



Peterborough Rowing Club Year In Review 2021

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

2021 was once again, a year strongly affected by the Covid Pandemic. Despite medical advances, history appeared to repeat itself with the pandemic of the 21st century extending into a second year, as did the Spanish Flue Pandemic of the early 20th century. A resurgence of Covid and resulting restrictions enabled only limited indoor weight training for small numbers of Juniors, Masters and Trent athletes, starting in February and augmented with brisk outdoor boot camps. In March, the Club launched its Trillium sponsored Peterborough Rows program, purchasing fifteen Concept2 ergometers and a covered trailer to transport them. The equipment enabled us to deliver programs directly to schools and kicked off a range of on and off water summer activity to introduce the broader Peterborough community to rowing. In addition with the support of Trent University, PRC and the Trent University Rowing Club took delivery of its second HOTT 50 Hudson eight.

Pandemic restrictions yet again delayed the Club getting on the water until June 7th, almost exclusively in singles. The Club's core group of coaches led by Head Coach James Dyer, once again ran scheduled training programs with repeated emphasis on skills development. Active Learn to Row and Return to Row as well as Recreational League programs, all run under required Covid protocols, made summer evenings at the Club a busy place. The summer also saw major staffing changes with Jessica Reaume, following her maternity leave deciding to resign as Head Coach to focus on her family. We look forward to her return to the coaching staff in future years. At the August Henley Party, the Club celebrated and thanked James Dyer for his over two years of service as Head Coach, as he moved on to Toronto to pursue his teaching certificate. The Club was also

extremely lucky to have long time member and club enthusiast, Ugette Vanderpost, agree to take the Head Coach reigns for a one year term.

The fall saw regattas return, finally, to Ontario with PRC and Trent competing in the Head of the Rideau and hosting the 50th Head of the Trent Regatta. Enthusiasm for the event by Ontario clubs saw no bounds, as a record entry was registered. The beautiful day and eagerness of participants far outweighed the challenges the Club faced in completing the regatta as close to dusk as possible.

Despite two years of restrictions due to the Global Pandemic, the PRC has maintained strong support among members, a hard-working Board of Directors and a committed coaching staff. With this level of enthusiasm, we look forward to a bright unencumbered 2022!

Membership Statistics

Program	Total
Absentee Athlete Club Affiliation	3
Adult Learn to Row	28
Adult Return to Row	10
Adult Rowing League 2021	15
Junior Learn to Row	31
Junior Return to Row Session	18
Junior Rowing League	18
Masters Competitive Team	13
Trent University Rowing Club	58
U23/Sr. Competitive Team	20
Total	214

Other Club Roles	
Board members	9
Coaches	18
Volunteers	11

Programs were recreational with coaching this year divided up into cohort groups. Each registrant signed up through an online registration each week to a time spot with limited numbers to allow the club to follow COVID protocols. Each member would check in at their allotted time, pass the COVID screening, follow the protocols set up by the club and after each row every boat and all oars were cleaned and disinfected. Initially all rowing was in singles and as restrictions were lifted some doubles/pairs were able to go out providing they were of the same household. By then end of the summer quads and larger boats were able to go out on the water and a single day Head of the Trent did occur thanks to volunteers following all COVID protocols.

New at the club

The AGM, once again this past year was held via zoom.

The club purchased a new Hudson Predator Heavy weight Men's eight.

With Trillium funding the club was able to purchase 15 new ergs and a Miska trailer which allowed the club to do outreach programs in the schools.

Performance/Results

There were no regattas in the summer for the club members this year. The 50th Head of the Trent did take place over one day this season with a record turn out.

International

Grace Vandebroek U23 World championships. 4x placed 11th

Trevor Jones Tokyo Olympics 1x placed 9th

Bayleigh Hooper Tokyo Paralympics PR3 mixed coxed 4 2nd in B final

Carol Love was out west for a large portion of the summer leading up to the Olympics and was coaching some of the national team.

Celebrating

PRC Awards

PRC recognizes its club members in a number of categories.

Junior - Riley Watson

Recreation - Rayf Shiell

Masters - Tracey Germa

Club - Taylor Bryan

Row Ontario Awards

Volunteer certificates

Mike Nevills

Rayf Shiell

Dan Bullock

Award for Resilience and Perseverance - James Dyer

RCA Awards

Long service award - 50 years - Terry Kelly

Financial Statement

2021 was again a challenging year financially. Memberships are up from 2020 but since most regattas were cancelled for the spring and summer membership revenue has not recovered to pre pandemic levels. The Bingo Centre was also closed for most of 2021 resulting in a further drop in Bingo Revenue of 50% from levels in 2020. The Club operations were again funded by spending all the accumulated surplus and ended the year with a small deficit.

Acknowledgements

Staff

Head Coach James Dyer (for Jessica's maternity leave)
 Ugette Vanderpost (from Mid August)

Summer Staff Abigail Sibald (Team lead)
 Allie Miskulin (FT)
 Timothy Luebke (FT)
 Brianna Tombs (PT)
 Josh Hettinga (PT)
 Mike Caryk (PT)
 Sophia Basile (PT)
 Taylor Bryan (PT)

Board Members

President Brian Love
Vice President Neil Horne
Secretary Jen Tuters
Treasurer Terry Kelly
Director Tracey Germa
Director Rayf Shiell
Director Bev Cameron
Director Roberta Hubble
Director Nancy Fischer