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## GREETINGS FROM AMERICA'S FINEST CITY

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**Welcome to the newest edition of The Classic! It's our goal to fill you in on everything San Diego Crew Classic related, as well as let you know what's happening in local news. This month, we're talking athlete updates, featured events, and more!**

### IT'S SUMMER: And there is lots to do!

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**The San Diego Crew Classic wasn't the only event to return this year!** The city of San Diego has been bustling and beginning to return to its usual state, filled with wonderful attractions for all to enjoy. Although we are still navigating through the COVID-19 protocols, there are a lot of fun and safe ways to spend your time in San Diego this summer with proper precautions. For example...





- **Comic-Con** is next weekend, July 21-24th at the San Diego Convention Center! This international comic book convention has been around since 1970, and this will be their first in-person event since 2019. Welcome back Comic-Con!
- It's impossible to forget about Balboa Park when discussing all the various activities San Diego has to offer. **The Monet to Matisse: Impressionist Masterpieces from the Bemberg Foundation** exhibition is running at the San Diego Museum of Art (located in Balboa Park) through August 7th, 2022. This will be the first time that Georges Bemberg's extensive and impressive fine arts collection will be in California, so it is a must see!
- **The Rady Shell** at Jacobs Park is back open and hosting our incredible San Diego Symphony. There are already concerts booked through November, including Beethoven and Brahms tributes.
- If you're a regular at the San Diego Crew Classic, then you're more than likely familiar with the Belmont Park. What you might not know is that they recently added a new feature: **The Belmont Skatepark**! Open everyday from 10am-Sunset, it is one of the few places in the country where you can have an ocean view while skating!



**Shoutout to Orange Coast Community College for winning the 2022 Derek Guelker Memorial Cup!** The only community college, competing at Crew Classic, with a competitive men's and women's rowing program, OCC has surely made a name for itself in the rowing community. One of two wins at the 2022 SDCC, this crew endured a powerful battle against UCLA and USC before pulling ahead in the last

100 meters. Coxed by **Mo Guild** and stroked by **Cameron Herrera**, this was the first Novice 8+ win for the team since 1989.



## CONGRATULATIONS: Azja Czajkowski

**San Diego Rowing Club's Azja Czajkowski just made Team USA's U23 Women's 8+ !** U23 Selection Camp was hosted by the University of Virginia and coached by Kevin Sauer this year. Azja earned an invite through her impressive rowing resume, including winning silver in the Women's 8+ at the 2018 World Rowing Junior Championships and finishing second in the 1V8+ and team standings with Stanford Women's Crew at the 2021 and 2022 NCAAs. This year is the first ever combined U23 and U19 World Championships, held in Varese, Italy from July 25th - 31st.

**Good luck Azja!**



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