

# Peterborough Rowing Club Year in Review 2018

## **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.

### **President's Statement**

It was another strong year for the PRC. We started with the hiring of Jessica Reaume as the Club and Trent University's Head Coach, through the assistance of a Coaching Association of Ontario support grant.

PRC launched on the water surprisingly in late April with high school and club crews as well as the Trent U/PRC National Training Centre HUB Program. In late May, a mixed team of ten athletes led by Graham Peters also proved how a winter of training can pay off by erging on one machine for a million meters in 64 hours, 9 minutes and 59 seconds (that's over 2.6 days) and establishing a new world record.

Rowing at a recreationally oriented level has been a mainstay of the PRC almost since its beginning. This year through grant support from both the provincial and federal government, seven students were hired to provide both on water instruction as well as outreach reach to greater Peterborough. They had great success connecting to areas of the community we have not reached in the past. We hope to continue this effort.

The competitive season kicked off for masters in June at the Biernacki while for club athletes at the July 1 st, Dominion Day Regatta. July was also when James Dyer formally joined the coaching staff to assume the position of Interim Head Coach August 1st, as Jess went on maternity leave. This year saw podium finishes at both Club and Masters Ontario Championships and a total of seven Henley Golds! Internationally, Ian Holmquist represented Canada on the Can Am Mex team, Grace Vanderbroek was in both the quad for the U23 Worlds and the

single for the U19 Worlds while Bailey Hooper was in the Canadian four for the World Para Championships. Meanwhile, Trevor Jones successfully defended his singles title at the U23 World Championships, a remarkable achievement.

On the social front, the Henley Garden Party was again a great success offering the opportunity to christen three boats, including a top of the line Hudson donated by Jeremiah Brown and all the former Olympians connected not the PRC.

The season wouldn't be complete without a trip to the Head of the Rideau and our staging of the 48 th Head of the Trent Regatta under great weather with yet again a record number of entries. While we are no longer the country's largest one day regatta (Head of the Welland now wears that crown) the HOTR is a well respected event and "A Canadian Rowing Tradition".

In recognition of our 2018 season (and with the efforts of our fabulous application writers) the Peterborough Rowing Club was selected by ROWONTARIO as the 2018 Ontario Club of the Year!

As we look forward to 2019, PRC continues to seek ways to improve, both on and off the water. As we seek to deliver on our mandate of a sports organization providing a full range of rowing experience to the Peterborough community, it's important we maintain two of our traditional characteristics. We have and must continue to offer a friendly, open environment where all are welcome and respected and where we all find ways to lend a hand. Let's bring both these themes forward in 2019.

# **Step Back Non Believers**

# **Membership Statistics**

**High school** 59 registered participants

Learn to row programs

Learn to Row(L2R) 21 registered participants
Return to Row(R2R) 14 registered participants
Jr rowing school 5 registered participants

Recreational programs

Row for Life 20 registered participants

Development programs 12 registered participants

Competitive programs

U19
 U23/Sr
 Masters
 Absent Elite
 15 registered participants
 29 registered participants
 13 registered participants
 1 registered participants

## New at the club

In 2018 the club able to purchase a new quad "The Believers" and blades and a new single "Olympians" given to the Club by a group of those in our rowing community that competed at the highest level in our sport. The group was lead by Jeremiah Brown.

### Performance/Results

## **Masters Regattas**

The masters rowers competed at the Tony Biernaki Sr. Memorial Regatta, Row Ontario Masters, Royal Canadian Henley Masters during the summer season as well as a few head races in the fall.

**Row Ontario's** gold was found in the Men's D and E 1X, and the Men's G+1X. Silver was the colour for Men's H 1X, Men's D 2X and the Men's C4X Women's AA-B 2x, Women's C4X and women's D4x won Bronze.

**Henley** Men's E-F 2x, Men's AA-B 2x and Women's AA-B quad all got Henley gold with 3rd place for Men's E-I 4X and Men's H-I 1X

# **Club Competitive regattas**

The junior and U23 /sr. programs had medal results as well.

**Row Ontario's** gold in the Male's U23 1X, Sr. ltwt 1X and Sr. 1X, Sr. 2X, Sr. ltwt 4X and Sr. 4X and the Women's U19 2X.

Henley gold in Men's Champ 8+, Sr. Men's 2X. U23 Men's 1X and Sr. Men's 1X

### International

2018 saw 4 PRC members competing internationally.

Trevor Jones won gold in the worlds U23 1X

Ian Holmquist at the CanAmMex games

Grace VandenBroek competed in the World Junior Championship in 1X and World U23 in 4X and the Youth Olympic Games

Bayleigh Hooper participated in the World Para PR3 4+

## Celebrating

#### PRC Awards

The Second annual Gala for PRC and Trent University Rowing Regatta was held November 24.

Junior award Joe White
Recreational rower Tracey Germa
Masters rower Richard Reid
Club competitive Daniel Bullock

## **Row Ontario Awards**

Club of the year

Athlete of the Year Daniel Bullock

Volunteer certificates

Neil Horne

**Graham Peeters** 

Ralph Shiell

Julianna Stonehouse

## **RCA Awards**

Junior athlete of the year Grace VandenBroek Jack Nicholson Coaching Bursary Matt Seaby

## **Financial Statement**

Bingo and The Head of the Trent Regatta remain key parts of the Club fundraising activities and have allowed the club to purchase a Hudson Quad with Croker Sculls. Jerimiah Brown with the help of sponsorships and sales of his book, The Four Year Olympian, donated a Hudson single to the Club.

The Club Fundraising Committee was also very successful in applying for employment grants for 2018.

## **Acknowledgements**

Staff Head Coach Jessica Reaume

James Dyer for Jessica's maternity leave

Club Manager Matt Seaby

Summer Staff With grants, 2018 saw us able to hire a summer

coordinator and an additional six students to run a

number of programs

**Board Members** 

President Brian Love
Secretary Krista Saunders
Treasurer Terry Kelly
Director Nancy Fischer
Director Ken Hoard
Director Neil Horne
Director Ralph Shiell

**Director** Janette Platana Stepped down briefly but rejoined the

Board in November

**Director** Matt Seaby - Stepped down to assume the Club

Manager position