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ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY MASTERS REGATTA (AUG 2, 2026)

The 2026 Royal Canadian Henley Masters Regatta was shaping up to be another full day of racing on the Henley course, but Mother Nature had other plans. Heavy storms and a tornado warning forced organizers to cancel the regatta just hours after racing began, leaving many masters crews without the opportunity to compete.

Despite the shortened program, the St. Catharines Rowing Club (SCRC) made the most of its limited opportunities, earning several podium finishes — including a coveted Henley gold medal.

The highlight of the day came in the Women's 59kg AA-D Double, where Marlo Stoutenburg and Barb Guembel powered their way to victory for SCRC. The St. Catharines crew crossed the finish line in 3:56.800, finishing 3.960 seconds ahead of Riverfront Recapture, who recorded a time of 4:03.000. Hanlan Rowing Club finished third in 4:06.040.

The gold marked another significant Henley achievement for the St. Catharines club and provided a memorable result on a day when racing opportunities were severely limited.



SCRC also captured three silver medals.

In the Mixed Masters D Quad, Heather Talbot, Erin Crawford, Chris McAlpine and Ian Muir combined to finish second. The crew, coached by Brian Moukperian, battled down the course to secure the silver for St. Catharines.

The club's Women's AA-C Pair of Meghan Marchand and Kelly Shewfelt also earned a silver-medal finish, while Marion Markarian added

another second-place result in the Women's Masters H-M 1x.

For a regatta traditionally known for bringing masters rowers together from across the region and beyond, the weather interruption was a frustrating end to what promised to be a busy day of competition. With the cancellation coming only a few hours into the event, numerous crews never had the chance to take to the water.

Still, SCRC athletes left the Henley course with plenty to celebrate: one Henley gold and three silver medals from the limited racing that was able to take place.

For St. Catharines Rowing Club, the shortened Masters Regatta may not have gone according to plan, but the club once again demonstrated its depth and competitiveness on the Henley course — and added another gold medal to its growing 2026 Henley haul.



St. Catharines Rowing Club Shines at the 142nd Royal Canadian Henley Regatta

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta returned to Martindale Pond August 4–9, drawing crews from across North America, Argentina and Mexico to one of the sport's most storied venues. Across four days of finals action, St. Catharines Rowing Club (SCRC) crews put together a memorable regatta: four gold medals, six 2nd place finishes, and seven 3rd place finishes.

HENLEY GOLD MEDALISTS



Womens Under 19 Double – Thorne Family Trophy (Fri): Sandra McNally / Shanelle Burcher — 7:23.34)

Womens Under 17 Cox Four – Doc and Colena Schaab Trophy (Sat): Saige Pastorelli (cox), Isabelle Austen, Mara Suntz, Claire Lefebvre, Ashley De Silva Piques — 7:13.24



Mixed PR3 Womens Single (Sun): Abbygayle Durliat — 8:31.69



Mens Senior 64kg Single (Sun):
Jackson Schwandt — 7:30.77



SECOND PLACE FINISHERS

- Womens Under 23 Pair – Elizabeth Najjar, Annika Goodwyn
- Womens Under 19 Pair – Kennedy Bartel, Olivia Wist
- Mixed PR3 Womens Single — SCRC took both 1st and 2nd in this event!: Mia Biancaniello
- Womens Under 19 Quad - Danielle Smith, Sandra McNally, Karina Biktimirova, Shanelle Burcher
- Championship Womens Pair - Cait Whittard, Janette Peachy
- Championship Womens Eight - Stephanie Mowder, Ingrid Eshuis, Makeda Harrison, Cait Whittard, Lisa Bos, Emma Goedhart, Sarah Stacey, Elizabeth Najjar, Lauren Schwandt (cox)

THIRD PLACE FINISHERS

- Mens Senior Lwt Four – Ethan Mason, Ivan Fernandez, Jackson Schwandt, Adam Muldoon
- Mens Senior 64kg Cox Four – Olivia Wilson (cox), Ostin Kaiser, Tucker Downes, Canaan Siscoe, Maxim Ruller
- Mens Senior Lwt Pair – Ethan Mason, Adam Muldoon
- Mens Single Dash – Joseph Everitt
- Mens Lwt Eight Dash – Daniel Phillips (cox), Adam Muldoon, Ethan Mason, Sawyer Dalton, Arden White, Ivan Fernandez, Braeden Miltenburg, Liam McFarland, Levi Patterson-Raby
- Mens Eight Dash – Giancarlo DiPompeo, Owen Kudreikis, Daniel Brophy, Jackson Schwandt, Mathias Essig, Elliott Leal, Maddox Harrison, Braden Durcak, Alexandra Pestolis (cox)



SOLID EFFORTS ACROSS THE FLEET

- Mens Senior Pair - 4th
- Womens Under 23 Lwt Eight – 4th
- Womens Under 19 Cox Four – 5th
- Womens Under 17 Double – 5th
- Mens Senior Single – 6th,
- Womens Senior Eight – 6th,
- Womens Senior Lwt Four – 4th
- Mens Senior Lwt Eight - 4th
- Mens Under 19 Eight- 5th
- Mens Under 17 Cox Four - 6th



An event like the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta simply could not happen without the incredible commitment of our volunteers. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who gave their time, energy and expertise throughout the week, whether helping behind the scenes or supporting the regatta on the water.

A special thank you goes to those who take on the important organizational responsibilities that keep the event running safely and smoothly — Sandy and the safety team, Al Shynal and the Clerks Booth, Hillary Blackwood and the medical team, Malcolm Walker and the Cat Crew, and the many others who stepped up to make Henley a success. Your dedication and countless hours are deeply appreciated.

We would also like to send our best wishes to the two Cat Crew members who were injured while carrying out their volunteer duties. We hope both are on the road to a full and speedy recovery. Finally, congratulations and thank you to our SCRC coaching staff, whose hard work, preparation and dedication helped produce an outstanding showing from our club crews. With so many camp boats competing at Henley, seeing SCRC crews rise to the occasion and compete at such a high level is something our entire club can be proud of.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2026 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta a memorable one for St. Catharines Rowing Club.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCRC

Port Dalhousie 200th Anniversary

When: August 15

Where: Lakeside Park, St. Catharines, Ontario

FISU Rowing Championships

When: August 13 - 15

Where: Fanshawe Lake, London, Ontario

Head of the Welland: 5 Bridges Fall Classic Regatta

When: September 26

Where: Welland International Flatwater Centre, North Course

HELP US FILL THE DOCKSIDE!

Have photos from a regatta, club event, or practice? Know of an upcoming rowing event, fundraiser, or community activity? Want to recognize an athlete, coach, volunteer, or club member for an accomplishment?

We'd love to feature it in a future edition of Dockside!

The newsletter is a community effort, and your submissions help us celebrate the people and moments that make the St. Catharines Rowing Club such a special place.

Click the link below to submit your photos, event information, announcements, or recognition requests:



Thank you for helping us keep our rowing community informed, connected, and celebrated!