



September 23 - October 1, 2017

2017 World Rowing Championships

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One year ago this month, history was made, as the United States and Cuba restored full diplomatic ties after more than five decades. Now, for just the second time since the embassies reopened in each other's capitals, several members of the Cuban national rowing team will be practicing in Florida. The medal winning hopefuls will be training at Nathan Benderson Park for the upcoming summer Olympics in Rio and the 2017 World Rowing Championships in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida.

Media Availability

Members of the media are invited to film, photograph and interview the Cuban rowers and coaches.

When: Friday, July 8th at 9:00 AM

Where: Nathan Benderson Park: 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota, FL 34235

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About SANCA

The Suncoast Aquatic Nature Center, Inc. (SANCA), is a not-for-profit business created to manage Nathan Benderson Park, a community/public asset and world-class, multi-use sports venue. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for our community and be an economic generator for the Sarasota-Bradenton area. SANCA's primary purpose is to develop and promote Nathan Benderson Park as a world-class event center, team training site and Sarasota County Park, while providing outreach programs through recreation, safety training, education and volunteering as a service to our community.

About the 2017 World Rowing Championships

From September 23 – October 3, 2017, the World Rowing Championships, an international Rowing Regatta organized by FISA (the International Rowing Federation), will be held at Nathan Benderson Park (NBP), in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida. This weeklong event is held at the end of the northern hemisphere summer and in non-Olympic years – it is the highlight of the international rowing calendar. Rowing takes place in 21 different boat classes for both Men and Women, apart from during Olympic years when only non-Olympic boat classes' race.

In the forty-eight years of the events existence, the United States has hosted only one world championship in 1994 at Indianapolis, IN. Twenty-three years later, Sarasota-Bradenton will represent the United States as the host of the 2017 World Rowing Championship. The goal is to attract athletes, family, friends, fans from around the world, and locally in the US, to attend this world-class event, and grow the following of rowing in the US.