

Nobility

Everyone has their own perspective on the world. I, of course think it rotates on an axis through this boathouse....

Naming this boat in honor of Debbie is really not quite enough. With all due respect, I would suggest we rename the city Debbie, Virginia. "The Dedicated side of the river."

I'd live there.

The Boat... I love this boat. It reeks of speed. It was designed from the ground up for lightweight women. Its designer is a tireless, detail oriented man who prides himself on making the absolute best product on the market. (Wisconsin's Women's lightweight 8 has a gold medal to show for its premier season)

Of the thousands of reasons I love this sport, (besides the really cool equipment) the highest on the scale is rowing's nobility.

Nobility is the core of the crew team. You see, the measurement of your success as a racer is not how hard you punish your opponent, but how hard you punish yourself.

Yes, some would say that's sick. But coming over the finish line, spent beyond your wildest expectation, is the greatest accomplishment of any rower.

This nobility is an expensive gift. It can only be earned by putting in the time. Training, training, and more training.

In the world of sports, rowing is grossly out of proportion when it comes to putting in the time: 600 minutes of practice per week, for 5 minutes of racing.

Some would say this is an affliction. But in order to get the "nobility buzz," putting in the time is the fundamental requirement.

So...

Debbie Wells is a metaphor for the nobility of the sport of rowing.

Her selfless dedication to the TC Williams crew team for the past eight years is unprecedented.

She not only races hard (the day of the events), but she has constantly put in the work, preparing for the multitude of events this organization has hosted and supported over the past eight years.

There are too few times in life to celebrate, and offer up thanks to the special people in our lives. Today is one of those rare opportunities.

On behalf of a very very grateful coach, booster organization, and crew team, we are delighted to name this boat in your honor.

Thank you!!!

Steve Weir
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