

FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

UCLA DRAGONBOAT



COLLEGE CUP
SKI TRIP
& DEDICATION

A SEASON OF CHANGE

THIS FALL,

UCLA Dragon Boat welcomed 21 new recruits to the team—a fresh crew which consisted primarily of first-year and third-year transfer students. With such a large incoming class, veterans made sure to put in the extra inch to improve not only themselves, but their future successors as well. In turn, the newbies brought with them much-appreciated feelings of excitement and optimism.

After a month of boat practice, athletic conditioning, and team-bonding socials, the crew quickly shaped up into two competition-ready boats. Still, while Blue and Gold built their technique and team dynamic in a very efficient season, paddlers faced race day with sentiments of uncertainty and apprehension.

INTRODUCING THE NEWBIES



RYAN WATSON



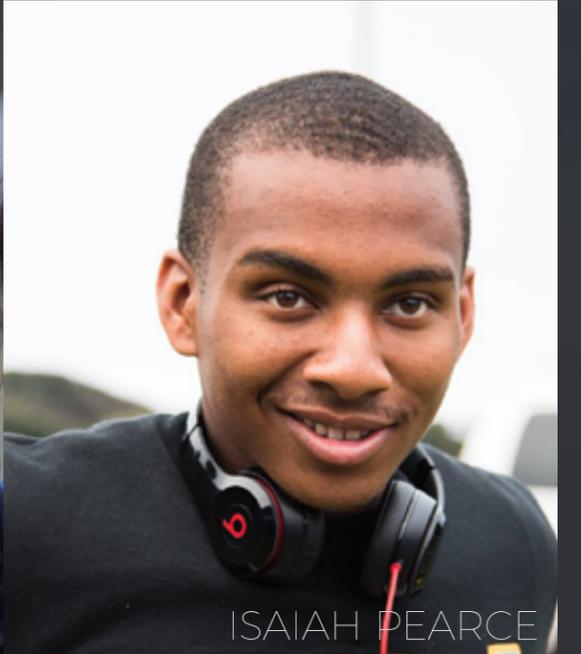
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INTRODUCING THE NEWBIES



BACK TO BACK

NOVEMBER 8, 2015
SAN FRANCISCO, CA



ON RACE DAY,
Blue and Gold raced progressively stronger pieces despite having little rest in between, as all Women's and Open Division races preceded UCLA's heats in Mixed races. After an exhausting morning of back to back paddling, the team finally caught a two-hour break. Thanks to the generous support of parents and alumni, paddlers were well-fed, well-rested, and fully prepared for their final pieces. Racing against competitive college teams such as UCI, SHP, Cal, and UCSD, Blue boat placed first in Mixed Division A Finals to bring home the dragon trophy for the second year in a row.

MIXED DIVISION A - FINALS





WOMEN'S DIVISION - FINALS

For the fourth year in a row, Womengine placed 1st in Women's Division. Once again, congratulations!



FINAL RESULTS

GOLD BOAT
2nd in College
Championship B

BLUE BOAT
1st in College
Championship A

MENGINE
4th in Open
Championship

WOMENGINE
1st in Women's
Championship



THANK YOU ALUMNI

FOR THE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!



BRAVING NEW HEIGHTS

DECEMBER 12, 2015
BIG BEAR, CA

DAY ONE

Celebrating the end of a successful season, the team took to the mountains to ski and snowboard down the slopes of Big Bear. Newbies, veterans, and alumni all challenged themselves with higher lifts and new experiences before retiring to their cozy cabins for the next two nights.



DAY TWO
DECEMBER 13, 2015
BIG BEAR, CA



IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

A LOOK BACK AT THE MAN BEHIND THE STEERING

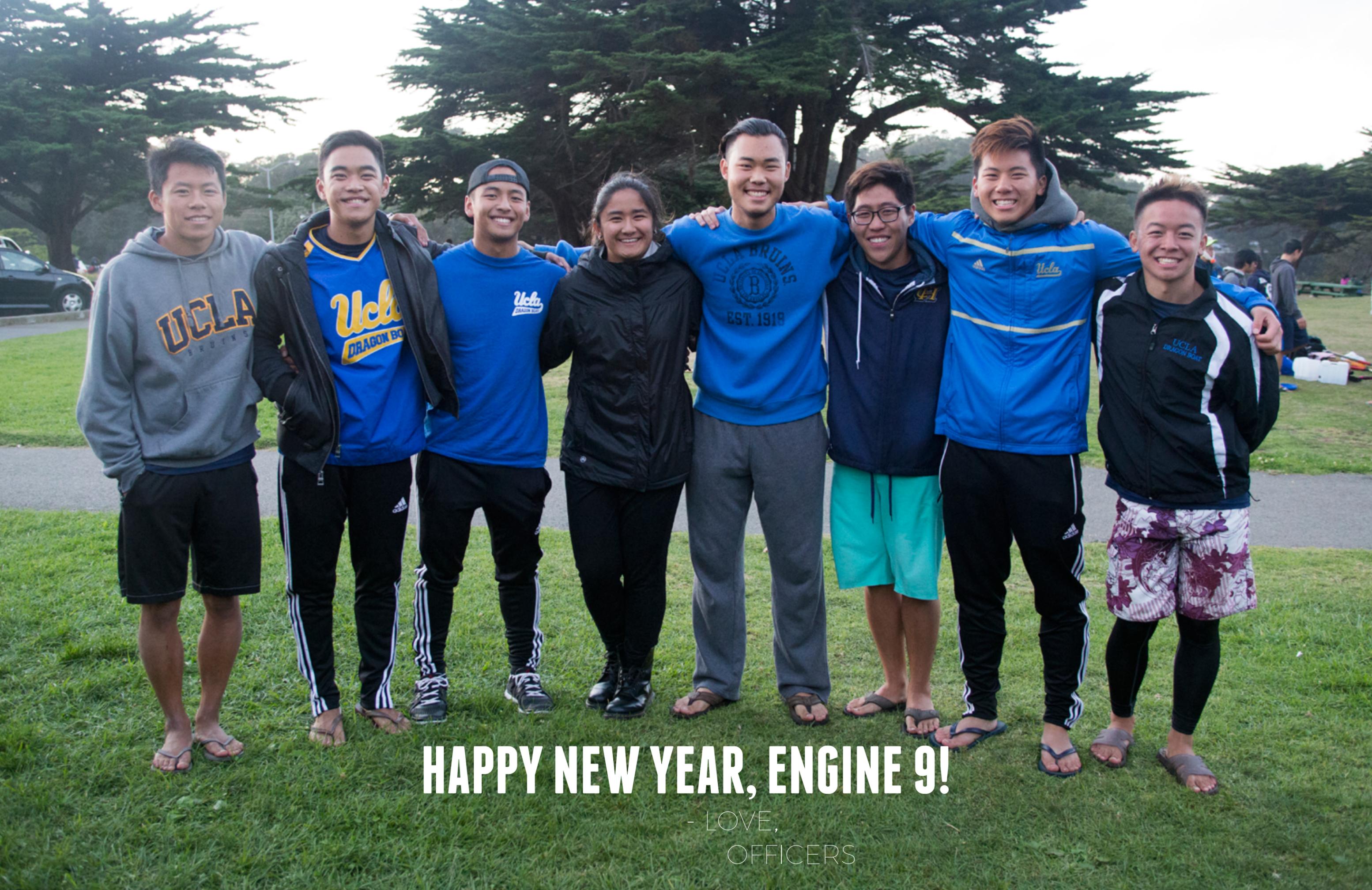


GEOFFREY GEORGE first started steering for UCLA at the San Francisco International Dragon Boat Festival in Treasure Island in the summer of 2014, after meeting former president Sean Wong and several other CAU paddlers during the Club Crew World Championships in Italy. Ever since, Geoff has steered for Blue at every race.

During his time with UCLA, Geoff—a skilled and patient helmsman of many hidden talents—has done much more than his initial role on the team. Between winning games of Blokus and sharing life stories, Geoff has also devoted time to teach several paddlers how to steer and become race-certified. Although he will no longer be steering for the team, his generosity and humor will always be remembered by the many paddlers he has so readily befriended.



THANK YOU GEOFF!



HAPPY NEW YEAR, ENGINE 9!

- LOVE,
OFFICERS