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## **ROWING CANADA AVIRON ANNOUNCES NOMINATIONS TO THE CANADIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE – 2008 Paralympic Games**

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The Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) National Adaptive Rowing Team (NART) trials were held in London (ON) June 8-14<sup>th</sup> and the following athletes have been selected by RCA for nomination to the Canadian Paralympic Committee for consideration for the 2008 Paralympic Games team:

### **LTA4+**

Megan Montgomery, Victoria City Rowing Club/Winnipeg Rowing Club (Winnipeg, MB)  
Victoria Nolan, Argonaut Rowing Club (Toronto, ON)  
Scott Rand, Calgary Rowing Club (Calgary, AB)  
Tony Theriault, Victoria City Rowing Club/Nanaimo RC (Nanaimo, BC)  
Laura Comeau (coxswain), Ridley Graduate Boat Club (St. Catharines, ON)

### **TA2x**

Wilfredo (Papito) Moré Wilson, Argonaut Rowing Club (Toronto, ON)  
Caitlin Renneson, Ottawa Rowing Club (Ottawa, ON)

### **AM1x**

Steve Daniel, Sudbury Rowing Club (Sudbury, ON)

### **Alternates:**

#### *LTA4+*

Melissa Pavlicic, Gorge Rowing Club (Victoria, BC)  
Stu Starkey, Winnipeg Rowing Club (Winnipeg, MB)

#### *TA2x*

Katie Wallace, Sarnia Rowing Club (Sarnia, ON)

#### *AM1x*

Peter Morel, Ottawa Rowing Club (Ottawa, ON)

For a description of the FISA athlete classification system, see link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=17>

“This first-ever group nominated to Paralympic Team for rowing speaks volumes to the amount of interest and effort that has gone into developing the sport in Canada over the last four years,” said Phil Monckton, Rowing Canada Aviron’s VP High Performance. “We are looking forward to following some exciting races in Beijing.”

Canada has seen success at past World Championships in adaptive rowing, garnering three medals since sending its first adaptive crew to the World Championships in 2004.

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The following coaches and support staff have also been nominated to CPC:

**Coaching Staff**

Anne-Renée Thibault, LTA4+ (Montréal, QC)

Rebecca Orr, TA2x (Toronto, ON)

Shannon Harvey, AM1x (Calgary, AB)

**Equipment Manager**

Andrew (Smitty) Smith (London, ON)

**Team Manager/Program Coordinator**

Allison Sheard (Toronto, ON)

Lead up events for the athletes preparing for the Paralympic Games are as follows:

- US National Rowing Championships (June 26-29, Lake Mercer, New Jersey)
- Royal Canadian Henley (August 10, St Catharines, Ontario)
- Pre-Paralympic Training Camp (August 26-30, Victoria BC)

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