

The 2016 Rowing Season provided many opportunities for our athletes, coaches, and volunteers. We were able to meet these opportunities and operated our rowing programs and regattas in an extremely successful manner.

Most of our summer programs were able to maintain consistency with their leadership. Our Lead coaches from 2015 were once again in the same roles for 2016. An exception was John Gleddie who joined our coaching ranks and was the lead coach for the Senior Men’s Program. Adult Recreational Rowing had additional coaches supporting the Rec Rowing sessions that took place in 2016. Although most of our programs had very good leadership we were unable to secure program leaders for the Masters and Para rowing programs. We will continue to pursue leads for these two programs as we approach the 2017 season.

Club Lead Coaches 2016:

Junior B Women: Mark Thomas	Senior B Women: Michele Fisher
Junior A Women: Kathy Boyes	Senior A Women and Senior A & B Light Women: Dave Wright
Junior B Men: Meredith Petrychanko	Senior A & B Light Men: Scott Anderson
Junior A Men: Mike Petrychanko	Senior A & B Men: John Gleddie

Youth Rowing School continued to evolve as an important entry point for rowing in St. Catharines. Marion Markarian, along with Dan Ducroix and his staff of instructors, tweaked the programming from the previous year offering excellent experiences sweeping and sculling for boys and girls. The Youth rowing school structure, costs, and timing of the sessions are being thoughtfully adjusted to support and serve the needs of those parents and children interested in rowing.

There were three regattas that St. Catharines Rowing Club hosted and organized directly. The regattas were the Early Bird Regatta, Mother's Day Regatta, and The SCRC Invitational Regatta. Once again, volunteers were the backbone of each of these events. Each of these regattas provided great racing opportunities for all athletes whether they were new to the sport or were on their way to an international competition later in the summer. For a comprehensive list of regattas that we attended please see the racing calendar on our club website.

2016 Racing Season

Our athletes competed in over 30 regattas and events throughout the racing season. Athletes from the St. Catharines Rowing Club successfully competed in a wide range of regattas from the Early Bird regatta for high schools all the way to the Senior World Championships and Olympic Games for our elite athletes. The cost of racing in the states has become a concern and has affected some decisions to race in the US (i.e., USRowing Club Championships).

Highlights (of local crews and athletes):

1. **CSSRA**
 - a. 4 Gold, 9 Silver, 7 Bronze
2. **RowOntario Championships**
 - a. 15 Gold, 9 Silver, 8 Bronze
3. **Canadian Henley**
 - a. 6 Gold, 9 Silver, 7 Bronze
4. **Canadian Henley Masters**
 - a. 2 Gold, 3 Silver, 5 Bronze
5. **Olympic Games Rio 2016**
 - a. Natalie Mastracci
 - b. Tim Shrivjer
 - c. Matt Buie
6. **Senior A (Non-Olympic Events) World Championships**
 - a. Jordan Rendall
 - b. Meredith Petrychanko – Team Manager (Sr A, Sr B and Jr National Team)
7. **Senior B (U23) World Championships**
 - a. Matt Finley
 - b. Dan DeGroot
 - c. Julia Vanderhoeven
8. **Junior (U18) World Championships**
 - a. Ethan McAlpine
9. **CanAmMex**
 - a. Michele Fisher – Women’s Sweep Coach
 - b. Elisa Vandersloot
10. **National Rowing Championships (NRC)**
 - a. Ethan McAlpine
 - b. Zach Koroll
 - c. Emily Stewart
 - d. Nick Heffernan
 - e. Carly Zanatta
 - f. Matt Finley
 - g. David DeGroot
 - h. Owen Voelkner
 - i. Jordan Rendall
 - j. Anna Maloney

N.B.: Although I have attempted to identify athletes who competed in the regattas listed above, there may be names missing from this list. I will add or delete names if there are errors or omissions.

Awards:

- RowOntario 2016 Competitive Coach of the Year
 - Dave Wright
- RowOntario Student Bursary
 - Skylar Goudswaard
- Claude Saunders Award of Excellence
 - Lauren Kelly
- RowOntario Umpire of the Year
 - Carl MacCulloch

- Niagara Sports Commission Awards
 - Male Athlete of the Year
 - Dan DeGroot
 - Female Masters Athlete of the Year
 - Janet Lancaster

Major equipment Purchases in 2016:

The St. Catharines Rowing Club received a capital grant of \$110,000 from the Ontario **Trillium** Foundation in the spring of 2016 - The grant has allowed us to purchase four new double sculls and two new quadruple sculls as well as oars for the new boats- the boats were delivered on to the Club from Hudson Boat Works on December 21, 2016. They are currently in the boathouse waiting for the opening of the 2017 season - around April 1. These beautiful new boats will give the Club's competitive athletes access to outstanding new equipment and will enhance their opportunity to achieve the very best results. THANK YOU **TRILLIUM!!** The boats will be officially christened on Sunday June 25, 2017

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