

HUGHES follows the CRONIN's beer can impaled bow ornament. Somehow Ken's underwear shows up there too.

1745 Arrive Courtland to Delilah's. Heat and fatigue have adversely affected reasoning. Beer and Crawdads, Cigars and Cigarettes; these are the key elements to a successful row.

2050 With SPECTRE's motor down and left to rest at Courtland, Jon espouses, "The Time Has Come For Blood and Iron..." briefing. We are to row in formation for safety. Underway as the orange red sunset sky changes to darkness we are on the last 10 miles of the day. Calm weather, warm summer night on the now silvery reflective river. This is the time to relish the cool night air. For a time we row silently together in unison. Suddenly the CRONIN pulls away from the pack. Every boat is jockeying for the best water close to shore. She is boarded and brought back into line. JB now has thoughts of tying all boats together!

## Monday 26 June 95

0100 Darkness and delirium set in. Steve can't complete simple sentences due to exposure and excessive alcohol consumption. Testarosa deploys secret flash fazer. Padraic and Deborah together again in the VIKING reminds one of shades of mutiny in Honker Bay.

0200 Many changes later we arrive



0752 Freeport. Crash. Underway Sacramento. Hard current - 8 miles to go - three cheers for muleskin! Conducted emergency stop hold water drills. The crews performed splendidly.

0914 Analysis of the tide and current reveals a +4 suck. CRONIN/Team Zest passes HUGHES/Zen Mama with Jon B. pulling easy with a smile, (although he's truly possessed) while Steve, giving it his all, looks ready to explode.

1140 What's the sound of: dogs barking, birds chirping, water trickling and mind snapping? The CRONIN, first in, powered past the VIKING in the last 100 yd. A shout of "Ya gotta wait for a 40 year old woman to pass eh?", is heard. Looking surprised, the FARRELL arrives.

1240 Last vessel, the HUGHES, glides safely to Miller Park, Sacramento. At Eric and

Delray's Noreen greets us with halibut steaks and champagne.

### Footnotes from chart below

\* I Street in Sacramento is located after the confluence of both the American and Sacramento Rivers which the Calif. Dept. of Water Resources measures above sea level. Thanks go to James Bailey, State Hydrologist for statistics.

\*\*These are estimates. River was below sensor level due to drought.

### Questions for next years sign-up:

What's been the most physically enduring and mentally challenging experience in your life? (This may be it).

- Can you pee in a bailer?
- Can you live on an 18' boat with three other stinky sweaty, sun deranged people for thirty six hours of rowing?
- When you tell friends you're rowing to Sac. and they ask why — take a moment and ponder the question.

Translation of DANTE'S Inferno from 16th century Italian CANTO I, can be found in the Rowing podium. N

Year of Row	I Street * Stage Level in ft.	Cubic Feet per Second (in 1000's)	Number of Rowers [Women]	Number of Hours Rowed	Night Hours Rowed
'92	3.5	5 - 10**	3	23	1.5
'93	5.5	15	11 [2]	39	(VIKING 2)+3
'94	3	<10**	11	24	0
'95	12.5	34 to 40	18 [4]	36	5

