



Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) Announces New National Team Coaching Assignments for the Women's Program

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RCA is pleased to announce the following appointments at the Women's National Team Training Centre in London, Ontario. These changes and an exciting addition to the team will help to guide the women's rowing program through to the 2012 Summer Olympics in England.

Al Morrow has been appointed the Lead National Training Centre Coach in charge of the senior women's program. Morrow, a member of the Olympic and Canadian Sports halls of fame, has been a key part of the centre since its inception in the 1980s and has successfully guided crews to many World and Olympic medals.

Morrow will be working closely with our newest addition to the team, **John Keogh**, an Australian who was a National Team athlete and coached in that country. Keogh was more recently a High Performance Rowing Coach in Great Britain working with its women's program at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. He will be the Senior Coach for the National Training Centre overseeing women's crews as they prepare for the World Championships (this year held in early November in New Zealand) and the 2012 Olympics.

Development coach Michelle Darvill remains in charge of the women's Under 23 program at the centre, and a centre assistant coach and other seasonal coaching positions will be announced over the next couple of weeks.

"The combined experience of Al, John and Michelle will give the women's program great leadership in preparation for the 2012 Games," said Peter Cookson, RCA High Performance Director.

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