

ST. CATHARINES ROWING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HEAD COACH/MANAGER & BOATMAN REPORT

I would like to start out this report differently than I have in the past:



I share this image again (originally on FaceBook) because I am so proud to be part of this rowing club/organization and its entire community. This image is a small sample of what has been accomplished in 2015 and I for one am looking forward to what we can do in 2016. I am looking forward to showing off these banners to all that come to visit the rowing club for regattas etc. They are hanging in the workshop on display like this when the door is open. Nice to see the banners/awards we have won over the past years.

2016 is going to be a very good year as we have been stepping up our game. We are on top of planning, safety concerns, coaching, equipment and regattas. The 2016 summer coaching staff is in place and we can't wait to get crews sorted and on the water!

Thank you to the board of directors, the executive and to the rowing committee for their continued support.

2015 was a challenging year but as we always do, the rowing club stepped up and showed the country at NRC's and the world during Pan Am's that we are a well-organized and well equipped rowing club. I had no doubt that people were going to make SCRC shine as well as it did and I have no doubt that we would do it again if asked. Of course there will be future events that we will host and I look forward to improving how we do it. Rumours are already buzzing about future Junior, U23 or Senior World Championships.

2015 was the first year working with Scott Anderson as VP Rowing. It was a great year working with Scott as he fit in very well with the Rowing Committee and the day to day happenings around the boathouse. Scott is no doubt extremely busy with his professional job, coaching the club lightweight men as well as his role of VP, but he pulled it off without missing a beat. It was great to see he was still able to get some of his own strokes in out on the water.

This coming year will no doubt have its challenges but I am confident that they will be few and will be handled with professional patience and courtesy. Some new things that are currently being researched are some plans for our master's rowers, updating our safety protocols, registration and payment plans as well as some other plans in the works. We all hope that with the continued positive support of our members we will be able to bring some new ideas to light in 2016.

A strong focus has been put on the development of our competitive junior athletes. A small group has expressed interest in representing Canada/Ontario at a higher level in 2016. Some of our coaches have taken on the task of offering extra on water sessions as well as high volume indoor sessions.

I am looking forward to another great year of amazing volunteers and hardworking athletes.

Thank you



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