

## Tony Biernacki Sr. Memorial Regatta Saturday June 19, 2010 Welland International Flatwater Center – North Course Welland, Ontario, Canada

Brock University will be hosting this annual regatta for masters athletes for the second time this year. In the past there were few opportunities for masters to race in the early summer so the introduction of this regatta is helping solve this dilemma and hopefully motivate masters to start training earlier especially since the Masters Worlds are just up the road in September.

The regatta is named for Tony Biernacki Sr. who was the head coach at Brock University from 1965 to 1980. Tony began women's rowing at the university level in Ontario with the first women's crew in 1967. As a young man Tony won the single at the Pan-American Games in 1959. Tony was also very active and successful as a masters rower for many years. In 1985 he won the single, double and quad at the World Masters Regatta in Toronto. For a number of years he was also the world record holder for his age category on the C2 ergometer.

Brock is proud to partner with Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC) to host this regatta and we aim to provide a top quality event. The North Course features a 1000m Albano buoyed course with hand-held starts, Finish Lynx Timing System and new docks for launching of shells (visit <u>www.wifc</u>.ca). We will be using stationary umpires to keep wake to a minimum on the race course. It is a great venue with easy viewing of races from the shell storage area and launch area.

With every participants first entry they will receive a complimentary t-shirt and post race BBQ. Sunday will be a great day to tour the many attractions and wineries in the Niagara Region. For accommodations in the City of Welland visit <u>www.comeplayinwelland.com</u>

We look forward to seeing everyone back from last year and hopefully many more participants. We hope it will be better than last year by using some of the feedback provided by the Regatta Central post event survey. There are a couple of minor changes to the event schedule.

Hoping your water is flat, Peter Somerwil Regatta Chair psomerwil@brocku.ca