Our vision to become the leading rowing community in Canada is a statement to not be taken lightly. As year two of our four-year strategic plan comes to an end, Rowing BC is well positioned to reflect on what has been accomplished and what we need to focus on and modify to ensure we continue to address our strategic priorities in an effective and efficient manner. This annual report celebrates the accomplishments of Rowing BC, our member organizations and rowers, Coaches and Umpires during the past year. It is designed to inform our key stakeholders on outcomes achieved and to notify you of our upcoming priorities, all of which will be described in more detail when we get together for the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

**VISION**
British Columbia is the leading rowing community in Canada.

**MISSION**
To develop opportunities to support personal and collective excellence in rowing in British Columbia.

**PILLARS**
- **Pillar 1.** Provide appropriate opportunities for participants in all developmental stages.
- **Pillar 2.** Create sustainable organizations within British Columbia.
- **Pillar 3.** Enhance communications with Rowing BC members and participants.
As Rowing BC’s members and others from within the BC rowing community prepare to meet in Victoria at the 2015 Rowing BC Annual General Meeting, I am happy to report on some of the more significant accomplishments, undertakings and challenges Rowing BC has had during the past twelve months.

At last year’s AGM the Membership approved changes to Rowing BC’s By-laws that transitioned Rowing BC’s Board of Directors from being notionally an operating board to a strategic and policy board. Over the past twelve months the Board has worked to refine its role in support of Rowing BC. The Board has developed and approved Policies and set up two working groups/committees to advance the work set out in our 2014-17 Strategic Plan. As well, members of the Board of Directors have attended regattas throughout the Province to ensure connections between Rowing BC’s Board and rowing activities take place.

In April of this year Rob Richards began in his role of Provincial Coach. Rob has been working to deliver the Row to Podium program at Burnaby Lake and has been involved with Team BC activities since his arrival. The group of young athletes who will form the core of BC’s 2017 Canada Summer Games rowing team performed extremely well at the Western Canada Summer Games in Wood Buffalo, Alberta. Ably lead by Coaches Colin Mattock, Stacy Mitchell, Greg Szybka and Alia Zawacki, Team BC placed first in the rowing competition, helping BC win the Western Canada Summer Games trophy, awarded to the province with the most flag points. In October, Team BC had another impressive performance at the 2015 RCA National Rowing Championships, where we send our top rowers to compete against the best in Canada.
Currently Rowing BC is taking part in a sector-wide Sport Investment Review being conducted by ViaSport to ensure Provincial Sport Organizations are provided funding commensurate with their operational readiness and record of performance. We believe Rowing BC and rowing in BC will score well in this analysis and that we can look forward to a continuation of Provincial funding at least at the level we receive currently.

Rowing BC continues to make great strides towards the goals set out in our 2014 – 2017 Strategic Plan. In 2016 we would expect to make further advances in the area of Sustainable Rowing Organizations with a focus on club development guidance and continuing to gather information regarding regatta execution in the province.

We look forward to a busy year related to events. As is typical every other year, rowing will be part of the 2016 BC Summer Games. The rowing portion will be in Fort Langley and we are pleased that Nadine Mross has accepted the position of Sport Chair. Staff and volunteers have already begun the planning processes required to ensure an exceptional event for our young developing athletes. Also, as part of our overall efforts to ensure BC is the Leading Rowing Community in Canada, we have dedicated efforts to have rowing included in the Americas Masters Games, a multi-sport festival to be held August 26th – September 4th, 2016 in Vancouver. We are also hopeful that Rowing BC will be selected to host the 2016-2020 National Rowing Championships and Canada Cup at Burnaby Lake. All of these events will help us deliver on our commitment to providing development opportunities for participants of all stages and they will serve as an opportunity to showcase rowing, and provide fabulous competition here in BC.
Rowing is supported by a large number of volunteers. Many Coaches, members of Club Boards, the Rowing BC Board and our extremely hard working team of BC Umpires give generously of their time in support of rowing. Many thanks to all who give so much.

And, speaking of thanks, I would like to extend a special thank you to two retiring Directors – Tim Henderson and Ian Gordon. Their efforts will be missed. However, I am fairly confident in saying that neither of them will be going very far and I know both will continue to give their time in support of our sport.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff – Eddie Vaughan, Martin George and Rob Richards for their efforts keeping things moving forward, and a special thank you to Rowing BC’s Executive Director – Jennifer Fitzpatrick – who works tirelessly to ensure Rowing BC continues to be an organization of which we can all be proud.

Respectively submitted,

Peter Jackson
President, Rowing BC
In 2015, 7 NCCP Workshops were held in BC with 84 developing coaches in attendance.

3 Coach Development sessions scheduled for 2015

23 BC Coaches became NCCP Certified in 2015

32 Competitions for a total of 47 days of racing scheduled in 2015
Enhanced Communications and Community Engagement

30
Rowing BC Staff and Director Visits to Regattas

4
Newsletters Scheduled for 2015

Increased presence on Twitter and Facebook

2 Online Contests
2016 Calendar Photograph Contest
National Coaches Week Contest

Wall Calendar created with Participant /Member Submissions
2015 National Rowing Championship Medals

3 Gold  
3 Silver  
3 Bronze

1st place at Western Canada Summer Games

9 Gold  
2 Silver  
1 Bronze

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18 Athletes and Coaches attended a 2-day Rowing BC Para Camp

21 Para Rowers in British Columbia

13 Clubs offer Para programming

2 Associate Umpires became Licensed Umpires

2 BC Umpires became FISA International Umpires
The Umpires in British Columbia annually elect their Umpire Committee. This is done at the annual re-certification seminar, which is held in January of each year. This year the Umpires elected were Brian Williams, Gordon Sund, Ge-An Rijniersce, Larry Jacobs, Malcolm Fletcher and Mike Bagshawe. The committee elects a Chair from within its membership; Mike Bagshawe was elected as the Chair.

Our roster of Umpires is currently 64 strong. This breaks down as 14 Associate Umpires, 32 Licensed Umpires and 18 Advanced [or Chief] Umpires. Of the latter, four currently hold International Umpire licences.

All umpiring is done on a volunteer basis. The Umpires are very appreciative of the support provided by Rowing British Columbia with both travel expenses and the umpire equipment.

A revised Terms of Reference was put in place during the year, reflecting current governance and practices. This has provided clarity to the manner in which the Committee operates.

The Terms of Reference tasks the Committee with a variety of responsibilities around the education, support and planning for umpires in British Columbia, to best provide the Rowing British Columbia membership with a pool of qualified Umpires to support regattas throughout the province.

The primary education tool for the Umpires is the annual recertification seminar, held early enough in the year to enable us to ensure juries are in place for the earliest regattas of the season. The seminar is intended to provide ongoing development, reviews of minimum standards, thanks to the Umpires for their work throughout the previous racing season, a forum for discussion of issues and a chance to learn from incidents that transpired during racing.
In 2015, 36 attended our seminar held in Sydney, BC and we felt that it was very successful. Our major thrust at the 2016 seminar is para racing.

The Committee spends by far the most of its time ensuring that Juries are filled appropriately. The continual growth in the number of regatta days is a contributing factor here, as Umpires easily become burned out. We could certainly use more umpires... The Committee takes on the responsibility for assigning a Chief Umpire to every regatta; larger regattas are also assigned an Assistant Chief Umpire. Staffing the regattas in the Interior proved exceedingly challenging in 2015.

Out-of-Provence regatta opportunities are coordinated by the Committee. Expressions of interest are sought, and selections made from the applications we receive. In the case of National Regattas, the BC nominations are provided to Rowing Canada who makes the ultimate selection. We have a very good record of both placing umpires on National Juries and with the performance of our Umpires on those juries. We also administer a flourishing cross-border exchange with our counterparts in Washington State and Oregon.

Over the past two years the Committee was involved in the solicitation of applications from umpires wishing to pursue a FISA International Umpire licence. While we were not successful in placing all BC applicants into that program, two BC-based umpires successfully challenged the examination during the Pan-Am Games in August. Tim Henderson and Ge-An Rijniersce are newly-minted international Umpires! Ge-An has already been selected to the 2016 University Games jury, and will be travelling to Poland to represent Canada. Debbie Sage will be travelling to Italy as part of a World Cup jury.

The Committee has always been willing to talk to any group about the Rules of Racing. Our self-interest reigns supreme here – the more informed athletes and coaches are about the Rules and the expectations of the umpires during racing, the better racing will be for all involved. During the year we worked with the Western Canada Summer Games group, Delta Deas and the GVYRS, with positive results in all cases. We repeat the offer – just send a request to either the office or to ucommittee@rowingbc.ca, and we shall look after your wants.

So far this year two Associates made the leap to Umpire, and we are anticipating two more before the end of the year.

On behalf of the Umpire Committee,
Mike Bagshawe, Chair
Membership Statistics

From April 1st, 2014-March 31st, 2015, a total of 3,138 (3,144 in 2013-2014) individuals were rowing in British Columbia. These participants are registered at one or more of our 44 member organizations:

**Interior**
- Creston Valley Ospreys
- Kamloops Rowing Club
- Kelowna Rowing Club
- Lake Windermere Rowing Club
- Nelson Rowing Club
- Rockies Rowing Club
- Shuswap Association for Rowing & Paddling
- South Cariboo Rowing Club
- Vernon Rowing & Dragon Boat Club
- Whistler Rowing Club

**Vancouver Island**
- Brentwood College School
- Claremont Sports Institute Rowing Academy
- Comox Valley Rowing Club
- Gorge Narrows Rowing Club *
- Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society
- Maple Bay Rowing Club
- Nanaimo Rowing Club
- Salt Spring Island Rowing Club
- Shawnigan Lake Rowing Club
- St. Michaels University School
- St. Andrews Rowing Academy
- University of Victoria Rowing Club
- Victoria City Rowing Club

**Lower Mainland**
- Burnaby Lake Rowing Club
- Cascadia Regatta Association *
- Collingwood School Rowing
- Crofton House School
- Deep Cove Rowing Club
- Delta Deas Rowing Club
- False Creek Rowing Club
- Fort Langley Community Rowing Club
- Fort Langley Youth Rowing Society
- Fraser Valley Rowing Club
- Inlet Rowing Club
- John M.S. Lecky UBC Boathouse-Thunderbird Rowing Club
- Locarno Sailing Club
- Nicomekl Rowing Club
- Salish Sea Coastal Rowing Club *
- Simon Fraser University Rowing Club
- St. George’s School
- University of British Columbia Rowing
- University of the Fraser Valley Rowing
- Vancouver College Rowing
- Vancouver Rowing Club

* indicates probationary member
**Age Demographics.** Distribution of individual registrants within various age categories.

**Geographical Demographics.** Regional distribution of individual registrants within British Columbia.

### Age Demographics

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### Geographical Demographics

- **45%** Sport
- **54%** Competitive
- **<1%** Non-Rower
- **55%** Female
- **45%** Male

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The audited financial statements have been circulated for the year ended March 31, 2015. While the bottom line for 2015 shows a small deficit of $7,865, in combination with the profit shown last year of $70,096, the net surplus for the last two years is $62,231. Adjustments made in 2015 to correct some previous deferred revenue calculations have triggered the “deficit” for this year.

Rowing BC remains in good standing with all funding bodies. We have been streamlining the internal accounting processes to simplify administration. This has improved our financial management for both staff and volunteers who oversee Rowing BC’s finances.

We continue to review our sustainability, and recognize that we must not rely too heavily on government funding to maintain our operations. In 2015 we increased the regatta participant fee by $1.00. We have not recently increased registration fees, however we do need more revenue to ensure sustainability. We anticipate offering opportunities for those individuals and organizations wanting to support Rowing BC initiatives to do so through donations and partnerships. Should this be a success, voluntary donations would be a viable source of revenue that would enable us to maintain our services without needing to increase participant fees across the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Glanfield, CGA
Treasurer, Rowing BC