

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

It is incredible to watch the athletes of the St. Catharines Rowing Club, year after year and their success. As we look back at 2018 we once again see that successes were high on the water and off. SCRC athletes at CSSRA, Henley and Head of the Charles won gold. SCRC was represented at Senior A, U23, Juniors and CanAmMex regattas. A solid board of directors worked diligently as this year saw some administrative challenges from our provincial and national sport organizations. All of these points made for an outstanding 2018.

In the workshop Ryan Malcowski returned for his third year as assistant. This was very exciting as Ryan was able to take on the majority of tasks in the workshop due to his years of experience. I would like to thank Ryan for his years of work and wish him the best of luck with his future. He was a hardworking, reliable and committed employee and I am proud to have worked with him. We will be looking for a new hire in 2019 so please get your resume ready as information will be posted soon.

There are already a number of exciting plans for 2019 and some new projects in the works. We look to see the continued rowing class in the Niagara Catholic School Board and 2019 should see the start of the class in the Niagara Public School Board. There are plans in the works to see the club continue to attend the US Nationals Regatta and discussions are happening about a potential regatta trip abroad. The winter of 2018/19 has already been busy with the major recreational eight refurbishment project. I am very excited to see the boats completed and look forward to the many years ahead working with them and the recreational league. No doubt the Youth Rowing School and the Recreational League will be excited about these shells.

As always, not enough can be said about the hard work of the many volunteers. I can't thank you all enough as you continue to coach, run regattas and provide access to our sport. Please know that you are all so highly valued and I cannot thank you enough for all that you do.

Good luck to all athletes, coaches and volunteers as you all work toward your goals for 2019.

Thank you



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