

Meet the Coaches for 2021

Bonnie Fuller-Kask is back for her 20th season as the DRC's Head Coach. In the past, Bonnie has directed both the adult and youth programs. This year she will focus on the Junior Program.



One of Bonnie's unique skills is her ability to start with youth who have never been in rowing shell or held an oar and help them develop into top athletes who win races. Her inclusive coaching style allows youth to be involved at a level that's right for them, while building their confidence and challenging them to do more than they realized they could accomplish. Both the boy's and girl's crews consistently bring home medals at local and regional regattas. Several youths each year go on to row in college each year: some with rowing scholarships.

Bonnie has extensive youth coaching experience and a degree in physical education. For the past 30 years she has coached Nordic skiing, serving as the East High School Head coach for 20 years. Nearly every year, the East Nordic ski teams qualify for the State High School Meet and have won top honors several years. Many skiers are also Junior rowers which is great cross training.

Bonnie is also a championship rower. She began rowing at the University of Minnesota. As a masters rower, Bonnie has medaled at local and regional regattas, Masters Nationals, World Masters, Head of the Charles, Head of the Schuylkill and other noted regattas.

Henri LaLiberte is the Adult Coach this season. He will provide coaching 2 mornings a week and will teach the Learn to Row classes along with Zoe Harvieux.

Henri began rowing in 2014 at the Duluth Rowing Club, building a foundation of basic skills and quickly realizing that a role as a coxswain would put him in the most competitive position. He coxed in both DRC men's and women's crews all summer and raced in the top junior boats during the NWIRA Regatta.

After falling in love with the sport, he was recruited to Purdue University Men's Rowing as a full-time coxswain, leading the Freshman men's eight to a silver medal at the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships as well as a win over the University of Michigan in a head-to-head dual race.

As a sophomore, Henri jumped into the Purdue program's top varsity eight and began to establish a habit of success. In three years at the helm of the first varsity, he was able to defeat BIG10 rival University of Michigan in match racing, win the 2019 Cal Cup at the San Diego Crew Classic, collect a silver medal at the 2019 SIRA Regatta, and bronze medals at the 2019 Dad Vail Regatta (from lane 6) and 2019 American Collegiate Rowing Association National Championship Regatta. That same year Henri and the Purdue Team defeated Bath College at the Henley Royal Regatta in Henley on Thames, UK.



In the summer of 2018, he was selected from a nationwide talent pool to represent the United States at the World University Championships coxing the Men's Eight in Shanghai China. His crew finished fourth, ahead of future Olympians and helped to develop his knowledge and competitive drive further. In 2021 he will be joining Steve Gladstone and Yale Heavyweight Men's Rowing to continue his rowing journey in the future. He is extremely excited to give back to the Duluth Rowing community while in Minnesota!

Emily Wells is an Assistant Coach with the DRC Junior Program. She hopes to get newbie rowers excited about rowing. She finds "There's no better way to start a day than on the water!"



Emily rowed for the University of Georgia from 2006 to 2010 and loved it. She raced in the women's 4 and 8, and also in the lightweight pair. She most enjoyed being on the water and traveling to races on the many different rivers of the Southeast US.

Emily is a recent Duluth transplant, having moved here after spending the last 6 years working at Isle Royale National Park. Currently, she works in admissions for the National Outdoor Leadership School in the Wilderness Medicine Division. This means she gets to work from home and spend time with her 8-month-old puppy, Olive.

In addition, Emily also volunteers on the St. Louis County Rescue Squad and an EMT-Basic. She is running her first trail 50k in Wyoming in late June.

Zoe Harvieux is an Assistant Coach with the Adult program primarily teaching in the Learn to Row classes.

Zoe learned to row here DRC where she excelled in several boats. In 2015 she went on to row for the University of Minnesota, where she graduated in 2019.

During her college summers back in Duluth, Zoe coached juniors and learn to row classes for 3 years here at DRC. While in the Twin Cities, Zoe was coached in the North Star Community Rowing youth program in Minneapolis.

Zoe is currently a physical therapy student at St. Scholastica. She loves trail running, road biking, and cross-country skiing.



Dave Kask is an Assistant Coach who will be working with the Junior Program. Dave has been rowing since 1975 when he first started rowing with the University of Minnesota.



Dave has over 20 years of youth coaching experience, coaching both at the DRC and with the Duluth East Nordic Ski program. He has held several leadership positions at the DRC, including Board President for 10 years, Commodore for several years, and now Vice President. Rowers love to see Dave at the end of a Duluth Regatta race because he is at the finish line working as the chief timer.

Dave is recently retired and has no problem finding things to do. He enjoys sailing and racing his boat, Moon River, (one of a variety of different boats in the Kask fleet) and cross country skiing.