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**THREE RIVERS ROWING ASSOCIATION NAMES RICK BROWN AS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PITTSBURGH, PA – August 27, 2009 – Three Rivers Rowing Association (TRRA), a world-class community-oriented rowing association, announced today the appointment of its new executive director. Rick Brown was selected following an extensive nationwide executive search. In his role, he will oversee both strategic and operational priorities for the organization. In addition, he will serve as race director for the 2009 Head of the Ohio Regatta on Saturday, Oct. 3, one of the top rowing regattas in the U.S. that takes place on the Allegheny River in Pittsburgh, PA.

“Rick Brown was unanimously selected by the board of directors to lead Three Rivers Rowing into the future. He was the top candidate based on his success as interim executive director, past coaching experience, organizational skills as race director and widespread support from our membership,” said TRRA Board President Don Ewing.

Brown served as the interim executive director since March 2009. In that position, he launched First Row, a rowing and mentoring program for Pittsburgh’s urban high school girls and directed the TRRA corporate rowing program in its best season to date with over 30 teams participating. He also attracted, organized and coached the USRowing 2009 Junior Men’s

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National Team Development Camp to Pittsburgh from June 21 to July 19, 2009, a significant accomplishment that introduced Pittsburgh and TRRA to talented young rowers from across the U.S.

Three Rivers Rowing Association was the draw for Brown and his wife Robin to relocate to Pittsburgh from San Francisco, Calif. three years ago. Since that time, he has been the head coach for TRRA, introduced the beginning and evening masters rowing programs and served as race director for the Pittsburgh Indoor Sprints since 2007, each year increasing participation.

Prior to Pittsburgh, Brown was the interim executive director and masters women's coach at the Marin Rowing Association in the San Francisco Bay area. He holds a bachelor's degree in geology from Bates College and a master's degree in sport management from the University of San Francisco.

About Three Rivers Rowing Association

Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2009, Three Rivers Rowing Association is a nonprofit organization committed to developing and delivering safe, sustainable programs and events that promote the benefits of rowing and paddling to a diverse and growing membership. The organization offers an array of rowing and paddling programs that fit the needs of all rowing teams and individuals. The community-oriented rowing association offers programs for physically challenged individuals, urban youth, high school and college students, corporate rowing teams and adult rowers. For more information, visit www.threeriversrowing.org.

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