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HIGH SCHOOL
2026



SCRC
Henley Island
St. Catharines, ON



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REGATTA RECAP

With the CSSRA Championships just days away, our local high school crews have been putting in phenomenal work on the water. The last two major regattas perfectly showcased the depth of talent, grit, and medal potential thriving in our local programs. Here is how our crews shook up the water over the last few weeks:

1. The Mother's Day High School Regatta (Martindale Pond)

We kicked off the championship push right here on our home course with the annual Mother's Day Regatta, hosting 41 clubs and school programs from across the province. It was an absolute gold rush for local programs!



- EL Crossley put on a dominant masterclass, topping the podium an incredible 10 times to claim the highest gold medal count of the weekend.
- Ridley College showed elite early-season form, powering their way to 6 gold medals.
- Denis Morris put together a fantastic showing to take home 3 golds, while Blessed Trinity, Saint Paul, and West Niagara secured a strong double-gold weekend with 2 apiece.
- Eden High School, Holy Cross, and Sir Winston Churchill each earned a hard-fought 1 gold medal to round out an exceptional weekend for Niagara region rowing.

👉 [View Full Mother's Day Regatta Results on RegattaCentral](#)

REGATTA RECAP

2. The South Niagara Invitational (Welland International Flatwater Centre)

The momentum rolled right into the South Niagara Invitational on the Victoria Day weekend. Shifting over to the Welland course, our local athletes faced fierce cross-regional competition but continued to fine-tune their racing strategies.

Our local crews used the flat water to test out their final boat configurations, locking down crucial top-three finishes in highly competitive junior, senior, and novice divisions.



The weekend proved that our local schools aren't just participating this year—they are setting the standard.

👉 [View Full South Niagara Invitational Results on RegattaCentral](#)

🎯 The Takeaway: Across both weekends, our local athletes have proven they have the speed, fitness, and technique to contend for national titles. Come out next weekend (June 5-7) to see them finish the job at CSSRA!



TAG DAY TRIUMPH: OVER \$8,800 RAISED!

A massive THANK YOU to our incredible community and our hard-working high school athletes! This past week, our rowers hit the pavement for our annual Tag Day fundraiser, and the results were nothing short of spectacular. Our athletes set up camp at 18 different locations across the community, braving the elements, smiling, and collecting donations from supportive neighbors, families, and local business patrons. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised a grand total of **\$8,819.97!**

Every single dollar raised goes directly toward supporting our youth rowing programs, maintaining equipment, and keeping the sport accessible for our local high school students.



We are so proud of our athletes for stepping up as fantastic ambassadors for the club, and endlessly grateful to everyone who dropped some change (or bills!) into our tags.

We couldn't do it without this amazing community. Thank you for helping our crews keep moving forward! 🛶 Let's carry this incredible momentum right into the CSSRA Championships!

THE GRAND FINALE...

CSSRA

The high school rowing season has all been leading to this. From **June 5–7**, the prestigious **Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Association (CSSRA) Championships** will take place right here on our home water. As the final and biggest high school regatta of the season, the energy will be unmatched—and we need you there!

We have an incredible lineup of local student-athletes taking to the water, and quite a few of our local crews are heading into the weekend with serious **medal potential**. Let's make sure they hear our support from the grandstands. Come out, wear your school colors, and loud-and-proud cheer for our local high schools!



For preliminary draw and results info visit the following **Regatta Central Page**:

https://www.regattacentral.com/regatta/?job_id=10115




FUEL UP: FRIDAY NIGHT PASTA DINNER

CSSRA

Before the weekend finals heat up, join the entire local rowing community to kick off the championships! We are hosting a massive pre-regatta pasta dinner to fuel our athletes and celebrate the season.

- **When:** Friday, June 5th at 5:00 PM
- **Where:** HIH Patio
- **Who:** All athletes, coaches, volunteers, parents, and officials are welcome!
- **Cost:** \$20 per person

 *Dietary Note: Delicious Gluten-Free options will be available, so everyone can get their carb-load on!*

Whether you are racing, coaching, volunteering, or cheering from the banks, this is the perfect way to come together as a community. See you at the patio on Friday, and good luck to all our local competitors! Forge Ahead!

PASTA Dinner

**FRIDAY
JUNE 5, 2026**

5 PM TO 7 PM
Time to be adjusted if needed for the weather.

**ROWERS, COACHES, PARENTS,
OFFICIALS & VOLUNTEERS
ARE ALL WELCOME**

**\$20
PER PERSON**

Henley Island Helpers Patio
- Henley Island

NOTE:
GLUTEN FREE
OPTION AVAILABLE




SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Ready to Row? Summer Registration is Now OPEN!

Whether you are looking to build on your high school racing season, chase a national title at the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, or just want to dip your toes into a sport for the very first time, the St. Catharines Rowing Club has a place for you.

We offer comprehensive summer programming tailored to **all ages and experience levels:**

- **Novice & Recreational Programs:** Perfect for beginners, youth, and masters who want to learn the fundamentals, stay active, and enjoy being out on the water.
- **Competitive Programs:** Intensive training pathways designed for U17, U19, U23, and Senior athletes looking to push their limits and compete at the highest levels.

Summer rowing is the ultimate way to build lifelong fitness, teamwork, and unforgettable memories on the water. Programs fill up quickly, so don't wait to lock in your spot!

 **[Click Here to Explore Programs & Register Today!](#)**



SUMMER PROGRAM COACHES ANNOUNCED

☀️ SCRC Announces Summer Lead Coaches!

As the high school racing season winds down, our focus shifts to an incredible summer on Martindale Pond! We are thrilled to officially announce the stellar lineup of lead coaches heading up our summer competitive programs. Our athletes will be in expert hands with some of the finest coaching talent in the region:

- **U17 Men:** Mike Di Benedetto
- **U17 Women:** Joslyn Galloway
- **U19 Men:** Meredith Petrychanko
- **U19 Women:** Liz Harold
- **U23 / Senior Women:** Liz Iannizzi
- **U23 / Senior Men:** *TBD*



With decades of combined experience, national championship titles, and a shared passion for developing elite athletes, this coaching team is ready to guide our crews to a summer of speed, personal growth, and podium finishes.



NEW SCRC ADMIN

JOSLYN GALLOWAY

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that a very familiar face is stepping into a crucial leadership role at the club. Please join us in giving a massive congratulations to Joslyn Galloway, who has officially been hired as our new SCRC Club Administrator!

Joslyn will be wearing many hats in this role, serving as a primary point of contact for our members and families. When you interact with the club this summer, you'll likely see her handling:

- Programs & Registration: Monitoring all summer program registrations, processing payments, and managing general inquiries.
- Regatta Prep: Handling essential data entry for our race entries to get our crews on the heat sheets.
- On-the-Water Logistics: Working hand-in-hand with our Head Coach to manage our massive fleet of shells and launches, as well as assisting with facility operations.
- Youth Development: Working closely with our Summer Camps, Junior Development, and Grade 9 Introduction to Rowing programs to welcome the next generation of SCRC rowers.
- Club Culture: Keeping you connected by assisting with our social media content.

Joslyn's deep roots in our rowing community, paired with her organization and passion for the sport, make her the absolute perfect fit for this position. We are incredibly lucky to have her leadership both on the coach's boat and in the front office.

If you see Joslyn around the boathouse or down at the pond, please take a moment to say hello and welcome her to the SCRC team!

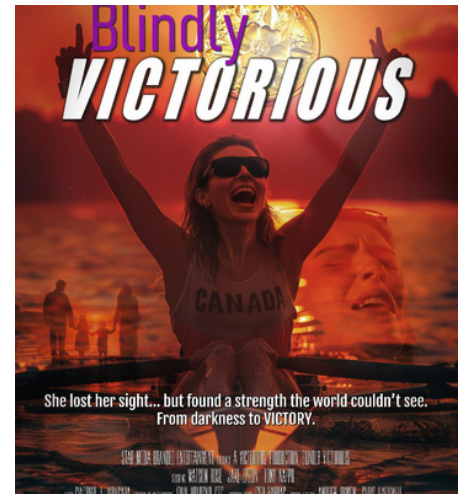
SCRC ATHLETES STAR IN UPCOMING FILM PREMIERE BLINDLY VICTORIOUS

The local rowing community is heading to the red carpet! The highly anticipated biographical drama *Blindly Victorious* features a deep local connection: several pivotal scenes were filmed right at the St. Catharines Rowing Club, featuring some of our very own home-grown athletes.

The film tells the extraordinary true story of Canadian schoolteacher Victoria Nolan. After losing her sight choosing to have children, Victoria spiraled into isolation. But at her lowest point, she found an unexpected lifeline on the water: rowing.

Through relentless training, fierce discipline, and an unbreakable will, she rose through the ranks to become a World Champion and a Paralympic Gold Medalist.

A Night of Cinema & Live Music
The premiere will be a full sensory experience. Before the film screens, audiences will enjoy a live performance of the score by Canadian Screen Award-winning composer/pianist Igor Vrabac, violinist Viera Zmiywsky, and members of the Odin Quartet.



PREMIERE INFO

- Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026
- Time: 7:30 PM
- Location: Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts (130 Navy St, Oakville, ON)
- [🎟 Purchase Tickets Here](#)
- [🎬 Watch the Movie Trailer](#)



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PARENT
Social Night!

GOOD PEOPLE. GOOD GAMES. GOOD TIMES.

SUNDAY
JUNE 14, 2026

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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THE COMMUNITY BEHIND OUR CLUB.

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NEW TO THE COMMITTEE? CURIOUS? COME CHECK IT OUT!

Join the Crew Behind the Crew: SCRC Parent Committee & Social!

We are putting out a special call to all new rowing parents. If your child has recently joined the club and you're looking for a rewarding, fun way to get involved, meet other families, and support our athletes, then consider joining our FIRST EVER parent committee!

Whether you have hours to spare or just want to help out occasionally, your support makes a massive difference.

To RSVP for the social, have questions about what the committee does, or simply want to throw your name in the hat to volunteer, reach out to Stephanie Robinson at srobinson2007@live.ca. Let's work together to give our rowers the best season yet! See you at Romby's!



IN MEMORIAM

HONORING CLUB LEGEND JOE MONTAGUE (1937–2026)

The St. Catharines Rowing Club community is deeply saddened to share the passing of longtime oarsman and club icon, Joe Montague, who passed away on May 23rd at the age of 88.

Joe was a titan on the water during a golden era for the club. Between 1954 and 1958, he dominated the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, capturing an incredible eight Henley Medals. His proud son, Steven Montague, has beautifully preserved this legacy by framing the historic medals together in a stunning display.

Joe's excellence on the water earned him a permanent place in SCRC history.

Following Larry Springford's inaugural selection, Joe was named the club's second-ever "Oarsman of the Year" for his phenomenal 1956 racing season. Along with the prestigious trophy, Joe was presented with a custom SCRC ring—a treasured family heirloom that Steven now proudly wears today in loving memory of his father.

Beyond his competitive years, Joe's passion for the sport never waned. He was heavily involved in supporting the next generation of rowers, giving his time and leadership to the St. Catharines Rowing League shortly after its inception in 1989. Joe Montague embodied the very best of our club: dedication, athletic excellence, and a lifelong commitment to the rowing community. We extend our deepest condolences to Steven and the entire Montague family. His legacy will forever ripple across Martindale Pond.



JUST AN ORDINARY ROWING COACH BY: RICHARD STORM

SCRC alumni coach Rick Storm has released a new book! If you've spent time around the Henley, you know the name Rick Storm. From his roots as an athlete to his standout work coaching local crews—including leading Team Nova Scotia at the Canada Games—Rick has been a pillar of our rowing community for years.

Now, he's sharing the wisdom, humor, and lessons learned from a lifetime on the water in his brand-new book, *Just an Ordinary Coach*.

Despite the modest title, Rick's impact is anything but ordinary. The book offers an inside look at building a team, mentoring youth, and weathering the highs and lows of competitive sports.

Whether you're a seasoned rower, a rowing parent, or a sports fan, *Just an Ordinary Coach* is an inspiring must-read. Grab your copy today and congratulate Coach Rick on becoming an author!

THOROLD RUNWAY OF RECOGNITION RECOGNIZES JIM MALTYCHUK

We are incredibly proud to announce that former SCRC athlete and coach Jim Maltychuk is being officially inducted into the City of Thorold Runway of Recognition on Monday, June 15! Jim has dedicated decades to the sport of rowing, leaving an unforgettable mark on our local community and the international stage as both an elite competitor and mentor.

A Lifetime of Rowing Excellence:

- Racing as a lightweight in the early 1960s, Jim found massive success at the CSSRA Championships, the Royal Canadian Henley, and the U.S. Nationals.
- Beginning in 1971, Jim coached generations of local rowers at Beamsville, Denis Morris, Notre Dame, and Brock University. He also led a highly successful Masters Women's Coxed Four for several seasons.
- In 1980, Jim wore the maple leaf as he coached the Canadian Junior Women's Coxed Four at the FISA Junior Championships in Hazewinkel, Belgium.
- As a club coach, he produced an incredible 13 Henley winners (including three Senior Eights) and was rightfully named the 1996 SCRC Volunteer of the Year.

Jim's induction is a well-deserved celebration of a lifetime spent giving back to the rowing community. Let's pack the room and show our support for one of SCRC's finest!

 [Purchase Tickets for the Induction Ceremony Here](#)

TRY IT DAY JUNE 14 AT SCRC

Ever wondered what happens down at the boathouse? The largest rowing club in Canada invites YOU to come see what we've been up to for the last 123 years!

Whether you're looking for a new hobby, a great workout, or just curious about the sport, this is your perfect opportunity.

- No Pressure.
- No Commitment.
- No Cost!

In just 45 minutes, our friendly volunteers will walk you through the entire experience. We will show you around the boathouse and equipment, teach you the basic technique on the rowing machine (erg), get you out on the water in a boat, and answer any questions you have along the way. We can't wait to meet you on the docks!

Bring a friend, wear some comfortable athletic clothes, and come see why rowing is such a huge part of our community.

 **[Click Here to Find Times & Sign Up!](#)**

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BOAT CHRISTENING

There is no finer tradition in rowing than gathering as a community to officially welcome new shells to the water. We are thrilled to invite all members, alumni, families, and friends to our annual Boat Christening Ceremony on **Sunday, June 21st at 2:00 PM.**

We will be gathering on the HH patio, rain or shine, to bless, name, and celebrate the latest additions to the St. Catharines Rowing Club fleet.

This year's incredible expansion is a testament to the enduring strength of our community, with purchasing costs generously shared by our dedicated Alumni and the Sir Winston Churchill (SWC) Rowing Alumni. These boats represent hours of hard work, generosity, and a shared commitment to keeping our athletes in top-tier equipment. The Class of 2026 Additions:

Come raise a glass as we officially christen:

- The Stevenson Brothers (Bill and Eric) /The Radford Memorial – Four (4+/x)
- Greg Pinder – Four/Quad (4+/x)
- Marilyn Hainer – Double (2x)
- *(Pending) Dr. Heather Coombe / They Call The Wind Mariah – Single (1x), generously donated by George Darte

SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCRC

- June 5–7: CSSRA Championships (Martindale Pond)
- Saturday, June 13: Tony Biernacki Sr. Memorial Regatta
- June 14: RCA "Try It" Day — [Register Online for Try It Day Here](#)
- Sunday, June 14 @ 6:00 PM: First-Ever SCRC Parent Committee Social (at Romby's)
- Monday, June 15: Jim Malychuk Induction Ceremony — [Get Tickets Here](#)
- Thursday, June 18 @ 7:30 PM: Blindly Victorious Film Premiere [Purchase Tickets Here](#)
- Saturday, June 20: RowOn Beach Sprints Cup #1 (Lakeside Park) — Major Event! This high-stakes regatta is one of only three events in Canada where RCA will select athletes for the Senior National Camp ahead of the World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals in China this October.
- Saturday, June 20: SCRC Media Day — Stay tuned for exciting club coverage and highlights!
- Sunday, June 21 @ 2:00 PM: Annual Boat Christening (HIH Patio - Rain or Shine)

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