

# **Peterborough Rowing Club Year In Review 2023**

## **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**

The traditional President's Report is a run down of the year's activities with a thank you at the finish to all who made it happen. Given the year of accomplishments the Club had, I'd like to lead with the most important message of all.

Thank you to all those involved with the PRC who helped make 2023 an outstanding year for the Club. From the dedicated coaches at all levels, to the hard-working boat repair team, from the away regatta coordinators to the dedicated HOTR organizers, from the hard-working Board members to the committed safety boat drivers, to the bingo volunteers and last but not least to the athletes, both competitive and recreational who have chosen our sport and our Club, thank you to all! It is each one of you who have contributed to making 2023 a very successful year for the PRC. Equally important, you have all helped maintain the welcoming, positive atmosphere for which our Club is known.

2023 was our last full year of support from our Trillium Foundation grant. We held nothing back in our outreach to the community by delivering ergometers and programming to twelve schools in the winter, spring and fall. In summer, we brought on seven fulltime staff who with the help of several part time instructors delivered Learn to Row, Return to Row and League programs as well as launching a full day summer camp. On top of all this, the team hosted ten Try IT Days to encouraging over 200 members of the community to come out and experience rowing. The Trillium grant has been a major support for the Club in the last three years, strongly increasing our exposure in the community as we came out of Covid Pandemic restrictions.

For the competitive team, led by Head Coach Horacio Tendilla and supported by Matt Hagopian, the Club attended eleven regattas including the Canadian Henley and Head of the Charles. This included junior athletes competing in select high school events for Crestwood, Adam Scott, St Peters, and Lakefield College which was encouraging as the Club continues efforts to bring back high school rowing in the community.

The increasing commitment to training programs and the steady improvement of athletes at a technical level produced strong results. Overall, those representing PRC came away with 95 medals including five Henley Golds! In addition, we had club representation at both the National Team Selection Camp and the Western Canadian Beach Sprint Championships with three members rowing at the National level.

From an operational perspective, the Club was able to enhance communication to members through regular newsletters and the engagement online tools such as SLACK.

The Regatta Committee staged the spring inter club, Peterborough Sprints and once again gathered a team of committed volunteers from both members and rowing alumni to hold the 52nd Head of the Trent Regatta. What is now a two-day event remains the largest head race in Canada and this year was the fourth largest regatta in the country.

At the end of the fall season, the Club bid farewell to Horacio and welcomed Matt into the position of Head Coach PRC/Trent University.

Given our success across a wide range of activities, the PRC was named 2023 Ontario Club of the Year.

### **Membership Statistics**

<b>High school</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Learn to row programs</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Recreational programs</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Competitive programs</b>	
<b>U19</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>U23/Sr</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Masters</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Absent Elite</b>	<b>4</b>

### **Performance/Results**

The competitive crews were able to demonstrate results from all the winter and on water training.

### **Indoor rowing championships**

Matt Seaby qualified for the 2024 World indoor rowing championship in Prague.

U17, 19, 23 and Seniors rowers participated in numerous regattas placing well for the crews and coming home with Medals

## High school

South Niagara Invitational - Gold JrM 1X, JrM 2X, SrM ltw1X, JrW2X,  
Mixed 2X, Mixed 4X

Sliver SrWltwt 1X, JrW 2X, SrM 4X, SrM1X  
Bronze SrM 2X

CSSRA - Gold Mixed 2X, SrM ltw 1X

Dominion Day - 8 Medals were won

U17 M 1X, U19M 2-, U19 M 1X, U19 4X, U19M 2X, Sr lwt M2X, SrM 2X,  
SrM 1X

CORAS - 12 gold, 9 sliver, 6 bronze

Row Ontario Championship - 4 gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze

Henley – Jr men's 1x, 2x and 4x

## Masters

The Masters competitors competed numerous regattas through the  
summer

Tony Biernacki Sr. Memorial - gold W AB 2X

Sliver M E 1X, ME 2X, Mixed 2X

Row Ontario Masters - gold F M 1X, E M 1X, AA-A-B M1X

Silver Mixed D+, F-G M2X

bronze Mixed 4X, D W 2X, C W 2X, W2-, D W 1X,

C W 1X

Masters Henley -gold F-I M 2X, AA-D 4X

## Head Regattas

Muskoka Fall Classic - gold Parent and Child 2X, Sr Grand Master M 1X

Head of the Rideau - 7 golds

Head of the Trent - 6 golds

Two crews from the club attended the Head of the Charles regatta

## Costal Rowing

We had one competitor, Matt Seaby, compete in the Western Beach Sprint  
Championship costal sprints in June and placed 3rd.

## International

Carol Love coach national team womens 8+ qualified for Paris Olympics

Grace Vandebroek raced for Canada in 4X

Trevor raced for Canada in 1X

Shane Willis participated in Pan Am Games

## **Celebrating**

### **PRC Awards**

PRC recognizes its club members in a number of categories.

Junior - Griff Coupland

Recreation - Mark Ricketts and Sam McKenzie

Masters - John Nelson

Club - Kendall Rose

### **Row Ontario Awards**

Volunteer certificates

Simon Grasdal

Dave Kubica

Hannah Harper

Long term service

15 years - Nancy Fischer

30 years - Ken Hoard

Row Ontario Club of the year

High School Bursary Award - Riley Watson

### **Financial Statement**

Bingo revenue has recovered from the effects of the Covid Pandemic period. Revenue for 2023 has increased to \$23,365 from \$18,823 in 2022 and should provide the Club an average \$2,000 per month in the coming years. There is an opportunity to earn a little more if we can staff open bingo slots that periodically come available.

The Head of the Trent Regatta is an important event in the Ontario fall Regatta Schedule and continues to be a major source of revenue for the Club. Several upgrades to the parking lot on the Point have been completed. These improvements together with the new docks built for the 2022 the regatta can better accommodate more entries over the two-day schedule. Based on this, we can expect entry fee revenue to grow significantly in the coming years.

The Trillium Foundation funding the Club has received over the last three years received has allowed us to add to our fleet of recreational boats, as well as improve the condition of much of our existing equipment for these programs through more regular maintenance. Trillium Funding also allowed the Club to increase the number of spring and summer staff, particularly in 2023, ensuring provision of the needed coaching for our wide array of recreational programs.

Expenditures for regatta entry fees have risen from \$12,981 in 2022 to \$17,758 in 2023. With the increase expected in the competitive programs in coming years we can anticipate a similar increase. This expenditure increase, together with variations in a range of other expenses resulted in a modest operational lose for the Club in 2023.

## **Acknowledgements**

**Staff** Head Coach Horacio Tendilla with Matt Hagopian taking over as the interim head coach in November at the end of the Univeristy season

Club Manager -Jacey Mabee

### Summer Staff

Simon Grasdal  
Hannah Harper  
Stephanie Latina\Kendall Rose  
Br Tombs  
Madison Wakeford  
Maggie Walker  
Riley Watson  
Sam Wigg  
Sophia Basile  
Abigail Sibbald  
Maren Faulkner

## **Board Members**

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