

# **Peterborough Rowing Club Year In Review 2022**

## **Club Mandate**

The Peterborough Rowing Club Mandate is to encourage and develop physical fitness, leadership and environmental appreciation within the community by providing facilities and training in individual and team rowing both at recreational and competitive levels

## **Step Back Non Believers**

### **President's Statement**

2022 was a year the PRC finally emerged from restrictions placed on the Club by the Covid Pandemic. Winter training by PRC/Trent U23 athletes took place at the Trent Athletic Complex while a limited number of Juniors trained at home or at their respective schools.

A late spring meant boats did not get on the water until Mid April at which time thirty-five, primarily novice, high school rowers took to the water.

Meanwhile The Club launched the second year of its Trillium Foundation sponsored Peterborough Rows Initiative. With Covid restrictions lifted or reduced, the program was able to deliver ergometers to the schools and rather than Zooming instruction, we conducted in person classes. While focus had been on gaining access to middle schools, the program began including high schools in the fall with the intention of carrying that shift through into 2023.

The arrival of spring brought the long desired return to club regattas! PRC had limited participation in the spring Welland Junior regatta and the CSSRAs.

The Club season started in earnest at the Masters Biernacki Regatta in June followed by a full contingent of Juniors and U23s traveling to Toronto's Centre Island for the annual Canada Day Regatta. That was followed by a CORA event, the Masters and Club Ontario Championships and the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.

The lifting of Covid restrictions also enabled the continued growth of PRC's recreation programs. Learn To Row and Return to Row participation grew as did participation in formal League Rowing training sessions. In 2022, the Club once again held over 10 Try It days, some with specific community organizations and others simply as well attended, public events. Staffing to support community outreach and recreational programs was financially enabled by Trillium Foundation support aimed at helping increase physical activity across the Peterborough Community.

The summer season also saw an expected staffing change with Ugette Vanderpost completing her one year commitment as PRC/Trent Head Coach. Both the Club and Trent Rowing owe a sincere thank you to Ugette for not only taking on the position but bringing the full force of her communications skills and organizational expertise to the role. At the annual Canadian Henley Party, the Club both celebrated Ugette and welcomed Horacio Tendilla as our new PRC/Trent Rowing Head Coach.

The fall season saw the Club compete in the Muskoka Fall Classic, the Head of the Rideau and with an all hands on deck effort many members both competed and helped run the 51 st annual Head of the Trent. This year the event returned to a two-day format resulting in yet again a record entry.

Finally emerging from the shadows of a world-wide pandemic with an enthusiastic coaching staff and a dedicated board, the PRC is well positioned to continue to grow and fulfill its mandate of offering competitive and recreational rowing opportunities across the Peterborough community.

### **Membership Statistics**

<b>High school</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Learn to row programs</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Return to Row</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>League programs</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Competitive programs</b>	
<b>U19</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>U23/Sr</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Masters</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Absent Elite</b>	<b>2</b>

### **New at the club**

With Trillium funding the club purchased a new costal quad which was used through out our learn to row and try it days.

### **Performance/Results**

With regattas back this year the competitive crews were able to demonstrate results from all the winter and on water training.

U19,23 and Seniors participated at the Canada Day Regatta, CORA's, Row Ontario Championship, Royal Canadian Henley and some Head races coming home with Medals and placing well for the crews.

### **U19**

Canada day regatta - U17W 2x placed 2nd  
U19W2x placed 3rd  
CORA U17W2x, U19W4+ 2nd  
U19W2x 3rd  
Royal Canadian Henley U19M 1x 2nd

### **U23/Sr**

Canada day regatta - U23W1x J.Mowry placed 1st  
SrW4x 2nd  
SrM2x 2nd  
SrW8+ 2nd  
SrW2x 2nd  
SrM4x 3<sup>rd</sup>

CORA U23W 4x,1x, and LtW1x 2nd  
SrM2x 2nd  
LtM2x 3<sup>rd</sup>

Royal Canadian Henley SrM2x 1st Shane Willis and Dan Bullock

Head of the Rideau M1x 1st and 2nd  
WJr 2x and MLt1x placing 2<sup>nd</sup>

Head of the Trent M Alumni 1x placed 1st,2nd and 3rd  
M U19 2x, M Youth 1x and M Club 2x all placing 1st

### **Masters**

Tony Biernacki Sr. was the first regatta which was a challenge due to high winds. Many of the competitors chose not to race but there were a few that braved the conditions. Mens F2X raced to a silver medal.

Row Ontario Masters:

Gold M G+ 2x Dave Lienart and Brian Love

Silver D 1x Mike Nevills

Bronze W C 4x Sophia Py, Bev Cameron, Emma Lindale and Nancy Fischer

The Masters also competed in Royal Canadian Henley Masters and a couple head races.

### **International**

Grace Vandebroek U23 World championships. 2x Silver  
World cup III 2x placed 7<sup>th</sup>

Trevor Jones – National Team

Riley Watson – CanAmMex

## **Celebrating**

### **PRC Awards**

PRC recognizes its club members in a number of categories.

Junior - Lily Bleecker

Recreation - Jaclyn Elliot and Martin Luebke

Masters - Michael Nevills

Club - Shane Willis and Dan Bullock

### **Row Ontario Awards**

Volunteer certificates

Mike Vanderpost

Martha Faulkner

Matt Hagopian

### **RCA Awards**

Grace Vandebroek U23 athlete of the year

### **Financial Statement**

Bingo and the Head of The Trent Regatta have started to recover from the affects of the Covid Pandemic.

Bingo revenue has increased from \$6,946 in 2021 to \$18,823 in 2022, an increase of \$11,879 or 271% year over year. Even though the Bingo hall has not recovered to pre pandemic attendance and number of scheduled events, revenue will soon approach pre pandemic amounts.

The Head of the Trent Regatta revenue has increased from \$25,014 in 2021 to \$37,223 in 2022. The 2 day regatta format is starting to become a major event in the fall regatta schedule and should become the major fun raiser for the club. To accommodate the expected attendance we have invested almost \$12,000 in new docks.

The Trillium Foundation Funding has allowed the club to purchase a training Quad with sculls at a cost of \$27,253. An additional 6 sets of sculls has been ordered in 2022 and we expect delivery in early 2023.

### **Acknowledgements**

**Staff** Head Coach Ugette Vanderpost interim coach

Horacio Tendilla Joined us as our head coach in August

Club Registrar Abigail Sibald

Summer Staff - Brianna Tombs  
Taylor Bryan  
Simon Grasdall  
Tim Luebke  
Moby Tarride  
Sophia Basille  
Maren Faulkner  
Riley Watson

**Board Members**

<b>President</b>	Brian Love
<b>Vice</b>	Neil Horne
<b>Secretary</b>	Nancy Fischer
<b>Treasurer</b>	Terry Kelly
<b>Director</b>	Tracey Germa
<b>Director</b>	Rayf Shiell
<b>Director</b>	Bev Cameron
<b>Director</b>	Roberta Hubble
<b>Director</b>	Martha Faulkner