



Rowing British Columbia

2023 Annual Report





INTRODUCTION

This annual report celebrates the accomplishments of Rowing BC during the past year. The report is focused on the 2023 calendar year, while the membership data is presented based on the fiscal year of April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023. In combination with the 2023 Annual General Meeting Package materials, this report is designed to inform Rowing BC's key stakeholders on outcomes achieved and upcoming priorities.

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MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

FROM APRIL 1, 2022-MARCH 31, 2023 A TOTAL OF

**3599 (3174 IN 2021-2022) PARTICIPANTS
WERE ROWING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

THESE PARTICIPANTS ARE REGISTERED AT ONE
OF ROWING BC'S 39 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

REGATTA PARTICIPANTS

FROM APRIL 1, 2022 – MARCH 31, 2023

**3599 PARTICIPANTS
FILLED** 

**11,308 REGATTA
SEATS**

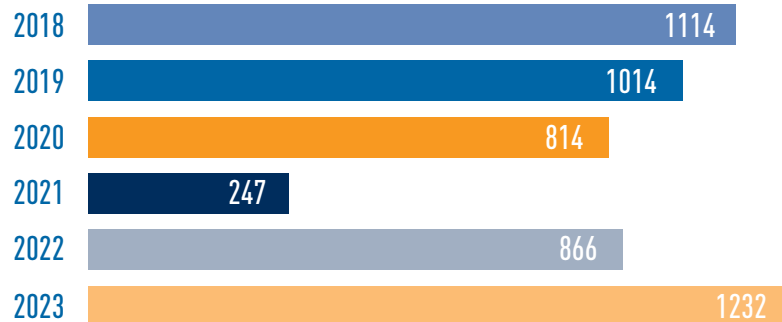
DURING 24 REGATTAS



MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTICIPANTS IN A LABELLED LEARN TO ROW OR NOVICE PROGRAM

Year ending March:

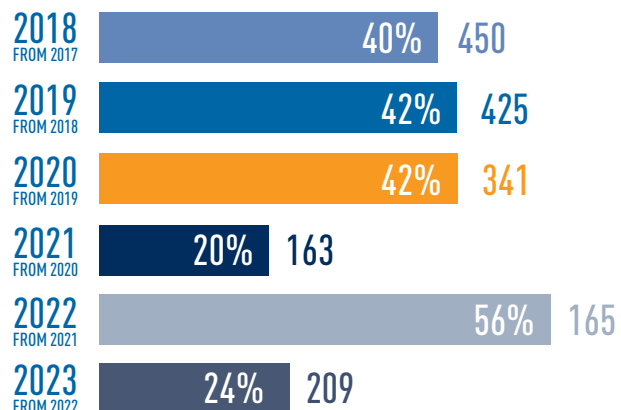


*Participants can only be included in this analysis if the organization they register with specifically labels learn to row and novice programs in RCA WebReg. Some organizations have made changes to how they label programs in RCA WebReg that likely influenced the records for the year ending March 2020 and onwards.

RETENTION OF LEARN TO ROW AND NOVICE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

LEARN TO ROW OR NOVICE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WHO CONTINUED ROWING THE FOLLOWING YEAR

Year ending March:



MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

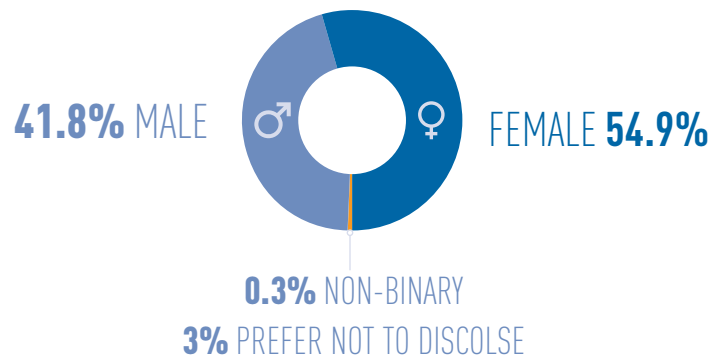
AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

1132 (**31.5%**) OF PARTICIPANTS ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 19,
AND 2467 (**68.5%**) ARE 19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.



GENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

1975 (**54.9%**) **FEMALE**
1505 (**41.8%**) **MALE**
14 (**0.3%**) **NON-BINARY**
105 (**3%**) PREFER **NOT TO DISCLOSE**



MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

PERCENT & NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

44.7% (1608) OF PARTICIPANTS ARE LOCATED ON THE LOWER MAINLAND

46.7% (1679) OF PARTICIPANTS ARE LOCATED ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

8.6% (213) OF PARTICIPANTS ARE LOCATED IN THE INTERIOR OF BC

Interior

8.6%

312
participants

Vancouver Island

46.7%

1679
participants

Lower Mainland

44.7%

1406
participants



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

11 LOCATIONS HAD **GROW ROWING PROGRAMS** RUNNING IN FALL 2022 AND/OR SPRING 2023 WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH **RCA'S COMMUNITY SPORT FOR ALL GRANT**

Burnaby Lake Rowing Club
False Creek Rowing Club
Fort Langley Community Rowing Club
Gorge Narrows Rowing Club
Inlet Rowing Club
Maple Bay Rowing Club
Nanaimo Rowing Club
Nelson Rowing Club
Nicomekl Rowing Club
Rockies Rowing Club
Vernon Rowing and Dragon Boat Club

WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE **CANADIAN RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION** REACHING EACH AND EVERY ONE GRANT, **ROWING BC PARTNERED WITH 7 LOCATIONS** TO HOST ADDITIONAL GROW ROWING PROGRAMMING IN SPRING AND SUMMER 2023.

Burnaby Lake Rowing Club
Deep Cove Rowing Club
False Creek Rowing Club
Inlet Rowing Club
Kelowna Rowing Club
Nanaimo Rowing Club
Shuswap Rowing and Paddling Association

THESE PROGRAMS WORKED ALONGSIDE **9 NON-ROWING PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS** TO CREATE CUSTOM-DESIGNED PROGRAMS FOR **EQUITY-DESERVING PARTICIPANTS**

Big Brothers
Big Sisters
Canucks Autism Network
Colour the Trails
MOSAIC
Pinetree Secondary School's Newcomer Group
Skwlax, Neskonlith, and Adams Lake Bands

These programs created spaces for **276 participants** as well as **30 support staff** from non-rowing partner organizations to engage in rowing for the first time!

PARA ROWING

AT LEAST

15 PARA ROWERS
ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN BC

.....

10 LOCAL ROWING
ORGANIZATIONS
OFFERING PARA PROGRAMS

.....

1 training camp offered
by Rowing BC, attended
by **5 ATHLETES** and **5**
COACHES



NORTHERN/INTERIOR PROJECT

THANKS TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM **VIASPORT BC** AND THE PROVINCE OF BC, Rowing BC was able to deliver a series of special initiatives across the Northern and Interior regions of BC in Spring and Summer 2023.

➤ **TOKYO OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST, ANDREA PROSKE**, visiting Vernon and Salmon Arm for in-person interactions with new Junior and Masters rowers at 2 local rowing organizations, as well as sharing her involvement in rowing at 1 local high school and during 1 community sport festival. Andrea's visit impacted over 100 individuals in the community.

➤ **TRAVEL TO 5 COMMUNITIES TO HOST COME TRY EVENTS** where there are locals with a specific interest in beginning a future rowing organization.

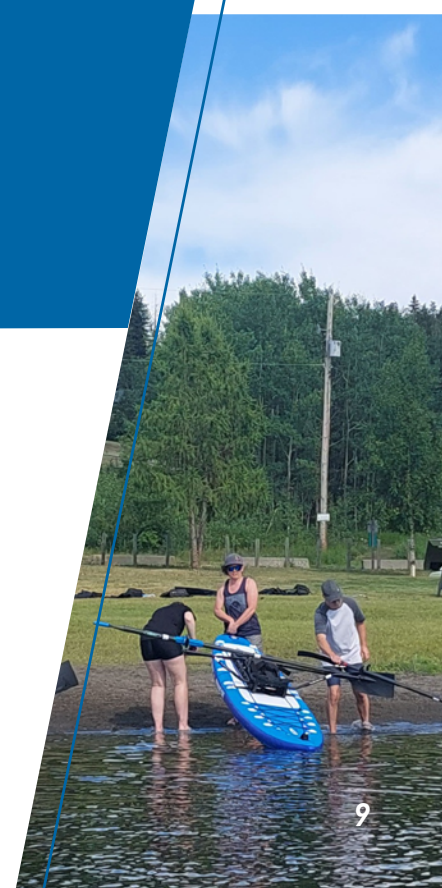
- 📍 PRINCE GEORGE
- 📍 PENTICTON
- 📍 CHRISTINA LAKE
- 📍 GRAND FORKS
- 📍 100 MILE

These ***Come Try*** events showcased rowing to

149
NEW PARTICIPANTS

2 DEVELOPMENT CAMPS were hosted in the region, attracting a total of

38
PARTICIPANTS



DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

ROWING BC HOSTED

6 DEVELOPMENT CAMPS across
3 locations (Richmond, Vernon, Victoria)



4 JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CAMPS
ATTENDED BY **75 ATHLETES**



1 MASTERS DEVELOPMENT CAMP
ATTENDED BY **23 ATHLETES**



1 PARA DEVELOPMENT CAMP
ATTENDED BY **5 ATHLETES**



4 NCCP

WORKSHOPS HELD

3 WERE **VIRTUAL**
1 IN **PERSON**



18 BC COACHES
BECAME
CERTIFIED



157 ACTIVE COACHES
REGISTERED IN BC

39 developing
coaches in
attendance



46 COACHES

made use of **7** additional special
development opportunities offered,
including **2 COMMUNITY COACH**
WEBINARS, 3 PERFORMANCE
COACH WEBINARS, 1 IN-PERSON
RIGGING SESSIONS AND 1 IN-
PERSON TRAILER DRIVING AND
COURSE INSTALLATION SESSIONS

18 MENTORSHIPS OFFERED
VIA **COACH EVALUATIONS**



UMPIRES

 **18 ASSISTANT** UMPIRES

 **18 ASSOCIATE** UMPIRES

 **33 LEVEL 2 LICENSED** UMPIRES

 **3 ASSOCIATE CHIEF** UMPIRES

 **17 LEVEL 3 CHIEF** UMPIRES

4 LEVEL 4 CLINICIANS

4 LEVEL 5 FISA UMPIRES



UMPIRES

27

PARTICIPANTS

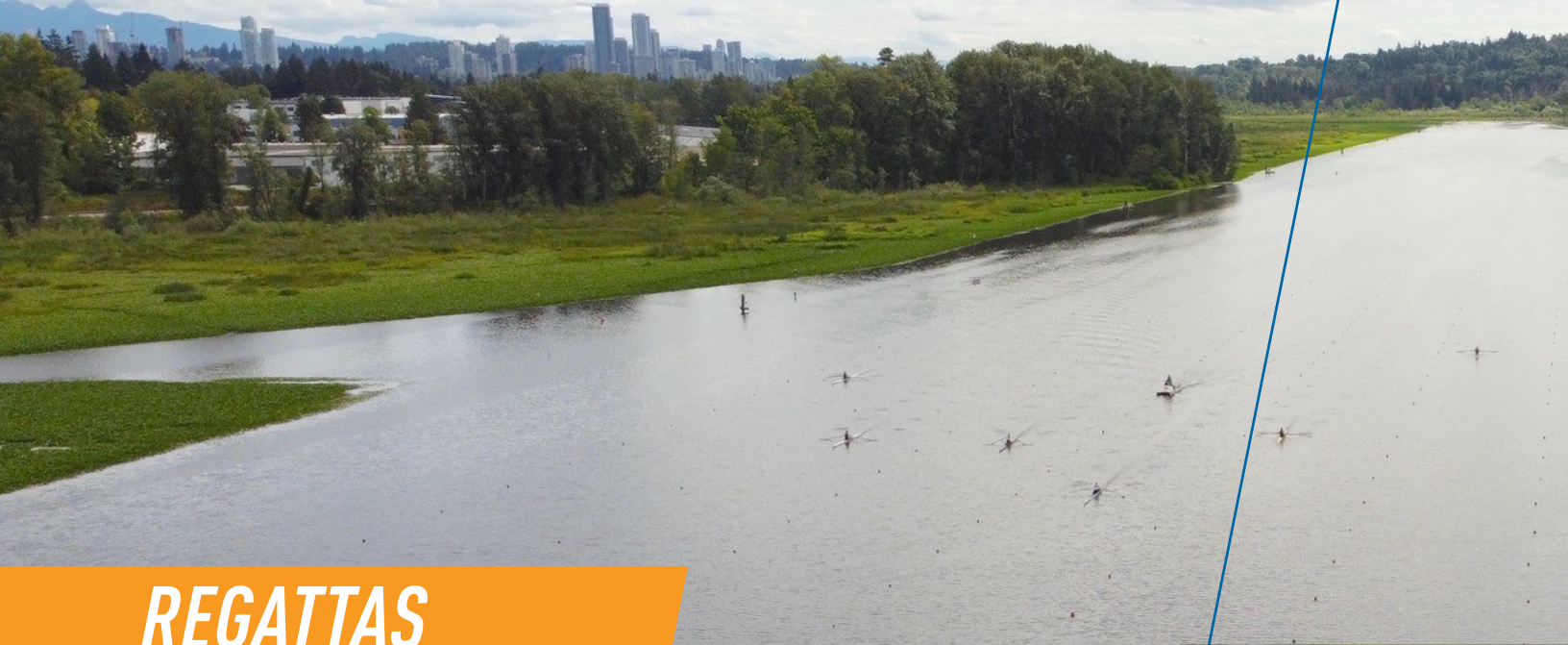
ATTENDED THE ROWING BC ANNUAL UMPIRE SEMINAR HELD IN-PERSON DURING THE ROWING BC AGM AND CONFERENCE WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER 2022.



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LEVEL 2 UMPIRE CLINICS HOSTED





REGATTAS

29 / 

REGATTAS COMPLETED
OVER **49 DAYS OF RACING**
IN THE 2023 SEASON

4 COASTAL ROWING
REGATTAS HOSTED

.....

2 INDOOR ROWING
REGATTAS HOSTED

.....

2 NATIONAL
REGATTAS HOSTED



ROWING BC PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REGATTA

BC CHAMPIONS

U17 Men

1x VCRC Declan Blue

2x Thunder Bennet Maijer, Christopher Tountes

4x Thunder Bennett Maijer, Christopher Tountas, Alex Whitstock, Thomas Bird

U19 Men

1x Vernon Jonas Masys

2x Thunder Henry Sowle, Tomoki McMartin

4x Thunder Henry Sowle, Tomoki McMartin, Owen Kazimirinski, Nathaniel Morden

2- Thunder Will Borritt, Liam Muir

4- BCNGPC Alex Joiner, Connor Dillon, Quinn McCoy, James Gemill

Open Men

1x BCNGPC Shane Willis

Lwt 1x UVic Oliver Batek

2x UVic Matthew Thompson, Oliver Batek

Lwt 2x UVic Matthew Thompson, Oliver Batek

4x BCNGPC Shane Willis, Quinn McCoy, Connor Dillon, Gunnar Platt

2- UVic Jesse Harold, Michael Caryk

4- UVic Connor Attridge, Michael Caryk, Victor Lafebvre, Jesse Harold,

8+ UBC Sam Harris, Aiden Della Siega, Cameron Spence, Theodore Morden, Benjamin Bucheit, Maijken Mindertsma, Robin Naval, Paul Petzel, Edward Lalonde



ROWING BC PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REGATTA

BC CHAMPIONS

U17 Women

1x Shushwap Aida Mills

2x Thunder Aidriana Hartnell, Charlotte MacGowan

4x Kelowna /Vernon/Shuswap Aida Mills, Hiedi Miede, Kiersten Bereksa, Sienna Munro

U19 Women

1x Shuswap Alda Mills

2x Thunder Claudia Thompson, Marese Fletcher

4x Thunder Emily Frank, Marese Fletcher, Claudia Thomson, Georgia Rian Shaw

2- Thunder Emily Frank, Georgia Rain Shaw

Open Women

1x BCNGPC Claire Brillon

2x UBC Laura Stankiewicz, Jackie Blunt

4x Delta Deas Willa Pepin, Elisa Luo, Harriett Ure, Ciana Stevenson

2- UVIC Nicole Cusak, Abbey Speirs

4- UVIC Danica Ariano, Nicole Cusak, Natalya Ariano, Ella Stemler

W8+ UVIC Danica Ariano, Abby Speirs, Nicole Cusack, Kaliya Javra, Natalya Ariano, Ella Stemler, Paige Letham, Margaret Hemphill, Sofie Hof

This event was made possible thanks to financial support from viaSport BC, the Province of BC, and Sport Tourism Burnaby. Thank you to the Burnaby Lake Rowing Club for providing the venue for this event, and to the following individuals who played critical roles on the Local Organizing Committee:

Rowing BC Staff

Sue Danne (Volunteer Coordinator)

Andrea Lynch (Safety Coordinator)

Bas Rijniersce (Timing and Results Coordinator)

Mike Bagshawe (Chief Umpire)

Sandra Franke (Hospitality Coordinator)

Michael Rascher (Timing and Results Coordinator)



PERFORMANCE ATHLETE SUPPORT

76 ATHLETES on the CSI TARGETED ATHLETE LIST FROM ROWING BC

8 PODIUM & ELITE (NATIONAL
TRAINING CENTRE) ATHLETES

22 CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT
ATHLETES (**GOLD**)



19 PROVINCIAL LEVEL 1
ATHLETES (**SILVER**)



27 PROVINCIAL LEVEL 2
ATHLETES (**BRONZE**)



ROWING BC'S NEXTGEN PERFORMANCE
CENTRE AT ELK LAKE PROVIDED TRAINING
FOR **19 CENTRALIZED ATHLETES**
AND **6 REGIONAL ATHLETES**.



TEAM BC at NATIONAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athlete Name

Club

Coach

Christa Akins	VCRC	Alec Stapff
Connor Attridge	UVIC	Aalbert Van Schothorst
Oliver Batek	UVIC	Aalbert Van Schothorst
Piper Battersby	RCA	Carol Love
Julian Black	UBC	Mike Pearce
Teagan Blue	VCRC	Katie Bahain Steenman
Declan Blue	VCRC	Alec Stapff
Lyndsey Bryden	UBC	Craig Pond
Mira Calder	VCRC	David Calder
Katie Clark	UBC	Craig Pond
Joel Cullen	RCA	Mike Pearce
Nicole Cusack	UVIC	Jane Gumley
Aidan Della Siega	UBC	Mike Pearce
Giancarlo DiPompeo	UVIC	Aalbert Van Schothorst
Kirsten Edwards	RCA	Carol Love
Sai Sai Faubert	UVIC	Jane Gumley
Caileigh Filmer	RCA	Dane Lawson
Claire Hallett	UBC	Craig Pond
Lucy Hallett	VCRC	Sierra Inglis
Jesse Harold	UVIC	Aalbert Van Schothorst
Sally Jones	UBC	Craig Pond
Michael Keane	Columbia	Scott Anderson
Liam Keane	RCA	Maksym Kepsyy



TEAM BC at NATIONAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Athlete Name

Patrick Levis
Danielle Main
Jonas Masys
Quinn McCoy
Maijken Meindertsma
Aida Mills
Liam Muir
Ellington Peacock
Sophia Regosa
Novella Rusman
Peter Scaccabarozzi
McKenna Simpson
William Simpson
Liam Smit
Ellie Sousa
Abby Speirs
Quinn Storey
Jack Walkey
Avalon Wasteneys
Julien Weise

Club

VCRC
 VRC
 Vernon
 Claremont
 UBC
 Shuswap
 UBC
 UBC
 UVIC
 Brentwood
 UBC
 RCA
 UVIC
 RCA
 UVIC
 UVIC
 UVIC
 RCA
 RCA
 UBC

Coach

Robert Warmington
 Kylie Whitcomb
 Glen Stiven
 Greg Sedun
 Mike Pearce
 David Miede
 Mike Pearce
 Mike Pearce
 Jane Gumley
 David Calder
 Mike Pearce
 Carol Love
 Aalbert Van Schothorst
 John Wetstein
 Jane Gumley
 Jane Gumley
 Aalbert Van Schothorst
 Maksym Kepskey
 Carol Love
 Mike Pearce

BC REPRESENTATION ON NATIONAL TEAMS

JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Connor Bohlmann, Vancouver College
Novella Rusman, Brentwood College School
Peter Scaccabarozzi, Vancouver College

U23 NATIONAL TEAM

Julian Black, University of British Columbia
Lyndsey Bryden, University of British Columbia
Mira Calder, Victoria City Rowing Club
Axel Ewashko, University of British Columbia
Sally Jones, Victoria City Rowing Club/University of British Columbia
Michael Keane, Victoria City Rowing Club/University of British Columbia
Ellie Sousa, Victoria City Rowing Club/University of Victoria
Julien Wiese, University of British Columbia

SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Piper Battersby, Victoria City Rowing Club
Katie Clark, University of British Columbia
Alexis Cronk, University of Victoria
Joel Cullen, University of British Columbia
Kirsten Edwards, University of Victoria
Caileigh Filmer, University of Victoria
Liam Keane, Victoria City Rowing Club
Kristen Kit, University of British Columbia
Sydney Payne, Brentwood College
Jessica Sevvick, University of British Columbia
Liam Smit, University of British Columbia
Avalon Wasteneys, University of Victoria
Rebecca Zimmerman, University of Victoria

CANAMMEX

Connor Dillon, Claremont Sport Institute
Anya Prokopchuk, Brentwood College School
Eryn Wale, Victoria City Rowing Club

WORLD ROWING BEACH SPRINT FINALS

Manager/Coach Michelle Boss,
OARCA Coastal Rowing

WORLD BEACH GAMES

Julien Bahain, OARCA Coastal Rowing
Trish Mara, Victoria City Rowing Club
Team Leader Michelle Boss,
OARCA Coastal Rowing

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Brentwood College School
Burnaby Lake Rowing Club
Cascadia Regatta Association
Claremont Sports Institute Rowing Academy
Deep Cove Rowing Club
Delta Deas Rowing Club
Delta Tideway Sculling Association
False Creek Rowing Club
Fort Langley Community Rowing Club
Fort Langley Youth Rowing Society
Fraser Valley Rowing Club
Gorge Narrows Rowing Club
Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society
Inlet Rowing Club
Kamloops Rowing Club
Kelowna Rowing Club
Lake Windermere Rowing Club
Lillooet Rowing Club
Maple Bay Rowing Club
Nanaimo Rowing Club
Nelson Rowing Club
Nicomekl Rowing Club
OARCA Coastal Rowing
Rockies Rowing Club
Salish Sea Coastal Rowing Club

Salt Spring Island Rowing Club
Shawnigan Lake Rowing Club
Shuswap Association for Rowing & Paddling
Simon Fraser University Rowing Club
St. George's School
St. Michaels University School
Thunder Rowing
University of British Columbia Rowing
University of Fraser Valley Rowing
University of Victoria Rowing Club
Vancouver College Rowing
Vancouver Rowing Club
Vernon Rowing and Dragon Boat Club
Victoria City Rowing Club



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Laura Kirk, Summer Student
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Terry Paul, Director of Performance
Lisa Tschannen, Manager of Education, Innovation and Inclusion
Alia Zawacki, Executive Director

OPERATING COMMITTEES

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Para Rowing Task Force

Drew Edwards, Meghan Montgomery, Leanne Savage

Regatta Committee

Rick McDougall, Ge-an Rijniersce, Lauren Wilkinson

Umpire Committee

Sheree Moffatt, Tim Henderson, Ge-an Rijniersce, Margaret Shorter, Gordon Sund



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