



2024 St. Catharines Rowing Club AGM – VP Special Projects report for 2023 calendar year

2023 saw the club host a number a special events throughout the year. On May 7th the Sr Men’s program volunteered for our Mother’s Day parking fundraiser. Special thanks to Tom Kent and Mary Rao for encouraging their rowers to give back to the club. Their help was most appreciated. “Thank you” to Chris Gomez, Jared Boles, Jon Cinquina, Sam Stewart, Stephen Harris and Olivia Sommer.

On June 11th SCRC held the annual Boat Christening. Boats were named in honour of the following club alumni:

Scott Brodie 1x
Pat Newman 1x
Chris Taylor 1x
Kristen Kit 1x
Joel Finlay 2-/x
Mark “Tex” Thomas 2-/x
Kevin Neufeld 4x/+

Approximately 100 people attended the christening including almost all of the honorees. Everyone enjoyed the celebration and spending time visiting with old friends.

On July 27th the Club coaches were recognized at the Coach’s Appreciation BBQ on the HIH patio. 37 coaches and guests attended the BBQ. This is always a great opportunity to congratulate and celebrate our coaches and give them a well-deserved thank you before a hectic Henley week begins.

The 2023 year wrapped up with our 76th Annual Captain’s Dinner and Award’s Ceremony on Saturday, November 27th at the Holiday Inn and Conference Centre. Awards were presented in thirteen categories. There were over 200 athletes and coaches and guests in attendance this year, and a great time was had by all.

I would like to thank the board for all their support with these events throughout the year, and to the Alumni and HIH for their help and support. Looking forward to another great year in 2024

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