



2023 St. Catharines Rowing Club AGM – VP Membership Report January 17, 2023

Membership is crucial for the St. Catharines Rowing Club. We have under our umbrella a variety of programmes: High School, Competitive Summer and Fall, Masters, Youth Rowing Programmes and as a sub-branch – the Rec League. All participants are registered with Rowing Canada and add to our overall numbers used by RCA for voting purposes.

In the past the club has collected fees that are used for RCA and Row Ontario fees, along with covering entries, singlets, Captains' Dinner and day to day running of the club. In 2022 a pilot project was introduced to harmonize membership fees for all athletes and separate out fees directed towards racing (race entries and seat fees) with the intent to use a 'pay to race' system. Reconciliation was to take place after the racing season. Those whose deposit was shy at the end of the season were contacted and additional fees were submitted. Those who had a surplus will have the option of a refund or carrying over their surplus to the 2023 summer/fall racing season. The club is looking to continue this approach for the 2023 season.

All of the high schools (10) were represented in the Summer and Fall programmes with 2 participants from Western New York, along with university students – mostly from Brock. Over the course of the year there were a total of 814 registrations in all programmes with 480 females and 333 males. This number includes individuals who may have participated in multiple programmes.

Numbers of participants per programme in 2022 – there are a number of individuals that may have been in 2 or more programmes:

High School	–	186
Masters	–	51
Junior / Senior	–	121
Youth Rowing	–	158
Rec League	–	193

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