line: Tina Bryan, Karl Zimmer, Cynthia Reiser, Bill Dixon, Gareth Wiley, Stuart Johnstone

Registration: Karl Zimmer, Tom Heig, Saul Rodriguez

Course: Alex Parkman

Food, Tables, and Chairs: Pam Falk

Launch Drivers: Tom MacAdam, Phillip Tompkins

BARCwear: Theresa Tompkins

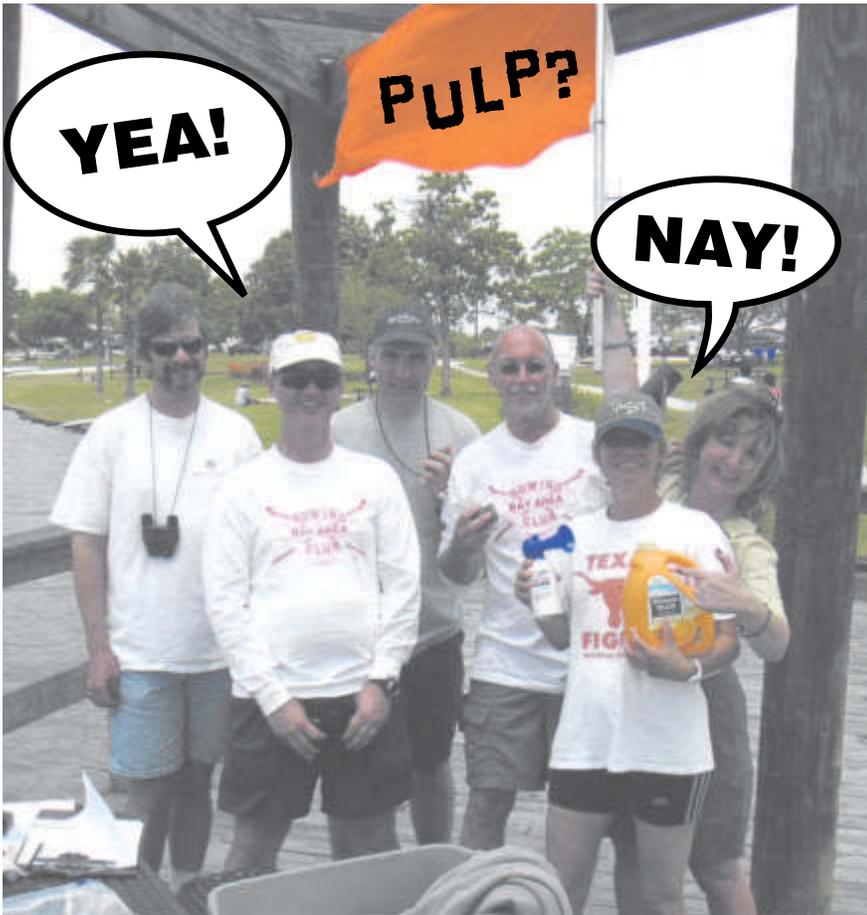
Award Ribbons: Theresa Tompkins, Alex Parkman

Helped out

where needed: Melanie Jacobi, Ann Shoemaker, Kathy Dixon

Race results are posted at BARCHouston.org and at Row2K.com
Thanks to all. It's a pleasure working with such a great group of rowers!

Claire Sweatt
Alex Parkman
2005 SCS Coordinators



Finish Line Conducts Fascinating Scientific Research: **PULP OR NO PULP?!**

Without forethought, actual scientific research was conducted (and conclusive) amidst the finish line activities at our wildly successful regatta.

The question: Pulp or no pulp?

In a random survey of eight participants, 6 male and 2 female, a very conclusive answer was deduced. 6 out of 6 males surveyed prefer their orange juice with pulp. 2 out of 2 females surveyed prefer their orange juice without pulp.

Brilliant scientific discovery. Men prefer pulp. Women prefer no pulp. Ponderings as to why? Men get yet one more excuse to pick at teeth in public. Or as Cynthia so wisely stated, to leave the pulp hanging!

Hey! The finish line is hard work and we had to do something to maintain our interest during downtimes.

- I have to agree: no pulp. - TB, Female Graphic Designer

"G-Wan Kenobi"
uses The Force to Guide Space City Sprints Participants to the Finish Line



Marilyn Sports BARC's
New Summer Hula Line of Fashion



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A little Pulp there G?



**Our Very Own Birthday Boy,
Gareth Wiley, has**

Summer Party!

trailer trash afternoon - margaritas, beer, soft drinks. If you have a special drink that you think I won't have, better bring it. Customary to count a stem cell transplant as a "second birthday" so people like me who have had one for cancer, celebrate two birthdays each year. The Fifth one usually means the coast is clear so that is why this birthday is important. As my rowing compadres, I would enjoy very much having your company on this day. Please feel free to come by any time between 2 and 6 plus on **Sunday 3 July**. I am out in Brazoria County, just past highway 6 off 288 south. Full directions and details in the BARC e-letter or **RSVP to gareth.wiley@shell.com**

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but for the whole time we were out on the water. I'm not going to go on about it but if you weren't there you missed out. I'm not going to tell you any more as you'd never believe me anyway but having an entertaining start to the day also helps!

Firstly I'd like to thank Theresa for the welcome and the entertainment. The latter in particular as having a 20+ year background in various rescue organizations prior to taking up rowing I've never used a coxed four as a rescue craft (or tug boat) before! Kayaks, various other boats and fast RIB's but never a coxed four; but "needs must" as they say; and I'm fairly certain that Theresa's single scull has never gone so astern so quickly when she was hauled back to the jetty. After losing a collar on an oar and then letting go of the oar and drifting slowly down current towards the bridge something had to be done to match the balancing act she performed with one blade. Andy's offer of a Lloyd's open salvage form for a Carl Douglass hull tended to fall on some selective hearing too.

Then thanks go to a bunch of folk; to Lisa Takagi for doing the organization of the four and coxing well enough to give us a work out and enjoy the experience too; to Andy who probably prefers to be a bowsider (starboard) but let the "visitor" go at 3 and making sure I did some work in the boat, whilst he sat in the 2 seat. Claire who sat at Stroke knowing what she's doing, and Melanie in the bow seat who tried her best not to be too outnumbered by the Brits in the boat with translations from Lisa.

But you've left me with the conundrum in that I'm still trying to decide whether someone was telling little white lies when they said that it was rare for it to be a day like that; you see in Aberdeen it's never like that! I'll just have to come back and find out. So now flight KL662 has been called and I just realize I'll have more leg room in a four than in coach class seating on a 747. Enjoy yourselves, thanks for the open whole-hearted welcome and I'll see you again next time I'm in town.
Stuart.Pressage@inteq.com

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LEARN TO ROW

Off to another brilliant start! Thanks to all the volunteers who inspire our new rowers. Class One was quite eventful this year. It was a wee bit windy on Sunday; such that **Adele** got caught in the weeds on the other side of the lake and **KZ** gallantly jumped in the water to set her boat free and coach her back to the dock. Yay **KZ!** And **Stuart** was flawless in his 'accidental' demonstration of the dunk test. Oops! That lost seat did indeed provide an additional challenge to getting the boat back to the docks. But he did it brilliantly!!! And we have the entire class season looming before us. Can't wait for more excitement!

In class two we have deduced that **Tom** is a brilliant boat boy, oar boy, massage(d) boy? You'll have to ask his lovely bride **Ann** on that bit. And **Dave** was definitely born a naturally magnificent boat boy. AND! **Evvie** and **Nancy** are delightful additions to our illustrious cadre of row enthusiasts. I loved it when **Nancy** came by to tell me how much she loves the row. Yay ya'!!!

PONDERING

Have you ever stopped for a quiet moment, looked down into moderately current waters, observed snakes wiggling RIGHT BY the boat, jumped 5 gazillion nautical miles, screamed mightily, and then realize it is just the riggers reflecting as wiggly things in the water due to ripples? Yeah...I was afraid you'd say no. Deep sigh.....

Cool cool COOOOOL!!! Was recently taking a quiet moment by the buzzard trees, when amazingly to me, 10 duckies in a perfect row paddled right on by. Gorgeous! Have you ever wondered HOW they must be furiously paddling but their little heads and necks remain perfectly still? Now do NOT fib on this one. **I KNOOOOW you've pondered this one!!**

The Finish Line Is Where It's At!



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BARC'S

by Hannes Hofer

NEW CONCESSION AGREEMENT

By the time you read this article, **BARC** will (hopefully) have signed a new lease or "Concession Agreement" with Harris County, allowing us to stay at Clear Lake Park for at least another 10 years.

Getting to this point has not been easy: Even though the renewed agreement that the County initially presented to us was virtually unchanged from the one we've had for 15 years, The BARC Board of directors, looking out for interest of the club and its members, decided to scrutinize the language of the contract.

The way the original agreement was written, BARC is concessionaire, a business which rents boats to the public. While this, with some creative thinking, can be construed to be the case, it is hardly the way the club has been operating, nor is it a way we want to operate, so we suggested to change it to reflect what we really do: Promote the sport of rowing by offering memberships which allow members unlimited use of the club's facilities and equipment. The board also found it objectionable that **BARC** is being held liable for any incident, which may, at any time, occur within the "concession area" which include the docks, while we at the same time are required to allow the public access to the area at all times.

After many discussions and a consultation with an attorney, the board decided to suggest that these, and several other items be changed in the new agreement, and that opened up the proverbial can of worms.

The county's reaction to our request was a new version of the agreement in which the language about being a boat rental business had not changed, and the language about the liability was even less favorable for us than before. Furthermore, our percentage fee that we pay the county (of our total receipts) almost doubled from 6% to 11%.

Many e-mails and discussions followed, and we have finally convinced the county attorney to change the language to better reflect the way we conduct our business, but the higher fee and the liability is something we just have to live with if we want to stay in the park. We will likely have to pay more for insurance in the future to cover our liability. Other aspects of our operation may be affected as well, and our plans for expanding the boathouse will also have to be revisited. Stay tuned for more information, as we figure out what the full impact of the changes will be.

Once signed, a copy of the Agreement will be posted on the "Members Only" section of our website.



SPRINTS!



Results From the Space City Sprints

May 7, 2005 • Mud Lake, Houston TX

21 - Womens Open 4x (Race Time - 08:41)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
J. Edwards (ARC)	3:48.28	00.00	00.00	3:48.28
E. Stateczng (Composite)	3:53.39	00.00	00.00	3:53.39
Mojevimal (Composite)	3:56.50	00.00	00.00	3:56.50
H. Tompkins (BARC)	3:59.45	00.00	00.00	3:59.45
M. Fitzgerald (ARC)	4:10.01	00.00	00.00	4:10.01

21 - Womens Open 4x (Race Time - 08:52)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
K. Bystry (DRC)	3:29.42	00.00	00.00	3:29.42
C. Jobe (ARC)	3:42.79	00.00	00.00	3:42.79
J. Robins (ARC)	4:10.08	00.00	00.00	4:10.08
R. Shaul (Composite)	4:24.94	00.00	00.00	4:24.94

1 - Mens Masters (A) 1x (Race Time - 09:00)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
K. Villamin (ARC)	3:57.05	00.00	00.00	3:57.05
J. DeMello (ARC)	4:02.88	00.00	00.00	4:02.88
B. Smith (ARC)	4:03.54	00.00	00.00	4:03.54
R. Schiller (ARC)	4:08.61	00.00	00.00	4:08.61
N. Quiring (ARC)	4:20.38	00.00	00.00	4:20.38
S. Studerus (BARC)	4:24.80	00.00	00.00	4:24.80
A. Berman (ARC)	4:49.88	00.00	00.00	4:49.88

24 - Mens Masters (B-C) 1x (Race Time - 09:08)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
C. Ford (DRC)	4:17.00	00.00	00.00	4:17.00
D. Kerth (ARC)	4:26.80	00.00	06.08	4:20.72
P. Scripko (ARC)	5:11.80	00.00	10.08	5:01.72
V. Perez (ARC)	5:25.02	00.00	09.00	5:16.02

2 - Mens Masters (D-J) 1x (Race Time - 09:18)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
B. Cooling (BARC)	4:35.81	00.00	03.52	4:32.29
V. Hirsch (BARC)	5:39.56	00.00	03.52	5:36.04
A. Parkman (BARC)	5:44.04	00.00	03.52	5:40.52
J. Lattner (BARC)	6:24.48	00.00	00.00	6:24.48

3 - Womens Open 2- (Race Time - 09:27)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
C. Jobe (Composite)	4:38.05	00.00	00.00	4:38.05
H. Boisseau (ARC)	4:38.79	00.00	00.00	4:38.79
T. Tompkins (BARC)	5:08.41	00.00	00.00	5:08.41

4 - Womens Masters (A-J) 1x (Race Time - 09:35)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
A. Houtz (LSRA)	5:01.14	00.00	00.00	5:01.14
M. Gabriel (ARC)	5:14.69	00.00	07.50	5:07.19

5 - Mens Open 2- (Race Time - 09:50)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
P. Scripko (ARC)	4:03.30	00.00	00.00	4:03.30
A. Johnstone (BARC)	4:19.88	00.00	00.00	4:19.88
A. Berman (ARC)	4:21.68	00.00	00.00	4:21.68
K. Villamin (ARC)	4:46.41	00.00	00.00	4:46.41

7 - Mens Open 1x (Race Time - 09:56)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
B. Baug (DRC)	4:17.80	00.00	00.00	4:17.80
B. Smith (ARC)	4:20.16	00.00	00.00	4:20.16
A. Magill (ARC)	N/A	N/A	00.00	N/A

8 - Womens Masters (A-B) 2x (Race Time - 10:24)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
P. Fischhaber (DRC)	4:24.80	00.00	00.28	4:24.52
M. Jones (LSRA)	4:32.19	00.00	02.87	4:29.32
R. Berman (ARC)	4:47.60	00.00	00.00	4:47.60
C. Jobe (ARC)	4:51.69	00.00	03.76	4:47.93
J. Winkler (RD)	4:52.32	00.00	01.38	4:50.94
H. Boisseau (ARC)	4:57.71	00.00	01.17	4:56.54

25 - Womens Masters (C-D) 2x (Race Time - 10:31)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
N. Lee (ARC)	4:52.16	00.00	08.36	4:43.80
A. McCloskey (ARC)	4:51.27	00.00	00.00	4:51.27
P. Galloway (GHR)	5:36.63	00.00	06.20	5:30.43

9 - Mens Recreational 1x (Race Time - 10:42)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
J. Lattner (BARC)	4:41.84	00.00	00.00	4:41.84
M. Pedowicz (GHR)	5:08.12	00.00	00.00	5:08.12
S. Thomas (DRC)	5:15.25	00.00	00.00	5:15.25
V. Hirsch (BARC)	5:27.81	00.00	00.00	5:27.81

10 - Mens Open 2x (Race Time - 10:49)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
R. Schiller (ARC)	3:49.92	00.00	00.00	3:49.92
T. Carl (DRC)	3:50.97	00.00	00.00	3:50.97
B. Samulson (LSRA)	4:01.75	00.00	00.00	4:01.75
A. Magill (ARC)	4:28.95	00.00	00.00	4:28.95

11 - Womens Open 1x (Race Time - 10:58)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
H. Tompkins (BARC)	4:49.00	00.00	00.00	4:49.00
M. Dunn (ARC)	5:20.25	00.00	00.00	5:20.25
J. Paisley (ARC)	5:46.17	00.00	00.00	5:46.17

12 - Mixed Open 2x (Race Time - 11:14)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
E. Stateczng (ARC)	3:50.92	00.00	00.00	3:50.92
K. Bystry (DRC)	3:52.97	00.00	00.00	3:52.97
A. Houtz (Composite)	4:01.39	00.00	00.00	4:01.39
D. Simmer (Composite)	4:24.91	00.00	00.00	4:24.91
P. Scripko (ARC)	4:30.03	00.00	00.00	4:30.03
A. McSpadden (ARC)	4:53.95	00.00	00.00	4:53.95

12 - Mixed Open 2x (Race Time - 11:31)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
A. Branan (DRC)	3:58.51	00.00	00.00	3:58.51
R. Schiller (Composite)	4:05.84	00.00	00.00	4:05.84
P. Fischhaber (DRC)	4:14.17	00.00	00.00	4:14.17
J. Edwards (ARC)	4:17.00	00.00	00.00	4:17.00
N. Quiring (Composite)	4:26.23	00.00	00.00	4:26.23

13 - Womens Open 4+ (Race Time - 11:43)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
H. Tompkins (BARC)	4:31.20	00.00	00.00	4:31.20
C. Anderson (RICE)	4:38.82	00.00	00.00	4:38.82
A. McSpadden (ARC)	4:39.50	00.00	00.00	4:39.50
V. Ozimek (Composite)	4:54.86	00.00	00.00	4:54.86
C. Pearsall (BARC)	5:09.15	00.00	00.00	5:09.15

14 - Mens Masters (A-C) 2x (Race Time - 11:58)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
N. Quiring (ARC)	3:49.96	00.00	00.00	3:49.96
C. Ford (DRC)	3:54.30	00.00	00.71	3:53.59
D. Kerth (ARC)	3:57.38	00.00	02.76	3:54.62
D. Simmer (ARC)	4:37.70	00.00	11.58	4:26.12

15 - Mixed Open 4+ (Race Time - 12:18)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
T. Carl (DRC)	4:14.66	00.00	00.00	4:14.66
H. Tompkins (BARC)	4:38.33	00.00	00.00	4:38.33
M. Jacobi (BARC)	4:44.39	00.00	00.00	4:44.39

17 - Mens Open 4+ (Race Time - 12:37)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
J. MacFarlane (BARC)	4:09.35	00.00	00.00	4:09.35
B. Gonzalez (A&M)	4:27.63	00.00	00.00	4:27.63

18 - Womens Open 2x (Race Time - 13:01)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
A. Branan (DRC)	4:11.81	00.00	00.00	4:11.81
M & M (LSRA)	4:12.70	00.00	00.00	4:12.70
J. Edwards (ARC)	4:46.95	00.00	00.00	4:46.95
G. Heifrin (ARC)	4:48.29	00.00	00.00	4:48.29
R. Berman (ARC)	4:56.70	00.00	00.00	4:56.70
J. Paisley (ARC)	5:20.31	00.00	00.00	5:20.31
R. Shaul (RCTW)	5:26.42	00.00	00.00	5:26.42

19 - Mens Open 4x (Race Time - 13:08)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
N. Quiring (ARC)	3:34.36	00.00	00.00	3:34.36
C. Barksdale (Composite)	3:36.45	00.00	00.00	3:36.45
A. Berman (ARC)	3:44.41	00.00	00.00	3:44.41
D. Simmer (ARC)	4:16.52	00.00	00.00	4:16.52

20 - Mixed Masters (A-J) 2x (Race Time - 13:27)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
A. Branan (DRC)	3:55.62	00.00	00.00	3:55.62
A. Scherbarth (DRC)	4:04.82	00.00	00.21	4:04.61
P. Fischhaber (DRC)	4:08.04	00.00	01.42	4:06.62
G. Knight (GHRC)	5:00.43	00.00	11.29	4:49.14

22 - Mixed Open 4x (Race Time - 13:48)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
B. Baug (DRC)	3:34.97	00.00	00.00	3:34.97
H. Tompkins (Composite)	3:47.58	00.00	00.00	3:47.58
A. Magill (ARC)	4:02.88	00.00	00.00	4:02.88
G. Knight (GHRC)	4:17.89	00.00	00.00	4:17.89
M. Gormanson (BARC)	4:27.80	00.00	00.00	4:27.80

23 - Mixed Open 8+ (Race Time - 14:28)

	Time	Penalty	Handicap	Final
Becky (Composite)	3:34.15	00.00	00.00	3:34.15
Rachel (Composite)	3:41.24	00.00	00.00	3:41.24
Martha Hood (Composite)	3:41.90	00.00	00.00	3:41.90

ARTICLES ARITCLES WE LOVE ARTICLES!!!!

ABOUT THOSE BRILLIANT ARTICLES.....

as always, thanks so much to those of you contributed to this newsletter. *YOU* are what makes it fun and interesting to read! And of course, thanks to the gifted genius of *Tamara Banda* for making it look really cool!!!! Future articles and ideas? Just shoot me an email to tinairene@sbcglobal.net

Thanks again!!!