



St. Catharines Rowing Club
Annual Meeting January 20, 2022
Club Captain Report

2021 was a very unusual year for the SCRC programs. We started the season with high hopes for a full racing season. Those hopes were dashed by the COVID19 Delta variant. We were restricted initially to singles. Unfortunately the CSSRA decided to cancel the high school rowing championships. Our hopes of a high school season were ended with this announcement. And that started the season off on an ominous note.

As the virus numbers began to subside, we were able to get larger boats on the water. By the start of summer, we had crew rowing and the Youth Rowing School in operation. This signalled a possible return to some sort of normalcy. However, most of the racing season and regattas were cancelled. Crews trained for the sake of training, with faint hopes of Fall racing.

And so it was to be. We did have a short but successful Fall season with athletes racing in Welland, Trent, and Boston. We also held our own Head of the Raging Basshole! Although this was a small racing season, it was very much welcomed. It was a great sight to see our trailer loaded with boats, heading to regattas!

Through it all, we were thankful for the true dedication of our coaching staff. They suffered like the crews with no real focus at times, but the coaches gave their very best. We surely owe the coaches a big THANK YOU.

I would also like to make mention of the leadership of Marion Markarian and the Youth Rowing School. These young rowers are our future stars. With relatively short notice, Marion was able to organize a solid YRS experience. THANKS to Marion and her coaching staff for a job well done. Erin Sharpe will be taking over the role of leading the YRS with Marion's assistance, and we should again have a very successful 2022 program.

I would also like to thank our summer employee, Ryan Holland. Ryan kept our coach boats, motors and trolleys rolling throughout the summer. As a result we never had an issue with coach boats. As the motors needed servicing and repairs, ryan was able to do the work immediately. A big THANKS to Ryan.

Finally I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the Rowing Committee for their support throughout the year. Their guidance and support has made the challenges very manageable.



Let's hope 2022 will see a return to normalcy and a great racing season.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Marino
Club Captain
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