

# 2010

## BOYS FIRST BOAT (57-1)

Bow	Frederic Avery Bourke '10
2	David Albright Cerami '10
3	Christian Brainard Naylor '10
4	Jordan Douglas Traub '10 (Co-Captain)
5	Morgan Barlow Weaver '11
6	Vyacheslav "Slava" Chupryna '10 (Co-Captain)
7	Robert Christian Reynolds '10 (Co-Captain)
Stroke	Alex Van der Kloot Perkins '11
Coxswain	James Patrick Knorring '10



Sport Graphics

First Boat Shell: *William Hartwell Perry Jr.* (Vespoli, 2009)

Coach: Eric Lindsey Houston '80

Assistant Coach : Todd Brandon Gentry

Assistant Coach: Andrew Combs

Assistant Coach: Andrew Baird

Kent 9.9 seconds ahead of Community Rowing, Inc., St. John's Preparatory School 17.1 seconds further behind

Kent 10 seconds ahead of Phillips Academy Andover

Second of 6 in Noxontown Regatta (3.2 seconds behind St. Joseph's Preparatory School)

Kent 17 seconds ahead of Lawrenceville School, Mercer Junior Rowing Club 4 seconds further behind

Kent 6.6 seconds ahead of Phillips Exeter Academy, Wayland-Weston Rowing Association 17.4 seconds further behind

First of 6 in Connecticut Interscholastic Championships (9.4 seconds ahead of Salisbury School)

Kent 8.4 seconds ahead of Salisbury School, St. John's Preparatory School 7.2 seconds further behind



First of 18 in New England Interscholastic Regatta (5.0 seconds ahead of Phillips Academy Andover)  
 First of 23 in USRowing Youth National Championships (1.2 seconds ahead of Marin Rowing Association)\*

\* event national record

Henley Plate: Vyacheslav Chupryna '10

Bishop's Oar: James Patrick Knorring '10, Tyler Terry Wilson '10

Perry Tray: Morgan Barlow Weaver '11

Perry-MacClarence Bowl: The Campia Family, the Reynolds Family, the Traub Family



*Bourke, Cerami, Naylor, Traub, Weaver, Chupryna, Reynolds, Perkins, Knorring, Houston*

This turned out to be the last year for the Connecticut Interscholastic Championships. In 2011, it would be replaced by the Kent Invitational on Lake Waramaug.

Former Assistant Coach **Andrew Harris**

**Schneider '00:** "The year 2009 should have been Eric's peak year, at least on paper. Losing six strong Sixth Formers should have meant a step back in 2010, but the boat just *clicked*—probably because we finally found our stroke-oar. Alex Perkins moved from the bow into the

stern, and he was an amazing stroke. Christian Reynolds moved up to 7-seat, and with Slava in 6, that stern three was extraordinary. They were all probably close to 6:10 on the erg, unbelievable horsepower for a schoolboy crew. The other guys were no slouches either, and in prior years had progressed through the lower boats with a lot of success."

**House:**

*The stern three had all been aboard the 2009 First Boat*



which came in third at the Youth Nationals and made it to the quarter-finals of the Temple Challenge Cup at Henley. The boat quickly gelled toward the end of the Spring Training trip in Tampa, and after their first couple of races it was obvious that the boat had the makings of a truly special crew.

A six-boat race at St. Andrew's provided the First Eight with a wake-up call as Kent ended up losing by a couple of seats to perennial powerhouse St. Joe's Prep. Though the rowers were disappointed by the loss, they became more determined than ever to get faster. The rest of the regular season showed a steady improvement in both technique and speed as they won their remaining races by open water, including the New England Championship.

Next was USRowing Youth Nationals.

Of the twenty-three entries in Cincinnati, all qualifiers from their various regions, only four were scholastic crews. Of those four, only two made it past the heats, and only Kent made it to the grand final, winning its heat by 2.3 seconds, its semi by 2.6 seconds, and the final by 1.2 seconds over **Marin Rowing Association**, a regional club from the San Francisco Bay Area with hundreds of rowers training year-round.

**House:** "In the final, Kent pulled into an early lead and never looked back, winning by three-quarters of a length over Marin and open water on the rest of the field while setting an event record of 5:47.3 that would stand for years."

**2010 Youth Nationals final:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkR5g0HINd0>

Taken in historical perspective (see 2001, 2002, and 2014), the win at the 2010 Youth Nationals was among the most significant in Kent Rowing's First 100 Years.

#### Todd Gentry:

*Hart Perry had left Kent years before I arrived, but my fondest memory of him comes from just after the 2010 season. There was a dinner at Headmaster Dick Schell's house, and we were making small talk and I said, "Yeah, I've been lucky to be at Kent for some pretty good years."*

*He grabbed me by the arm and said gruffly, "You make your own luck, Todd."*



Banner in the Rowing Center between the Sill and Bishop's Oar

*I'll never forget that.*

First Boat 3-oar **Christian Brainard Naylor '10** was the older brother of 2010 Girls First Boat stroke-oar **Whitney Scarborough Naylor '11**.

First Boat 6-oar and Co-Captain **Vyacheslav Chupryna '10** was the younger brother of four-time First Boater **Kateryna Chupryna '04** and the son of World Champion **Mykola Mykolaiovich Chupryna** (see 2001). He would go on to row four years at Brown University.

First Boat 7-oar and Co-Captain **Robert Christian Reynolds '10** was the brother of 2007 Girls First Boat stroke-oar and Captain **Emily McIntosh Reynolds '07** and 2007 First Boat 2-oar **George Alexander Reynolds '07**. The younger Reynolds would go on to row for the University of California. After 2010, he would return to HRR in 2011 and win the Temple Challenge Cup as a member of the IRA-Champion Cal Freshmen. There he was reunited with his sister Emily representing Princeton.



Christian and Emily Reynolds

First Boat 4-oar and Co-Captain **Jordan Douglas Traub '10** was the son of Kent athletic trainer and 1979 First Boat 5-oar **Daniel Jordan Traub '79**, the cousin of 1996 First Boat 7-oar **Marina Catherine Traub '96**, and the brother of 2005 stroke-oar **Carly Jordan Traub '05** and 2007 First Boat stroke-oar and Captain **Kyle Jetté Traub '07**.



## 2010 Henley Royal Regatta:

**Michael Christopher Lindburg '11:** "I was a part of the Prince Albert Cup developmental coxed-four that traveled with the 2010 squad to HRR as spares for the eight. Three of us were from the Second Boat, and Inigo Bland was from the Third Boat. Our four had its best showing in Reading, cleaning up against a four from Yale which subsequently turned around and rowed home out of embarrassment."

The First Boat coxswain through Youth Nationals had been Pat Knorring, but since he was age-ineligible for the PE Cup at Henley, he was moved into the four. Replacing Knorring in the coxswain's seat was Third Boat coxswain **Lauren DiCarlo Harvey '11**, only the second girl in Kent Rowing's First 100 Years to steer a Boy's First Boat after Vashti Madeline Chandler '06.

### House:

*Lauren's trip started poorly. First of all, the guys were disappointed that Knorring couldn't be with them. Then she hit a swan at the Reading Town Regatta. With three boats across on a narrow reach of the Thames, there was not much she could do, but the guys were all upset. I tried to console her, and then sat with the guys to*

*remind them that this was who we had, so they had better work with her.*

*It also didn't help that on our first day in Henley we were in this really nice Empacher that we were borrowing from Leander Club, and she almost ran into one of those little tugboats—anybody who has practiced on the Henley course during Regatta Week knows what a zoo it is!—but after that she was so nervous that she almost T-boned the dock on the way back in.*

*So she didn't have a very good start, but by their last race at Henley, she would be one heck of a coxswain, to the point that she could purposely ease out into the middle of the course, give a little wash, get called back, and then sneak back a little bit.*

Lauren would go on to cox at Boston University. At HRR, the 2010 Prince Albert Challenge Cup received thirty-nine entries, which were reduced to sixteen through a time trial among thirty-one crews. Three schoolboy crews entered: Kent, Abingdon School, and Salisbury School. None survived the time trial.

All four of the Kent rowers would go on to row in the 2011 First Boat, and Knorring would go on to cox the 2011 Alumni Henley entry.

## THE PRINCESS ALBERT CHALLENGE CUP

Coxswain	James Patrick Knorring '10
Bow	Inigo Julian Bland '12
2	David Oceau '11
3	Michael Christopher Lindburg '11
4	John Lawrence Roper '11



HRR Photo



## THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH CHALLENGE CUP

Bow	Frederic Avery Bourke '10	I2st 2
2	David Albright Cerami '10	I3st 7
3	Christian Brainard Naylor '10	I3st 4
4	Jordan Douglas Traub '10 (Co-Captain)	I2st 3
5	Morgan Barlow Weaver '11	I4st 2
6	Vyacheslav Chupryna '10 (Co-Captain)	I4st 13
7	Robert Christian Reynolds '10 (Co-Captain)	I3st 12
Stroke	Alex Van der Kloot Perkins '11	I3st 2
Coxswain	Lauren DiCarlo Harvey '11	7st 4
Average		I3st 6 = 188 lbs.



HRR Photo

There were thirty-eight entries in the 2010 Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup, which was reduced to thirty-two by nine domestic crews participating in a time trial for the final three positions in the draw. Eight schools, including Kent, were selected, all of which made it to the quarter-finals.

Kent's first opponent was the **King's School, Chester**, a finalist in the Princess Elizabeth Cup in 2006, the last time Kent had competed for the PE Cup. Kent won comfortably by two and a half lengths.

Kent's second race against **Shiplake College** was more distressing. They were still getting their point when the official said "Go!" The bow-oar was still sculling the bow around, and his seat popped right off the front end and into the footwell.

**House:** "All the guys had their hands up because that's what you do in the United States, and the ref just sat there looking at them . . . so they finally decided they might as well get on with it. They got the seat back on, and Lauren in the coxswain's seat had the wherewithal to just call another racing start. I think they were three lengths down."

Shiplake's lead was short-lived as Kent stormed back, reducing their deficit to half a length by the Barrier and then taking the lead soon thereafter. The final margin was two lengths.

In the third round, **Salisbury School**, a familiar opponent from the spring, led to the first signal, but a confident Kent was steaming away by the Barrier. Final verdict: one and three-quarter lengths.

The semi-final pitted Kent against the only school which had spoiled an otherwise undefeated spring season, **St. Joseph's Preparatory School**. Revenge was sweet. The margin at the end was three and a half lengths.

**PE Cup semi-finals:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJICfWPDig&list=PLnz99GkY9DS-FaJPoFRRJ3EeIMcEEXA3J&index=2>

Kent's opponent in the final was **Eton College**, defending Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup Champion, which they had won in dominating style in 2009, and they had four rowers and their coxswain returning. The much-anticipated match-up between America's best and England's best was not close, with Eton taking the start, leading by a length at the Barrier, two and one-quarter lengths at Fawley, three lengths at the mile, and four lengths at the finish. A truly exceptional crew.

Assistant Coach **Todd Gentry:** "I actually got to row with our guys a few times after we had gotten back from Youth Nationals and were training for Henley. Let me tell you something: They were probably one of the most efficient crews that I ever rowed in, whether at Rutgers or with Union Boat Club in Boston. They were really

efficient in terms of power-to-weight ratio. It was really exciting to row with those guys, and the shame of it was that as fast as they were, they had the unfortunate luck to run up against an Eton crew that might have been the best schoolboy crew ever in the sport of rowing.”

Eton Coach **Alex Henshilwood**:

*I have held Kent's rowing traditions in high regard ever since I visited there as part of a tour of East Coast rowing schools with Bedford School (see 1988).*

*In 2010, we knew that Kent were a good crew, and we respected them a great deal. We had both progressed through the draw to the final, and I thought the Kent boys looked ominously like a senior crew from a university or top club. They were humble and went about their business professionally. They demanded our respect and full effort, and that is what my crew delivered.*

*The Eton VIII's of 2009 and '10 were as good as any in history and raised the bar for schoolboy rowing worldwide. They were the best of their time and demonstrated just what was possible when the right mix comes together. Boys from those crews would go on to be Junior World Champions, Ivy League varsity rowers, Oxbridge Boat Race winners, U23 and Senior World Medallists, and even Olympic Gold Medallists.*

This was only the third time since the 1972 winners



*Alex Henshilwood*

that the rowers of Kent's First Boat had been age-eligible for the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup, and this was the furthest Kent had gone through the rounds since 1972—quite an accomplishment in the twenty-first century for a crew which only practiced in the spring.

The 2010 Boys Crew would be inducted into the Kent School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2020.



*The 2010 Crew in the traditional photo at "Mariners" (see 1994)*