

MEET YOUR 2026 COACHES AND STAFF



EMILY WELLS-PROGRAM DIRECTOR

HI DRC! I AM EMILY WELLS, AND I AM JUST THRILLED TO BE AT THE DRC AGAIN THIS COMING SUMMER . I MOVED TO DULUTH IN 2020, AND AFTER REALIZING THERE WAS A ROWING CLUB HERE I JUST KNEW I HAD TO GET INVOLVED. I WAS AN ASSISTANT COACH FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS BEFORE TAKING OVER AS HEAD COACH IN SUMMER 2023. I ROWED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA FROM 2006-2009 AND GOT TO TRAVEL ALL OVER THE EAST COAST FOR DIFFERENT REGATTAS. NOW I GET TO LIVE IN DULUTH WITH MY HUSBAND, JOE, DAUGHTER LIZZIE (2), AND OUR DOG, OLIVE. WHEN I'M NOT ROWING, I CAN USUALLY BE FOUND ON A TRAIL SOMEWHERE NEARBY. SEE YOU ALL ON THE WATER!



JAYVA JORDAN- LEAD ASSISTANT COACH

HI, I'M JAYVA JORDAN. I HAVE BEEN COACHING HERE AT THE DRC FOR 5 YEARS AND HAVE BEEN ROWING HERE FOR 8 YEARS. I ENJOY HIKING, RUNNING, AND BIKING IN THE SUMMER, AND I SPEND MY WINTERS COMPETING AND FILMING SNOWBOARDING FOR BURTON. I GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA IN ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCE. I'M EXCITED TO BE IN DULUTH AGAIN COACHING THIS SUMMER AND CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU ALL.



KELSEY BENSON: ASSISTANT COACH

IN 2024, I FINISHED MY PHD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AND WAS HIRED AS FACULTY IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-SUPERIOR. I MOVED HERE FROM GEORGIA WITH MY HUSBAND, ZACK AND CHILD, NOLAN (A GREAT FUTURE ROWER, THOUGH HE IS ONLY 6 NOW). ZACK AND I MET WHILE ROWING IN COLLEGE, SO OF COURSE ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS WE DID UPON RELOCATING TO THE TWIN PORTS WAS TO JOIN THE DRC. AFTER COMPETING IN SWEEP RACES IN COLLEGE, WE BOTH LEARNED TO SCULL AT THE ATLANTA ROWING CLUB. WE'RE EXCITED TO GET BACK INTO COMPETITIVE ROWING AFTER A PROLONGED ABSENCE!



SUMMER HARLOW: ASSISTANT COACH

HIYA, I'M SUMMER! I GREW UP AROUND MY LOCAL ROWING CLUB. MY FIRST ROWING MEMORY IS ME AND MY BROTHER SHARING A COXING SEAT AND PROBABLY MAKING THE ROWING OUTING QUITE DIFFICULT. I STARTED TO LEARN TO ROW AGED 12 AT A CLUB IN THE SOUTHWEST OF ENGLAND AND HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ROWING AND COACHING EVER SINCE. THE SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY I WAS SURROUNDED BY ALLOWED ME TO BE COMPETITIVE AT WELL KNOWN UK NATIONAL EVENTS AND RACE INTERNATIONALLY FOR GB. ROWING HAS ENABLED ME TO TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND I'M SO EXCITED TO SPEND MY SUMMER ON THE WATER IN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PLACE. I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET ALL OF YOU!!



NIA KRAMER: ASSISTANT COACH

I GREW UP IN DULUTH AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE JUNIOR ROWING TEAM FOR THREE YEARS PRIOR TO BEING HIRED AS A COACH. I TOOK A GAP YEAR IN SOUTH AMERICA AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL AND WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH IN THE FALL TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING. THIS SEASON I AM EXCITED TO GET OUT ON THE WATER AND INVITE JUNIOR ROWERS TO LEARN, COMPETE AND ENJOY THE SPORT AS MUCH AS I DO.



MAGGIE DENHERDER: LEARN TO ROW COACH

GROWING UP ON THE SHORES OF TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN, THE WATER HAS ALWAYS BEEN HOME. WHEN IT CAME TIME TO FIND A PLACE TO PUT DOWN ROOTS, DULUTH WAS AN EASY ANSWER. IN 2023, MY HUSBAND, OUR CHOCOLATE LAB, AND I MADE THE MOVE NORTH. I CAME TO ROWING IN MY JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL, CHASING A DREAM AND A SCHOLARSHIP. I WORKED EXTREMELY HARD AND EARNED A SPOT ON THE DIVISION 1 WOMEN'S ROWING TEAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS. I'VE COMPETED IN BOATS OF EVERY SIZE, BOTH SCULLING AND SWEEP. OVER SIX YEARS ON THE WATER, ROWING HAS SHOWN ME THINGS ABOUT MYSELF I'VE NEVER EXPECTED: I AM STRONG, I AM CAPABLE, AND I CAN DO HARD THINGS. BUT THE PART THAT HAS STAYED WITH ME MOST IS THE PEOPLE. THIS ROWING COMMUNITY IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER. THIS SEASON, I AM BEYOND EXCITED TO BRING THAT LOVE TO DRC'S LEARN TO ROW PROGRAM. MY HOPE IS SIMPLE: THAT YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH THIS SPORT JUST LIKE I DID.



OLIVIA HOFFMANN: ADULT ROWING COACH AND BOATHOUSE ATTENDANT

HELLO! I MOVED TO DULUTH IN FALL OF 2025 AND I AM ORIGINALLY FROM THE TWIN CITIES AREA. I ROWED IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE BUT HAVE BEEN ON A HIATUS FROM ROWING FOR ABOUT THE PAST 10 YEARS. I WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED WITH ROWING AND DULUTH'S COMMUNITY AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU AT DRC THIS SEASON!



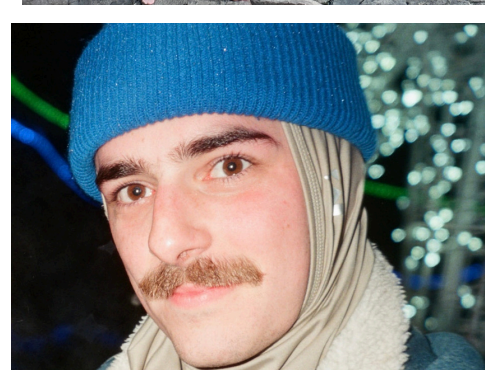
BEATRICE JAVAHERIAN: COXSWAIN COACH

I'M THE COXSWAIN COACH FOR THE JUNIOR TEAM THIS YEAR. I AM ALSO A COXSWAIN IN THE WISCONSIN WOMEN'S ROWING TEAM IN MADISON. OUTSIDE OF ROWING I AM A HOST AT CANAL PARK BREWING COMPANY AND I LIKE BEING OUTSIDE AND RIDING MY MOTORCYCLE.



AIDAN HOESCSHEN-EHRBRIGHT: BOATHOUSE ATTENDANT

I AM A BORN-AND-RAISED DULUTHIAN THAT CONTRIBUTES A MAJOR PART OF MY IDENTITY TO THE DULUTH ROWING CLUB. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CLUB FOR SIX YEARS, A CAPTAIN OF THE JUNIOR PROGRAM FOR THREE, AND WILL TAKE ON THE ROLE OF EVENING BOATHOUSE ATTENDANT FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR. FOR THIS UPCOMING SEASON, I HOPE TO BE AT THE CLUB AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO IMMERSE MYSELF IN BOTH THE SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY AND THE DEMANDING SPORT.



ANDREW MILLER: BOATHOUSE ATTENDANT

HI NEIGHBORS, I'M EXCITED TO WORK WITH DRC ALL SUMMER AND TO GET TO KNOW YOU ALL. I'VE LIVED IN DULUTH MY WHOLE LIFE AND SPENT TWO SUMMERS IN JUNIORS ROWING. READY TO GET BACK INTO THE WORLD OF ROWING AT DRC.



AMELIA GILBERT: BOATHOUSE ATTENDANT

HI! I'M AMELIA, I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL IN DULUTH AND I AM RETURNING FROM COLLEGE (ST. OLAF) FOR THE SUMMER. I HAVEN'T BEEN ROWING LONG, I STARTED LAST FALL, BUT I VERY QUICKLY GREW TO LOVE THE SPORT. I AM SO EXCITED TO MEET THE COMMUNITY IN DULUTH AND SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS I CAN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SPORT AND TEACHING OTHERS ABOUT IT TOO!