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Favorite memory:

One of my favorite memories was at the very end of Saratoga Sprints. It was freezing and wet out, and the only race we had left was the novice girls. As they came down past the finish line, the whole varsity women's team gathered down on the little square concrete peninsula and screamed our hearts out for the novices. Everyone had stopped what they were doing to cheer and cheer and cheer on the future of our team, which made the moment feel really special. Then, when the novices got back, everyone raced to de-rig their boat as fast as we could. There was a frenzy of loosening bolts and hugging our novices who did an amazing job, and I couldn't stop smiling because of how much I loved my team.

Something I am looking forward to:

I can't wait to see our team do something special at Regionals in May and then in Sarasota this June. We have two years' worth of pent-up speed, aggression, and willpower ready to unleash on anybody we race. I know that whoever is in those boats will do everything they can to represent the work we've put in as a team and showcase our depth.