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# Galen Bernick & Danny Madden

## Made Team USA!

They made the grade and have been named the official 2017 Under-23 (U23) Men's Lightweight Double (BLM2X).

## Need your support!

The boys need to leave for Plovdiv, Bulgaria this week, and are scrambling to cover costs to cover everything they need to compete (coach, racing shell, oars) at Worlds!

## Fundraising goal: \$16,000 to cover

- Team Fees
- Travel Costs
- Equipment Rental
- *Any additional funds will be donated to Newport Sea Base to "pay it forward."*

## Can you help?



Use your phone to scan this QR code - it takes you to the fundraising site!

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## Galen Bernick & Danny Madden *could use a little help from their friends.*

Can you help them get funds to get to Plovdiv with everything they need to compete?

### Galen Bernick (Bow)

Galen learned to row in the Sonoran Desert with Tempe Town Lake Rowers (TTLR); he continued at Tempe Junior Crew (TJC), progressing to Junior Nationals in the Jr. Men's Quad (2012), the Jr. Men's Double (2013), and the Jr. Men's Single (2014). Seattle Rowing Center (SRC) hosted USRowing Selection Camp, where Galen earned a seat on USRowing's Jr. National Team. He stroked the US Jr. Men's Double at the 2014 Junior World Rowing Championships in Hamburg, Germany, and set his sights on U23 Nationals with Olympic-sized ambitions.

**A head-on car crash changed everything in a minute.** Two broken femurs derailed his shot at 2016 U23 National Trials. From a wheelchair with fresh titanium rods in both legs, elite rowing became a question rather than a destiny. The rowing community responded, and in December, Galen got back on the water for the first time since July. He headed back to school in January, still healing, **more determined than ever to take on the world in pursuit of his dreams.**

### Danny Madden (Stroke)

Danny started rowing in ninth grade in New Rochelle, NY. He quickly fell in love with the competitiveness and camaraderie of the "ultimate team sport," and the rowing community drew him in. It didn't take long for ambitions to make the National team emerge. Since then, he's continued to row, and currently trains with the New York Athletic Club (NYAC) in addition to coaching juniors and masters at Pelham Community Rowing.

**In 2015, rowing was punctuated by debilitating injury.** Two herniated disks and compromised vertebrae left Danny unable to perform basic daily tasks; he couldn't lift a backpack, much less pull an oar. By summer 2016, he confided to his rowing friends that he was considering giving it all up. In December, however, he came to California to work with SoCal Scullers' at training camp. The changes to his technique and form turned things around. His erg scores dropped, confidence returned, and **now he's made the US team – ambitions reignited.**

These two boys have overcome long odds to make it here, and this milestone is the first step to their Olympic ambitions. The bios above offer brief highlights. You can read more on their fundraising site: <http://RowFund.Me>.



Thank you for your support!

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