



2025 St. Catharines Rowing Club Annual Meeting of the Members Vice President Membership Report for 2024 calendar year

Membership is crucial for the St. Catharines Rowing Club. We have under our umbrella a variety of programs: High School rowing; 2K competitive U17, U19, U23, and Sr. Summer and Fall rowing; Masters non-competitive and competitive rowing; Youth Summer Camp rowing; Youth Development rowing; and recreational adult rowing through the St. Catharines Rowing League. All participants are registered with Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) and add to our overall numbers used by RCA for voting purposes at the RCA Semi-Annual and Annual Meetings.

In the past the Club has collected fees that were used for RCA and RowOntario (RO) fees, day-to-day capital and operating expenses of the Club, racing entry fees, racing singlets and the Captain's Dinner. In 2022 a pilot project was introduced to harmonize membership fees for all 2K and Masters athletes, and to separate out fees that are directed towards racing (regatta race entries and seat fees) with the intent to create a "pay to race" system. This year was the project's third year and operations continue to run smoothly. Reconciliation took place after the fall racing season and was successful in refunding athletes unused racing entry fee deposits and collecting monies for athletes who used more than their original racing fee deposit.

All of our eight high schools were represented in the Summer and Fall programs, along with several university students (mostly from Brock University). There were many athletes who participated in multiple programs (i.e. High School, Club, Youth Rowing). The table below shows the number of participants per program in 2024, with several athletes taking part in two of more programs:

Coaches	72 individuals
High School Rowers	238 athletes
Masters Rowers	53 athletes
Junior/Senior 2K Club Rowers	177 athletes (approx. 110 carried over from High School)
Youth Rowing Programs	198 athletes (many athletes participated in multiple sessions)
Adult Rec League	220 athletes (total 1 st and 2 nd sessions)

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Thorne

Vice President Membership

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