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National Convention Brings More than 650 Rowers to Hartford
Riverfront Recapture Hosts Return of USRowing

(December 1, 2011) The 2011 USRowing Convention, hosted by Riverfront Recapture, began Thursday at the Hartford Downtown Marriott. USRowing produces a yearly convention that brings together coaches, rowers, and rowing companies from around the country for instructional workshops, product demonstrations and coaching certification classes.

"We are excited to be back in Hartford," said A.J. Dominique, III, USRowing's Events Manager. The 1997 Convention in Hartford is still USRowing's largest convention to date, and the 2011 Convention is expecting at least 650 attendees and has already sold out its 600 room block at the Marriott. "Hartford's central location makes it very convenient for our attendees to get here and we have great attendance this year, as we did the last time we were in Hartford."

Speakers include USRowing's Olympic team coaches, as well as the nation's top collegiate, high school and club coaches and directors. Over 40 Riverfront Recapture volunteers are working at the four-day convention, serving in various registration and support capacities.

"We are excited to have again brought the USRowing Convention to Hartford," said Riverfront Recapture's CEO Joseph Marfuggi, "especially since in 1997 our rowing program's boathouse was just a dream, but has since become a reality with over 500 people rowing out of it annually."

The Convention runs through Sunday, and more information can be found at www.usrowing.org. More information about Riverfront Recapture's Rowing Program can be found at www.riverfront.org

Riverfront Recapture, Inc. (RRI) is a private, non-profit organization that is leading the effort to restore public access to the Connecticut River in Metro Hartford. A regional

network of parks and public recreational facilities is taking shape on the Riverfront with new improvements becoming available each year. Riverfront Recapture offers a wide range of recreational activities, including community rowing, fishing tournaments, festivals, and concerts plus youth programs such as fishing, high school rowing, a ropes course, and a climbing tower. Riverfront Recapture celebrates our 30th Anniversary in 2011!