

2012 BARC AWARDS

CLASS ACT AWARD - Claire MacAdam

This award is presented to the BARC member who has successfully run the Space City Sprints AND the Learn to Row Classes in a manner far above BARC standards.

THROW IN THE TOWEL AWARD - Lynn Leenhouts

This award is presented to the BARC member who risks their car, home and washer - dryer for the benefit of our rowing equipment.

HOTTEST ROWER AWARD - Marissa Herron

This award is presented to the BARC rower who demonstrates the most proclivity towards hotness.

The recipient of this award took Claire's class in the middle of summer, and by the end of Fall had collected her first rowing medal at the Woodlands, followed by a GOLD medal at the Pumpkinhead in Austin.

It is there that we noticed Marissa was rowing with not one, not two, but THREE leotards, accompanied by her velvet warm ups. Despite having a complete wardrobe for cooler weather, she was rarely seen in December when the cold fronts were hovering, or the temperature was less than Hannes' age.

FOREIGN SPEAKING AWARD - Anke Hielscher

This award is presented to the BARC rower who is difficult to understand.

BARC can pride itself for its diversity in its members.

We have space engineers, oil technicians, doctors, educators, (no lawyers?) and a number of international members.

Nominees for this award are: Anke, Hannes, Saul, Victor, James, and Breff.

This award goes to Anke Hielscher – not because of her English, but because she is German and does not drink beer. Very difficult to understand.

GOOD DRIVER AWARD - Hannes Hofer

This award is presented to the BARC member who accumulates the most miles on the water AND on the road.

Hannes Hofer rowed over 1,500 km (about 1,000 miles)

And he drove 35 miles x 2 R/T x 3 x week x 50 weeks = 10,000 miles

And he rode his bike about 3,000 miles.

For a total of about 14,000 miles

Most impressive was when he steered a double scull with 18 from oar tip to oar tip between 2 dragon boats that were sitting about 15 feet apart, and we got through without a scratch (or wetting our pants).

THE ENERGIZER BUNNY AWARD - Greg Wood and Carlos Westhelle

This award is presented to the BARC rower or rowers who just keep going and going and going.

You may have never seen Greg and Carlos row because their preferred time was 5 o'clock AM, whether they were in town or not. (Somehow, Carlos was getting km posted when he was in Toronto or Brazil, and Greg may have been in Santa Fe or riding his bike around the bay) but this is on account of their establishment of a banking system or rainy day fund, where they would row a few extra laps, on a sunny day, not log them, and bank them for a rainy day.

With 4,000 km logged this is an average of over 10k (2 laps) EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. That is 800 laps of Mud Lake – a little dizzying.

I don't know what they were like in the evening, but they are both still married.