

Albany Rowing Center Hires New Executive Head Coach – Yuri Kolomiets

The Albany Rowing Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Yuri Kolomiets as Executive Head Coach.

Coach Kolomiets was recommended by the Albany Rowing Center interview committee and received numerous recommendations from current and former Albany Rowing Center athletes as well as contacts throughout the greater rowing community.

Coach Kolomiets has been involved in the sport of rowing for over 25 years. His rowing experience includes over ten years as a competitor in small boats. Yuri was a champion of the All-Ukrainian National Championship Team. He graduated from the Kiev University of Physical Culture and Sport with honor, majoring in physiology of sport, biomechanics, and psychology. Yuri began coaching in 1981 at the Athletic School of Olympic Reserve for Children and Adolescents “Volna” in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. The athletes coached by Yuri were selected to represent the USSR at the World level.

Most recently, Coach Kolomiets was the Head Coach at Norwalk River Rowing in Connecticut, Fairfield County’s oldest community rowing center; a non-profit organization promoting a lifelong passion for the sport of rowing – regardless of age or income. Norwalk River Rowing offers programs for all ages and skill levels, including adult learn-to-row and masters rowing, competitive high school racing teams, and middle school and high school learn-to-row and recreational programs.

Coach Kolomiets has extensive coaching experience including coaching for Albany Rowing Center, Shenendehowa High School, Maritime Rowing Club and New Canaan High School.

Coach Kolomiets offers Albany Rowing Center an exceptionally high level of coaching and has a track record of admirable competitive results while stressing rowing technique, commitment, individual attention and strengthening and conditioning. With the hiring of Coach Kolomiets, Albany Rowing Center is poised for great success in the future.

Coach Kolomiets began his tenure at Albany Rowing Center on Thursday, September 7.