

**ST. CATHARINES ROWING CLUB**  
**VICE-PRESIDENT, SPECIAL PROJECTS – ANNUAL REPORT – 2022**  
**ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2023**

NO more COVID-19 – at least not much! While 2022 started with yet another lock-down, we opened a nearly normal season at the end of March. Numbers were down from 2019, but that was made up for by the enthusiasm of the athletes and the dedication of our amazing and skilled coaches. The competitive programs and the introduction of the very successful full-day Youth Rowing Camp and a new Junior Development Program (JDP) made 2022 a very successful summer of recovery from COVID-19.

### **EVENTS:**

The season started with **Tag Day** and the **Mother's Day Plant Sale** – both successful as events and fundraisers. Tag Day was a success beyond expectations raising \$11,000.00. The plant sale raised \$3,500.00. Thank you to Tracey Newman for planning and organizing Tag Day and to Mary Lynn and John Somogyi and Kathy Powell for the Plant Sale.

Tracey has agreed to lead Tag Day, 2023 and is working with the Tech teacher at Laura Secord High School to have 75 new tag boxes ready for this year's event. We will be charged only for materials.

**The Boat Christening** was held on Sunday June 12. Boats were christened for Paul Beedling, Wayne Dick, and Marion Markarian. Thank You to Kate Hingston and Janet Lancaster for a beautiful event.

The **Thank-You-Coaches BBQ** was held on Saturday July 30 at the HIH patio. HIH BBQ'd and provided salads etc. – they were amazing, and the event was a great success. Thank you HIH.

**Come-Home-to-Henley** was held on Saturday August 6 at the Alumni patio. We held a 50-50 draw and had a silent auction – about \$5000.00 was raised toward coaching development and education. Sam Baio, Kate Hingston and Lauren Kelly planned this fun event. Thank you as well to Don Baker and the St Catharines Rowing Alumni Association (SCRAA) for sharing space for the party.

After two years of COVID-19, the Captain's Dinner and Awards Presentation came back on Saturday November 26 at the Holiday Inn. Kate Hingston was the lead and arranged a wonderful evening for our 173 guests - feedback has been all positive! Ronna Lockyer was lead for the silent auction – always fun and raised \$2500.00. Thank you to Kate and Ronna.

Save the date for the 2023 dinner on **Saturday November 25**.

### **SPONSORS**

Thank you to our 19 generous and loyal sponsors for their continued support. 2023 revenue from the sponsors reached **\$13,000.00**. We have new contacts we plan to pursue and hope to continue to grow this source of revenue.

### **GRANTS**

We received two grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund (RCF) an applied for one capital grant and are now applying for another RCF grant:

- \$149,700.00 to purchase five singles, two double/pairs, three sets of riggers to convert coxed fours to coxed quads and 13 pairs of sculling oars. We plan to complete purchase of this equipment by May 1, 2023 - an exciting addition to SCRC's fleet for the coming season.
- \$119,800.00 for coach education and conference attendance including salaries for Youth Rowing Camp and Junior Development Program instructors and the purchase of 11 shells to be used as trainers and for coastal rowing, should SCRC decide to move forward with a coastal program.
- We applied for a Capital Program grant of \$150,000.00 to replace the current boat racks in the boathouse. Our application was not successful. We are currently pursuing the re-build and replacement of the racks. The new racks will be built locally and installed during the construction of the new concrete floor in all 10 bays.
- We are applying for a Resilient Communities Fund grant for salary support for the Captain and honoraria for coaches. The results of this grant will be announced around June 1, 2023.

We also received a grant of from Service Canada's Summer Jobs Program (CSJ) for \$4045.00 for the salary of an assistant to the Captain during the summer as well as a \$750.00 grant from PARTICIPACTION to support our TRY-Rowing Day, held on June 11.

We have applied to CSJ to hire a student in 2023 for eight weeks and plan to pursue the PARTICIPACTION grant as well.

## **AWARDS:**

### **ROWING CANADA AVIRON:**

Early in 2022 Jim Minards was given the Rowing Canada Aviron Lifetime Achievement Award. Carol Purcer accepted on Jim's behalf and then presented it to Jim at his home with several of his friends present.

We have nominated a St Catharines member as the RCA Volunteer of the Year. The award will be announced at the Banquet at the RCA's Semi-Annual meeting in Victoria on January 29, 2023.

The following RCA Long Service awards for 2022 will be presented at the Banquet at the RCA's Semi-Annual meeting in Victoria on January 29, 2023.

### **RCA Long Service Awards 2022**

NAME	FROM	2022 AWARD – # of Years
Beedling, Paul	1972	50
Biao, Sam	1992	30
Darte, George	1992	30
Lovett, Jack	1967	55
Muir, Ian	1992	30
Myrnech, John	1992	30
Pinder, Greg	1992	30
Ross, Bill	1982	40
Thorne, Brian	1967	55
Walker, James	1972	50

**ROW ONTARIO AWARDS:** We have submitted one nomination for Athlete of the Year and two for student bursaries. We expect the announcements will be made shortly. We have also submitted nominations for Volunteer Appreciation Certificates and for Long Service Awards as follows:

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES, 2022**

Andrew Carr  
Liz Harold  
Maddie Hingston  
Matt Hingston  
Karly Matwijow  
Aly Meade  
Dereck Schwandt  
Peter Somerwil  
Jacob Thomas

**Row Ontario LONG SERVICE AWARDS, 2022**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>YEARS</b>
Beedling, Paul	1972	50
Baio, Sam	1972	50
Darte, George	1992	30
Lovett, Jack	1967	55
Muir, Ian	1992	30
Mirynech, John	1992	30
Pinder, Greg	1992	30
Ross, Bill	1982	49
Thompson, Michael	1979	45
Thorne, Brian	1967	55
Walker, James	1972	50

It is my intent to review the awards and award record keeping processes in 2023 to ensure accuracy and fairness.

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In closing I wish to thank Rick Crooker for his leadership as President and the members of the Board for their support and counsel.

Respectfully Submitted  
Louise Hastings, Vice President, Special Projects  
January 17, 2023