

Coach Irene Fleischman - Bio

Profession: Chief Engineer – Sparta Inc. supporting Missile Defense Agency

College: University of Alabama – Huntsville

Coaching: 4 years – UAH Crew Team

Rowing (competitively): 6 years

Rowing Bio: University of Alabama-Huntsville Crew

Began rowing in 1982 as a novice at UAH – like most UAH rowers, I was selected out of the registration line (because I was “the right height and athletic looking”). Rowed on the Varsity Women’s 8+; 4+ and 2- crews until a severe back injury finally derailed me in 1988. Most notable and favorite part of my college rowing was being undefeated when rowing with my sister, Annie, in the W2- (SIRA Champions 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987).

Coaching Bio:

UAH – Student Coach and Administrative

- Studied under UAH Head Coach Chuck Eadon on rowing techniques, rigging and boat maintenance and team organization. Following my back injury – and while working toward graduation from UAH in Electrical Engineering – I served as a Student Rowing Coach for 2 years. Following graduation and my sister Annie taking over the UAH Head Coaching position, I served her for 2-3 years as the ‘connection’ to the UAH Athletic Department.

Rocket City Rowing Club- Youth Women’s Novice & Varsity Assistant

- Brought success to the Women’s Novice Program by consistently winning at South East Regional Races and Championships. Sent numerous girls to row with and without Scholarships at the collegiate level.

Rocket City Rowing Club –Youth Program Head Coach

Huntsville Madison County Rowing & Watersports, LLC. (Row Huntsville)

- Women’s Youth Coach- Success at the Regional and National Levels with many girls advancing to Collegiate rowing success at the Regional and National Level.

Rowing Philosophy –

- Row Fast, Die Last!!!
- Rowing is a way of life – It’s about every single day being a new day, and each time you wake up, you look at the sky you’ve got as a gift!! The day is here – What are you going to do with it? (The Talent Code)