



# Eleanor McElvaine

## Women's Head Coach Fourth Season

since 1980, during which time Husky women's crews have earned 22 national collegiate titles.

McElvaine was hired Aug. 13, 2003, replacing longtime head coach Jan Harville, who retired in June of 2003 after 16 years at the helm of the UW women's program.

"When I rowed here in the 1980s, I felt it was an honor to race with the Washington uniform on," McElvaine said. "I feel the same sense of honor and responsibility now as I take on the mantle of head coach, and look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence that is Washington rowing."

Washington is the first collegiate head coaching position for McElvaine, who worked the previous 13 years as a women's novice coach, both at Washington and for U.S. Rowing. McElvaine's pupils formed the UW varsity four that won three-straight gold medals at the NCAA Championships from 1999-2001. McElvaine capped her final season as the novice women's coach by receiving the 2003 National Assistant Coach of the Year award from the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association. That marked the first year that the CRCA honored assistant coaches.

In 2005, McElvaine directed the Huskies to a seventh-place NCAA team finish and a third-place Pac-10 performance. She served, in the summer, as the coach of the gold medal U.S. women's four at the 2005 Under-23 World Championship held in Amsterdam.

In 2001, McElvaine was inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame as a member of the 1983 national champion women's crew. In four years as a Husky rower from 1982-85, McElvaine helped Washington to three-consecutive varsity eight national titles, rowing in the six seat.

"Eleanor's dedication and hard work during her time at Washington, both as a rower and a coach, are what have made her so successful," UW men's head coach Bob Ernst said. "She's trained for this for a long time, and is eminently qualified to do the job."

McElvaine has also excelled as a coach on the national level. In 1994, both McElvaine and Harville were honored by U.S. Rowing with its Woman of the Year award for "outstanding service to rowing in the United States." McElvaine was named head coach of the U.S. Junior National Team in 2000, and led the United States' four-oared crew to a gold medal at the 2000 Junior World Championships - the first gold medal ever won by the U.S. junior women - and a silver medal at the event in 2001.

A 1985 graduate of Washington with a degree in

history, McElvaine attended Cascade High School in Everett. She was honored as the Everett Herald's Woman of the Year in 1984, following her junior season at Washington.

Prior to assisting Washington's women's crew, McElvaine was the head rowing coach at the nationally prominent Mt. Baker Rowing and Sailing Center from 1986 to 1990. She tutored her junior women's eight teams to three regional titles and her junior eight squads finished among the top five nationally in each of her seasons there.

### McElvaine Profile

**Name:** Eleanor McElvaine

**Birthdate:** Feb. 3, 1963

**Hometown:** Everett, Wash.

**High School:** Cascade HS; Everett, Wash.

**College:** University of Washington, 1985, Bachelor's degree, history

#### Rowing Experience

1983-85 University of Washington

#### Athletic Honors

1983 Gold medal, collegiate national championships, varsity eight

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#### Coaching Experience

##### At Washington

1990-2003 University of Washington, novice women's coach

2003- University of Washington, head women's coach

##### At Cub Level

1986-90 Mt. Baker Rowing Club

##### At National Level

1991 U.S. National Team Development, coach

1993 U.S. National Team Development, coach

1995 U.S. National Team Development, coach

1994-98 U.S. Junior National Team, assistant coach

2000-01 U.S. Junior National Team, head coach

2004 U.S. National Team, coached women's four at world championships

2005 U.S. National Team, coached women's four at U-23 world championships

#### Coaching Highlights

1997 NCAA team champions, varsity four silver medal

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2001 NCAA team champions, varsity four gold medal

2005 Under-23 world championship gold medal, women's four

#### Honors and Awards

1984 Everett Herald Woman of the Year

1994 U.S. Rowing Woman of the Year

2001 Inducted in Washington Hall of Fame with 1983 crew

2003 National Assistant Coach of the Year, Rowing Coaches Association



*Head Coach Eleanor McElvaine on the water at a morning practice*