



## **Herb Challier (1939 – 2020)**

The rowing community in Canada has lost a good friend. Herb Challier passed away late on June 30, 2020. Herb had been dealing with a number of health issues, the worst being cancer. Over the years Herb had been part of literally every aspect of our sport. Here is an adapted biography that Rowing BC published ahead of the 2018 Rowing BC Conference:

Herb Challier was awarded a Rowing Canada Aviron Long Service Award in 2015 for his over 55 years of involvement in the BC and Canadian rowing communities. Herb was part of the UBC Men's Rowing Team 1960-1963 and has since then continued to consistently give back to the rowing community. Herb was a member of the host committee of the 1973 Canada Summer Games, securing Burnaby Lake as the rowing, kayaking and canoeing venue which lead to the building of a FISA certified course, pavilion and grandstand on the Burnaby Lake site. He has also been involved in the architectural designing of multiple BC boathouses (and dream boathouses still to come!). Herb was part of designing the Journey 1, 2, 3 Program implemented by RCA in the early 2000s to help coaches easily introduce more participants to the sport of rowing through a successful and supportive learn to row experience. Herb has been a longtime umpire in BC, famously claiming to be one of the first, if not the very first nationally certified umpire in BC.