

ST.CATHARINES ROWING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HEAD COACH/MANAGER & BOATMAN REPORT

2017 Was such an exciting year! ! The rowing club saw such great success with the Canada Summer Games athletes (9 from SCRC), National Team Participation (6 from SCRC), a uniform to celebrate Canada 150 (Thank you RegattaSport) and an abundance of on water success including the Henley Regatta Efficiency Trophy! ! Congratulations to all involved, athletes, coaches, volunteers, parents and all supporters.

Ryan Malcowski returned to the workshop in 2017 which made the busy summer seem that much more exciting because Ryan's skills already in place were able to do much of the work. He has progressed greatly into the role and I feel confident in his ability to get the job done and take care of the athletes, coaches, equipment and the boathouse. I feel that he has the trust of the coaching staff to help them out with whatever repairs are needed. Rumour has it that Ryan will be back for 2018 which would make for the first ever 3rd year workshop assistant. I am looking forward to this new experience.

As always it is the volunteers that deserve a vast amount of thanks and credit for the success of the rowing club. I wish I had the most elegant of words to express myself to thank the many coaches, board members and regatta staff. There are literally hundreds of you and thousands of hours that deserve all the recognition that can be mustered. It is annually my goal to do what I can to allow all volunteers to take on a role that makes them happy to be at the boathouse. Whether it be to sit in a coach boat, rig boats, fix motors etc., I do my best to take care of the other stuff so that the volunteers enjoy their time at the boathouse. In 2018 it is my goal to continue to provide whatever is needed so that all are happy with their time in the coach boat. Whatever new idea is out there, let's discuss how we can make it work.

I am looking forward to the 2018 season with its new athletes, coaches and on water stories yet to be told. There are some new and exciting plans in the works as well as the continued efforts to work with our community partners to improve our sport. No doubt the consistent work that is done alongside our partner Brock Rowing will show some great results in 2018.

Good luck to all athletes, coaches and volunteers as you all work toward your goals for 2018.

Thank you



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