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Founded..... 1919
Colors..... Blue and Gold
Nickname..... Bruins
Conference..... Pacific-10
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2007 Pac-10 Varsity Eight Finish..... 4th
2007 NCAA Postseason 14th (V8+)
Letterwinners Returning..... 26
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2008 ROSTER

Name	Year	Position	Height	Hometown (High School)
Christine Antunes	Fr.	Coxswain	5-4	Woodway, Wash. (Edmonds Woodway)
Hali Baxter	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-10	Atherton, Calif. (St. Francis)
Jessica Cherry	Fr.	Port	5-9	Moraga, Calif. (Campolindo)
Renee Cornwell	So.	Port	5-10	Lake Forest, Calif. (El Toro)
Lauren Counter	So.	Port/Starboard	5-11	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly)
Caroline Curson	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-10	Del Mar, Calif. (Torrey Pines)
Molly Dallmar	Fr.	Port	5-9	Menlo Park, Calif. (Menlo-Atherton)
Katrina Darracq	Fr.	Port	5-8	Alameda, Calif. (Alameda)
Christine Dickson	Jr.	Starboard	5-10	Brea, Calif. (Brea Olinda)
Kaitlin Doering	So.	Port/Starboard	6-0	Alameda, Calif. (Alameda)
Stephanie Duclett	Fr.	Starboard	5-11	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar)
Patricia Dudziec	Sr.	Port	5-11	San Francisco, Calif. (St. Ignatius)
Jacqueline Ellis	Sr.	Coxswain	5-4	Newbury Park, Calif. (Newbury Park)
Candace Ferguson	Jr.	Port/Starboard	5-11	Yorba Linda, Calif. (Lutheran)
Christine Fiacco	So.	Port/Starboard	5-6	Alpharetta, Ga. (Centennial)
Kristin Fitzmorris	So.	Port/Starboard	5-8	Dana Point, Calif. (Dana Point)
Katherine Forster	Fr.	Port	5-11	London, England (Lady Eleanor Holles)
Ashley Guzik	Sr.	Port/Starboard	5-10	Carmel Valley, Calif. (Robert Louis Stevenson)
Erin Haggerty	Sr.	Port/Starboard	5-9	Ventura, Calif. (Buena)
Lynn Hancock	So.	Port/Starboard	6-2	Vancouver, B.C. (Crofton House)
Elizabeth Herron	Sr.	Port/Starboard	5-9	Tiburon, Calif. (Branson School)
Melissa Hong	So.	Port/Starboard	5-5	Fremont, Calif. (Irvington)
Alexandra Howard	Jr.	Port	5-11	Fairfield, Conn. (Fairfield Warde)
Antonia Hubbard	Jr.	Port	5-9	Berkeley, Calif. (St. Mary's High School)
Vanessa Jansen	Sr.	Starboard	5-8	Prunedale, Calif. (North Monterey County)
Carolyn Johnson	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-10	Long Beach, Calif. (Long Beach Poly)
Christina King	So.	Port	5-9	Irvine, Calif. (Mater Dei)
Alaizah Koorji	Fr.	Coxswain	5-0	Orinda, Calif. (Miramonte)
Rachel LaBella	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-9	Princeton Junction, N.J. (Plainsboro South)
Alexandra Lauren	So.	Port/Starboard	5-11	Sarasota, Fla. (Taft School [CT])
Megan Lightfoot	Jr.	Starboard	5-8	Santa Rosa, Calif. (Maria Carrillo)
Brittany Liljeqvist	So.	Coxswain	5-2	La Cañada, Calif. (Wilton [CT])
Stephanie Lui	So.	Coxswain	5-1	Simi Valley, Calif. (L.A. Baptist)
Brittane Marksby	Fr.	Port	5-9	Concord, N.H. (St. Paul's School)
Ariana Moeser	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-11	Santa Ana, Calif. (Foothill)
Anneliese Mondorf	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-5	Redding, Calif. (West Valley)
Sarah O'Leary	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-10	San Francisco, Calif. (St. Ignatius)
Jennifer Patton	Fr.	Port	5-9	Mission Viejo, Calif. (Tesoro)
Megan Petitti	Sr.	Coxswain	5-2	Apple Valley, Calif. (Apple Valley)
Danielle Piccinini	So.	Port/Starboard	5-10	Oakland, Calif. (Carondelet)
Megan Pratt	Fr.	Starboard	5-10	Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd)
Shizue Reid	Fr.	Port	6-0	San Diego, Calif. (Naples American [Italy])
Hayley Robinson	Sr.	Port	6-1	Cranford, N.J. (Cranford)
Sheerin Salimi	Jr.	Port/Starboard	5-10	Los Altos Hills, Calif. (Los Altos)
Jessica Schlosser	Fr.	Starboard	5-9	Fresno, Calif. (Buchanan)
Gevrina Seferaj	So.	Coxswain	5-2	Tustin, Calif. (Mater Dei)
Destinie Slavich	So.	Starboard	6-0	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell)
Christina Sprouse	So.	Port/Starboard	5-9	Northridge, Calif. (L.A. Baptist)
Whitney Standefer	So.	Starboard	6-1	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Girls Preparatory)
Vanessa Teff	Jr.	Starboard	5-10	Middleton, Wis. (Edgewood)
Caroline Turner	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-10	Winchester, Mass. (Winchester)
Dana Van Voorhis	So.	Starboard	6-0	Sunset Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei)
Reilly Wagner	Fr.	Port/Starboard	5-6	Ventura, Calif. (Ventura)
Elise Wilson	Fr.	Port	6-3	San Francisco, Calif. (St. Ignatius)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Amy Fuller Kearney (7th season)

Assistant Coach: Bill Zack (6th season)

Assistant Coach: Dawn Regan (3rd season)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Anna Liberovsky (1st season)



Class Breakdown

Seniors (8)

Patricia Dudziec
Jacqueline Ellis
Ashley Guzik
Erin Haggerty
Elizabeth Herron
Vanessa Jansen
Megan Petitti
Hayley Robinson

Juniors (8)

Christine Dickson
Candace Ferguson
Kristin Fitzmorris
Alexandra Howard
Antonia Hubbard
Megan Lightfoot
Sheerin Salimi
Vanessa Teff

Sophomores (16)

Renee Cornwell
Lauren Counter
Kaitlin Doering
Christine Fiacco
Lynn Hancock
Melissa Hong
Christina King
Alexandra Lauren
Brittany Liljeqvist
Stephanie Lui
Danielle Piccinini
Gevrina Seferaj
Destinie Slavich
Christina Sprouse
Whitney Standefer
Dana Van Voorhis

Freshmen (22)

Christine Antunes
Hali Baxter
Jessica Cherry
Caroline Curson
Molly Dallmar
Katrina Darracq
Stephanie Duclett
Katherine Forster
Carolyn Johnson
Alaizah Koorji
Rachel LaBella
Brittane Marksburry
Ariana Moeser

Anneliese Mondorf
Sarah O'Leary
Jennifer Patton
Megan Pratt
Shizue Reid
Jessica Schlosser
Caroline Turner
Reilly Wagner
Elise Wilson

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California (42)

Hali Baxter
Jessica Cherry
Renee Cornwell
Lauren Counter
Caroline Curson
Molly Dallmar
Katrina Darracq
Christine Dickson
Kaitlin Doering
Stephanie Duclett
Patricia Dudziec
Jacqueline Ellis
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Jessica Schlosser
Gevrina Seferaj
Destinie Slavich
Christina Sprouse
Dana Van Voorhis
Reilly Wagner
Elise Wilson

New Jersey (2)

Rachel LaBella
Hayley Robinson

Connecticut (1)

Alexandra Howard

Florida (1)

Alexandra Lauren

Georgia (1)

Christine Fiacco

Massachusetts (1)

Caroline Turner

New Hampshire (1)

Brittane Marksburry

Tennessee (1)

Whitney Standefer

Washington (1)

Christine Antunes

Wisconsin (1)

Vanessa Teff

Canada (1)

Lynn Hancock

England (1)

Katherine Forster

UCLA Rowing Returns Talented Veterans in 2008

Team's experience, depth should allow Bruins to compete in high-powered Pac-10 Conference

Having made consecutive appearances with its varsity eight crew at the NCAA Championships the past three seasons, the UCLA women's rowing team looks to compete for the Pac-10 title and a team berth in the 2008 NCAA Championships. The Bruins return a nucleus of talented veterans in its varsity crews and welcome a heralded class of incoming rowers this spring.

UCLA's varsity eight crew finished 14th overall at the NCAA Championships last season after having posted a 12th-place finish in 2006. Seventh-year head coach Amy Fuller Kearney realizes that daily progress will lead to even more encouraging results this spring.

"Our expectations are always to get faster," Fuller Kearney said. "Every time we go out to race, we are going to push our potential. We're not going to be limited by our competition. We are going to be limited by our potential, and we'll see where that takes us."

Despite a slew of injuries in the fall, UCLA's depth should establish the team as a competitor in the Pac-10 Conference this spring. Several key freshmen and sophomores have stepped up in the winter months to contribute on the varsity crews, and Fuller Kearney sees reason for optimism and excitement.

"All of our athletes are going to step up, as the margin for error is very thin," Fuller Kearney said. "In order for us to qualify the second varsity and the varsity four to NCAAs this spring, we need to focus on becoming more consistent everyday in practice. We have to be prepared to put together strong 2000-meter races under some substantial pressure against a very strong Pac-10 field."

Six of nine student-athletes from last season's varsity eight return this spring, including talented seniors **Patricia Dudziec**, **Erin Haggerty** and **Hayley Robinson**. Dudziec and Haggerty, two of the team's three four-year senior rowers at UCLA, have been instrumental to the team's recent success.

"Erin was a recruited non-rower as a freshman and has competed in the varsity eight since that freshman season," Fuller Kearney said. "She has the best power-per-pound in the boat and is very trustworthy on the water. Patricia has always been one of the most technically-sound athletes. She serves as a great seven seat because she has such great power-to-weight ratio. Hayley struggled with a wrist injury in the fall but is ready to put together the best spring of her career."

Two-time Pocock All-American **Vanessa Teff** returns to stroke the varsity eight. Among one of the most highly sought after recruits three years ago, Teff has certainly lived up to the team's expectations. A junior in 2008, Teff will be another important contributor in the varsity eight.

"Vanessa continues to be an amazing asset to the program," Fuller Kearney said. "She brings tremendous competitive nature as one of our team captains. Her drive is going to lead us through a stronger third 500-meters this season."

Juniors **Candace Ferguson** and **Alexandra Howard** made great strides in the offseason and will serve as consistent varsity eight contributors. Howard returns to the varsity eight crew, as Ferguson rowed with the second varsity eight in 2007.

"Lexi has really come into her own as a junior this year," Fuller Kearney said. "She's made some technical changes and will be more effective through the middle of the race this season. Candace brings such a positive attitude and an undying desire to be out there every day working harder and getting better."

Rowing six seat in 2007 as a freshman, **Lynn Hancock** returns to the varsity eight, where she rowed three seat during the Bruins' fall season. A strong performer as a freshman last season, the Bruins look for even greater contributions from Hancock this spring.



"She's gotten much more fit and much tougher since last season," Fuller Kearney said. "She has really matured a lot this year. She's become such a great teammate and a great team player, which makes her a lot of fun to watch."

In addition, the varsity eight welcomes two highly-recruited freshmen — **Alaizah Koorji** and **Elise Wilson** — both of whom medalled at the World Junior Championships last summer in Beijing, China.

"Elise has fit in very well with this group," Fuller Kearney said. "She brings so much power and talent to the boat. As a freshman, she's at the tip of her potential. Alaizah, another junior national team recruit, brings young talent to the coxswain seat. She really knows how to get her teammates to channel their efforts together and motivate them."

The Bruins' second varsity eight also features talent, depth and competition. Led by four-year senior **Elizabeth Herron** stroking the boat, UCLA's second varsity hopes to finish among the top three at Pac-10 Championships in May. Fuller Kearney knows that Herron will be a key to UCLA's success this spring.

"Her preseason goal has been to stroke that second varsity and get that boat in the top three at Pac-10s" Fuller Kearney said. "She sat in the varsity eight two years ago and raced at the NCAAs. Liz wants to get back there. She brings great leadership qualities to the second varsity and understands how valuable each performance is."

Senior **Vanessa Jansen** returns to the second varsity's seven seat and, like Herron, provides experience and leadership necessary to the boat. Also returning to the second varsity is sophomore **Destinie Slavich**.

"Vanessa is a very tough competitor, a fierce leader who looks to have a big season," Fuller Kearney said. "Destinie has awesome power and brings a tremendous attitude. She's one who we want to watch develop."

Others expected to contribute with the second varsity eight include senior **Ashley Guzik**, junior **Sheerin Salimi**, sophomores **Lauren COUNTER**, **Kristin Fitzmorris**, **Alexandra Lauren** and **Brittany Liljeqvist** and freshman **Rachel LaBella**.

A strong combination of recruited rowers and walk-ons will compete for spots on varsity boats and add well-needed depth to the Bruins' rowing program. Koorji, Wilson and LaBella are among the leading newcomers to accrue time rowing with the varsity crews. Sophomore **Dana Van Voorhis** and freshmen **Brittane Marksby**, **Katrina Darracq** and **Stephanie Duclett** are expected to contribute immediately.

"Those four newcomers have really helped set the standard so far," Fuller Kearney said. "In general, the freshmen have done a really nice job. Those are the student-athletes who have been shining in the fall, but it's always really exciting to see who will step up in the spring."

Fortunately for the Bruins, in addition to the aforementioned student-athletes working to get into an NCAA boat, there are two and a half eights of freshman/novice rowers who are both working hard to earn a seat in the novice eight and also developing power for next season.

"One of the best parts of our program this season is that we have such great depth," Fuller Kearney said. "There are many talented athletes on the water each morning, and that makes coaching both fun and exciting. They push each other to reach their potential and improve each day."



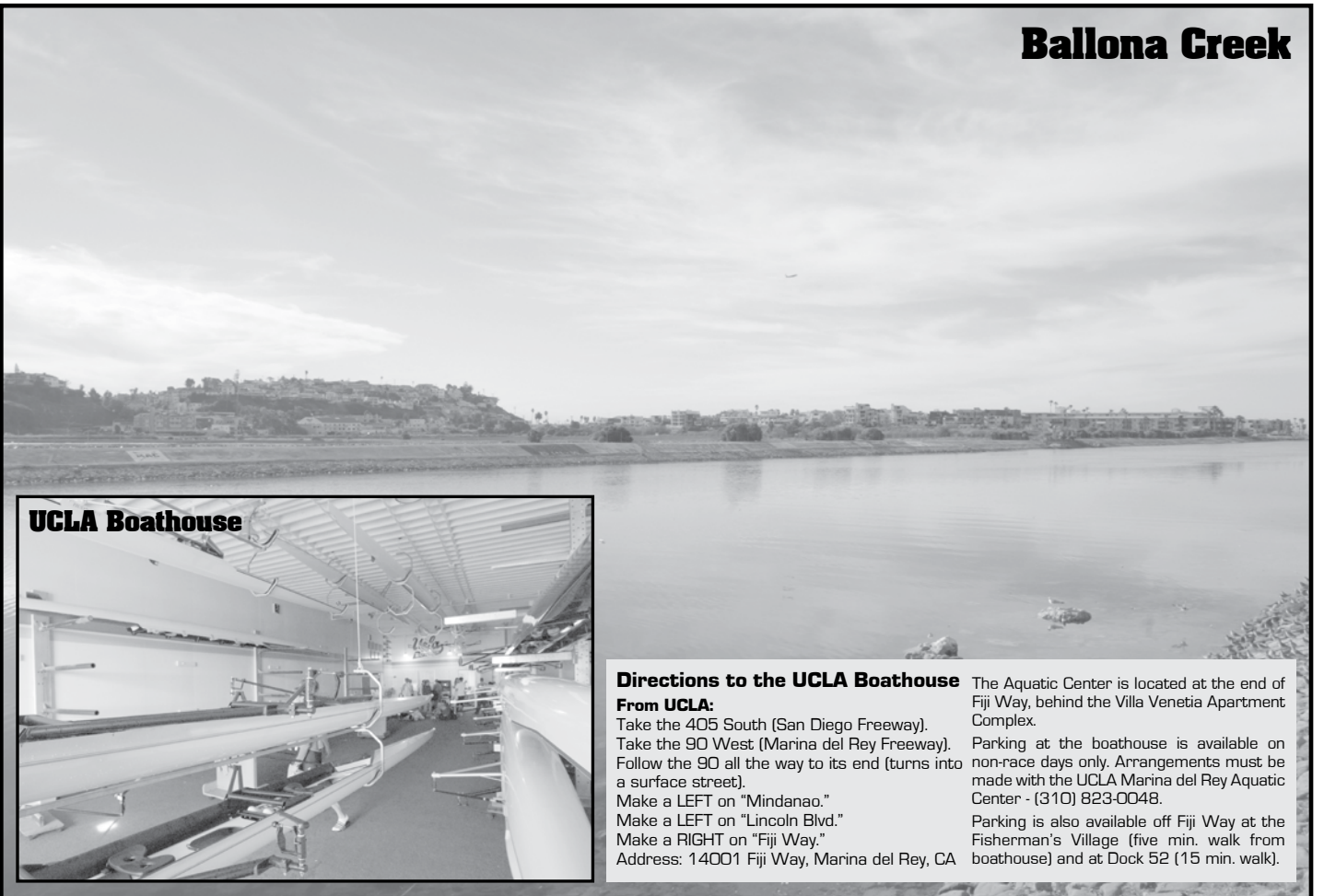
Marina del Rey



The UCLA Boathouse, surrounded by Marina del Rey and Ballona Creek, is located just 11 miles south of UCLA. On the north side of the boathouse, the marina serves as both a practice site and a racing venue for fall regattas. On the south side, Ballona Creek serves as UCLA's own 2000m race course.

The UCLA women's rowing team also trains on campus at both Drake Stadium and at the Acosta Strength and Conditioning Facility. For ergometer workouts, the Bruins have 40 ergometers overlooking Drake Stadium and UCLA's beautiful North campus.

Ballona Creek



UCLA Boathouse



Directions to the UCLA Boathouse

From UCLA:

Take the 405 South (San Diego Freeway).
Take the 90 West (Marina del Rey Freeway).
Follow the 90 all the way to its end (turns into a surface street).
Make a LEFT on "Mindanao."
Make a LEFT on "Lincoln Blvd."
Make a RIGHT on "Fiji Way."
Address: 14001 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA

The Aquatic Center is located at the end of Fiji Way, behind the Villa Venetia Apartment Complex.

Parking at the boathouse is available on non-race days only. Arrangements must be made with the UCLA Marina del Rey Aquatic Center - (310) 823-0048.

Parking is also available off Fiji Way at the Fisherman's Village (five min. walk from boathouse) and at Dock 52 (15 min. walk).