

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

Once again we are at the beginning of a new year so we must look back and thank those that made the previous year so enjoyable. It is with no doubt that the volunteers and the athletes deserve great thanks for it is them that make our club as great as it is. 2019 was no doubt another success as we saw tremendous on water results, improvement and safety. I thank the board of directors, volunteers, coaches and of course the athletes for their time, support, dedication and love for our sport. All these things combined create a most amazing place called St.Catharines Rowing Club. It is my hope that you all are as proud of the club as I am.

New in 2019 was first time work shop assistant Ryan Holland. Ryan comes to the position after years of racing with the club and Grimsby Secondary School. He has done very well adjusting to the workshop and the odd hours of helping to keep the fleet up and running. I thank Ryan for all of his efforts and hope that he is back for 2020.

We are all eagerly anticipating 2020 and the club's initiative to go to Henley Royal Regatta in Henley on Thames England. The HRR Advisory Committee has been working at great lengths to create a fair and competitive atmosphere for the athletes and coaches to elevate the competitive rowing club. With continued training and preparation the athletes will race in June to see who is worthy to go to the regatta representing St.Catharines Rowing Club. Adding to the excitement of the athletes is the HRR Gala Fundraiser. We are all excited to have Sir Matthew Pinsent at the boathouse in April!

With all eyes on the group preparing for HRR, we must also stay diligent with our day to day operations for those that will continue to represent St.Catharines here at home. My role could be particularly unique in 2020 as I could be in England for 2 weeks or more in June/July. Great planning will take place to ensure that the club continues to 'Forge Ahead' in my absence.

Good luck to all athletes, coaches and volunteers as you all work toward your goals for 2020.

Thank you



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