<i&gt;Who Dat&lt;/i&gt; Brings Rowing Victory

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The *Who Dat*, a boat that survived Hurricane Katrina, came through for Marie-Claire Serou as the Tulane sophomore won first place and a gold medal in the women's single scull event at the American Collegiate Rowing Association's Championship Regatta.



Marie-Claire Serou shows off her gold medal. (Photo from Bob Jaugstetter)

In the competition, held at Lake Lanier, Ga., on May 28, Serou posted the winning time of 8:22.5 over the 2,000-meter course, almost 45 seconds ahead of the silver medalist from Vanderbilt University, who finished in 9:07.3.

Serou is a math major who competes with the <u>Tulane University Rowing Association</u> under head coach Bob Jaugstetter, an Olympic silver medalist.

Jaugstetter acknowledged that his rower's feat was more remarkable in that her single scull, the *Who Dat*, was a New Orleans Rowing Club boat that had come through both Hurricane Katrina and a tornado that hit the Tulane boathouse.

The Tulane group rows regularly on the Orleans Avenue Canal near New Orleans City Park.

In addition to the regatta results, ACRA named Tulane seniors Hannah Walker, Zach Hebert and John Huppi to South All-Regional Teams. The regional honorees were recognized at the ACRA national championship.