

Judge William Giovan to Compete 357 in World Masters Regatta

Judge William J. Giovan of the Wayne County Circuit Court is scheduled to compete in the World Masters Rowing Regatta, to be held this year in Princeton, New Jersey, September 7-10. The Masters Regatta is open worldwide to rowers aged 27 and above, and is being held this year in the United States for the first time since 1991, when it was held in Miami, Florida. The last time the Masters World Championships were held in North America was in 2001 in Montreal.

Judge Giovan first engaged in the sport of rowing while attending DeLaSalle High School, then located in Detroit. Later he was a member of the fencing team at the University of Detroit, and was named an All-American fencer in his senior year in 1958. He was inducted as a member of the University of Detroit-Mercy Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.

Judge Giovan, a member of many Italian-American organizations, is



Judge William J. Giovan, Michael Thibault, and Raymond Jones, Jr.

the Chief Judge Pro Tempore of the 63-judge Wayne Circuit Court and in addition serves as the Presiding Judge of its Civil Division.

Pictured in the photo along with Judge Giovan are two other area rowers who will also compete in the Masters Regatta Michael Thibault, a pharmacist at St. John's Riverview Hospital, and Raymond Jones, Jr., salesperson. All are members of Friends of Detroit Rowing,

the successor rowing organization to the Detroit Boat Club.

The Detroit Boat Club is the oldest continuously operating rowing club in the United States, founded in 1839. Detroit has been one of the major rowing centers ever since, and the holding of the Masters Regatta in the United States this year presents a major opportunity for adult rowers to participate in this annual event.