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**ALBANY ROWING CENTER ATHLETES
to compete at
2017 World Rowing Championships**

Albany, NY – Albany Rowing Center (ARC) is pleased to announce that two of its youth rowers have been selected to participate in the Youth Regional Challenge at the 2017 World Rowing Championships (www.wrch2017.com) to be held in Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida, September 23 – 25, 2017.

The Youth Regional Challenge will feature 156 of the top Under-19 rowers from across the six US Rowing regions. Each of the six regions – Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest – will be represented by two “all-star” crews in each of four boat classes.

Albany Rowing Center athletes Connor Toomey of Albany and Christian Sauer of Delmar will represent the highly competitive Northeast region. Only 300 rowers from the northeast were nominated and the two 16-year-olds from Albany Rowing Center were selected to be among the 18 athletes who will represent the region.

Connor and Christian will compete against other top Under 19 rowers from across the country; be part of the 2017 World Rowing Championships and race on a world-class course; attend the Opening Ceremony of the 2017 World Rowing Championships on September 23; and attend the first two days of racing at the 2017 World Rowing Championships on September 24 and 25.

Founded in 1985 as the Organization of Adirondack Rowers and Scullers, the Albany Rowing Center (ARC) is located on the Hudson River in downtown Albany and is committed to providing recreational and competitive rowing opportunities for both youth and adults. ARC is a not-for-profit organization that fosters interest in, and provides opportunity for rowing in New York’s Capital District. ARC rowers represent all ages from high school to adult, and a wide range of rowing abilities from novice to experience.

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Photo attached: left-Christian Sauer; right-Connor Toomey. Location: ARC boathouse docks, Corning Preserve boat launch, Albany, NY

