

Peterborough Rowing Club Year in Review 2019

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

2019 was an interesting year for the PRC with several “firsts” in areas of the Club’s activities beyond on water competition. With Parks Canada’s construction project to build a very, large floodgate in the narrows area of the Trent Canal adjacent the boathouse, we were forced to stagger programs getting on the water. The U23 and Masters programs were able to operate from a launch area south of the new gate know as “the Point”. The Junior/High School program was however delayed until construction was complete in mid-May and the club could access the canal from the boathouse.

A strong emphasis was again placed on the Junior Program which was structured in a manner to enable athletes between 14 and 18 both an introduction to rowing as well as a chance to engage in inter club competition. Many participants in the spring program carried on with activities through the summer. With a break in August, those who continue rowing in September were given the opportunity to compete at the Club’s Head of the Trent Regatta.

Adult recreational rowing was popular again in 2019. The Club benefited from the continued support of the Canada Summer Jobs Program enabling us to hire seven staff members to run learn-to-row and continue-to-row recreational programs as well as conduct outreach activities in both schools and community facilities. The PRC aspires to continue growing our community outreach programs in an effort to introduce rowing to a broad cross section of the Peterborough community.

This year saw the club once again compete in a full slate of summer regattas. Its most notable successes were medals in eleven Ontario Club and Masters Championships events and entry in three Canadian Henley finals. The Henley results included a gold medal finish in a hotly contested U23 Quad final. The winning crew included Ian Holmquist, Joseph White, Shane Willis and Dan Bullock. Internationally, Trevor Jones represented Canada in the Men's Double at the World Championships placing 14th, while Grace VandenBroek was a member of the Women's quad competing at the U23 Worlds placing 7th. Joseph White was a member of the Can/Am/Mex team which competed this year in Sarasota.

In Club personnel, Jessica Reaume returned from maternity leave in November to reassume the position of Head Coach PRC /Trent University. As Jess plans a second leave in March and to continue building on the Club's outreach to the community and delivery of coaching services to Trent, we retained James Dyer as Associate Coach through the winter. James will reassume his position as interim Head Coach at Jess' spring departure.

In the fall, the Peterborough Rowing Club hosted the 49th Head of the Trent Regatta and for the first time in its history the event took place over two days. Saturday remained predominately a university event with competitors from all of Ontario and Quebec's university rowing teams. Sunday was reserved for club competition with an emphasis on a wide range of Junior and Masters events at both full length and reduced length Head of the Trent distances. The regatta also included 500m sprint competitions on the Otonabee. Reaction to the changed format was incredibly positive, making it inevitable the two-day format will be continued.

Step Back Non Believers!

Membership Statistics

Junior/High School (Spring)	54
U19 Junior Development	29 (16 rowed Junior/HS)
U18 Junior Competitive	10 (5 rowed Junior/HS)
U23	21
Senior	2
Masters	16
Absentee athletes	5
Recreational -Learn to Row	22
-Return to Row	7
- Row for Life	12
Non-Rowing Volunteers	5
TURC members	50
Total Club Members	212

New at The Club

Together with the Trent University Rowing Club, the PRC purchased two double/pair shells, mid-weight and lightweight, from Hudson Boat works,

Performance/Results

Club Regattas

Row Ontario's

U23 Men's 4X – 2nd

U23 Women's 2X – 3rd

U23 Women's Lwt 2X – 3rd

Canadian Henley

U23 Men's 4X – 1st

U23 Men's 2x – 2nd

U23 Women's 4X – 5th

Head of the Trent Regatta

Men's Club 8 - 1st

Masters Regattas

Ontario Championships

Men's D+ 4X – 1st

Women's AA-B 2X – 1st

Men's G+ 2X – 1st

Women's C 1X – 2nd

Men's AA-B 1X- 3rd

Men's AA-B 2X– 3rd

Men's H+ 1X – 3rd

Mixed 8 – 3rd

Henley

WAA-B 4X - 2nd

Mixed Masters 2x AA-C - 2nd

Head of the Trent

Women's Masters 1X - M. Stranges 3rd

Men's Masters 1x - M. Sprayson - 1st

Women's Master's 1x - B. Lloyd 1st and T. Germa 2nd

Masters Mixed 8 - 1st

Men's Master 2x - 3rd

International

World Championships -Trevor Jones- Men's 2x – 14th

U23 World Championships - Grace VandenBroek - U23 Women's 4X- 7th

CanAmMex -Joseph White

Celebrating

Carol Love was honoured this year as a RCA Hall of Fame inductee for being a member of the 1976 Women's Olympic Rowing Team

Row Ontario Awards

Volunteer certificates
Matt Hagopian
Neil Horne
Jurgen Schubert

Financial Statement

Bingo and the Head of The Trent Regatta remain key parts of the club fundraising activities.

The Club Fundraising Committee was also very successful in applying for employment grants for the summer of 2019.

The balance sheet at the end of the December 2019 shows the club in a strong financial position at the start of the New Year.

Acknowledgements

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Club Administrator	Abigail Sibbald
Summer Staff	Brianna Tombs, Hailey Guertin, Lauren Dares, Megan Wurtele, Paige Burns, Rosalyn Shepherd
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