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OKC Adaptive Athletes Headed to World Rowing Championships

OKLAHOMA CITY – July 25, 2011 The five adaptive athletes training at the OKC National High Performance Center have secured spots on the U.S. National Adaptive Team and will compete at the 2011 World Rowing Championships, Aug. 28-Sept. 4 in Bled, Slovenia. Earlier this year, USRowing named OKC the National Adaptive Training Center for Rowing. Since then, athletes have relocated to OKC, and talent searches have helped coaches identify athletes with the potential to excel in the sport of rowing and represent the USA at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

Emma Preuschi – named to the LTA 4+ (Erb's Palsy)
Andrew Johnson – named to the LTA 4+ (Visually Impaired)
Anthony Davis – named to the TA 2x (Paraplegic)
Jacqui Kapinowski – named to the TA 2x (Paraplegic)
Tricia Downing – named to the W1x (Paraplegic)

Tony, a paraplegic who taught himself how to walk again, was featured in [The Oklahoman](#).

[Download](#) a PDF for information about boat classes in Adaptive Rowing

Media Day with the U.S. Adaptive Team – Monday, Aug. 1, 3-5 p.m.

What: The U.S. National Adaptive Team

Where: OKC National High Performance Center at the Devon Boathouse, 616 S.E. 6th Street.

When: Monday, August 1, 3-5 p.m.

Interview Opportunities: Coaches and athletes will be available for interviews.

Footage Opportunities: Crews launch for practice shortly after 5 p.m.

The OKC Boathouse Foundation promotes the use and development of the Oklahoma River as a world-class urban aquatic venue and provides access to rowing, kayaking and fitness programs for people of all ages and abilities. OKCBF programs pursue the highest goals of sports and embrace the principles of the Olympic spirit which inspire athletes to work toward personal excellence, embrace the power of teamwork, and practice respect for all people and the environment. To learn more or get involved, call (405) 552-4040 or visit okcbf.org.

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