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The National Rowing Foundation Inducts Seventeen Rowers and Coaches into the National Rowing Hall of Fame

NORTH STONINGTON, Conn., June 1, 2014 -- The National Rowing Foundation inducted seventeen of the most distinguished United States athletes and coaches into the National Rowing Hall of Fame on May 31, 2014. The induction ceremony took place at the Princeton Marriott at Forrestal in Princeton, N.J.

"The Class of 2014 being honored for induction into our Rowing Hall of Fame embodies the achievement in performance, dedication, persistence and contribution to rowing necessary to earn this recognition," stated Kent Mitchell Chair of NRF Hall of Fame Selection Committee. "In 96 appearances over multiple years in Olympic Games and World Championship competition, these men and women have won 71 medals, 64 of them gold, and rowed their way into the grand finals 94% of the time," said Mitchell. "Hall of Fame induction standards are demanding, each of these honorees has met those standards by open water," continued Mitchell.

Inducted for individual achievements are:

- Yasmin "Yaz" Farooq – Eight time USA National Team member and coxswain of the Women's 8 for Eight consecutive years; World Champion in 1995, Silver medalist in 1990, 1993, and 1994 World Rowing Championships in the Women's 8.
- Jamie Koven - Eight time USA National Team member and World Champion in the 1997 Men's Single Sculls and 1994 Men's 8, Bronze medalist in 1993 and 1995 World Rowing Championships in the Men's 8.
- Porter Collins – Five time National Team member and World Champion in the 1995, 1998 and 1999 Men's 8.
- Garret Miller – Four time National Team member and World Champion in the 1997, 1998, and 1999 Men's 8.
- Tom Welsh – Three time National Team member and World Champion in the 1998 and 1999 Men's 8.
- Michael Wherley – Eight time National Team member and World Champion in the 1997, 1998, 1999 Men's 8, Bronze medalist in 2002 Men's 8, and Silver medalist in 2003 Men's 8.

Inducted for achievement as a boat: The members of the 2008 Olympic Gold Medalists in the Women's 8 and their coach: Erin Cafaro, Lindsay Shoop, Anna Goodale, Elle Logan, Anna Cummins Mickelson, Susan Francia, Caroline Lind, Caryn Davies, Mary Whipple, and Coach Tom Teerhar.

Inducted posthumously as a Patron in the sport of rowing: John "Jack" Sulger, legendary rower and coach from the New York Athletic Club. Jack was a second-generation sculler in America, and a major force in rowing at the national and international level for over 35 years. Jack's son Francis X. Sulger was present to accept this honor for his late father.

About the National Rowing Foundation

The National Rowing Foundation is dedicated to raising funds to support the U.S. National Rowing Teams. Founded in 1966, the NRF has been supporting Olympic athletes for more than four decades. The funds raised support year round training, development, competition and preservation of rowing history through the Hall of Fame and Rowing Museum. More information can be found online at <http://www.natrowing.org>

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