

2026 Annual Report

Introduction

This annual report celebrates the accomplishments of Rowing BC during the past year. The report is focused on the 2026 calendar year, while the membership data is presented based on the fiscal year of April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026

In combination with the 2026 Annual General Meeting Package materials, this report is designed to inform Rowing BC's key stakeholders on outcomes achieved in the past year and upcoming priorities.



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ENGAGE



Connecting people, building community, inspiring participation.

Membership Demographics

April 1, 2025–March 31, 2026



OVERALL MEMBERSHIP

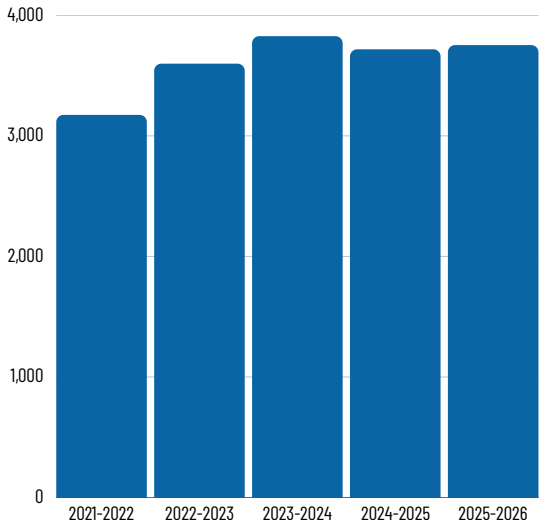
3753

registered participants

rowing at one of Rowing BC's

35 member organizations





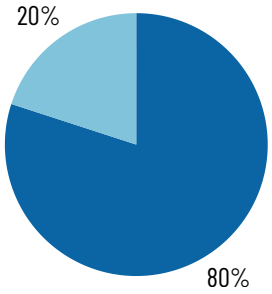


Membership Demographics

April 1, 2025–March 31, 2026

NEW PARTICIPANTS

746 participants
(20% of total membership)
in a Learn to Row, Introductory or Novice Program*



*Participants are only counted in this statistic if the program is labelled as such in the RCA Web Registration System



COME TRY

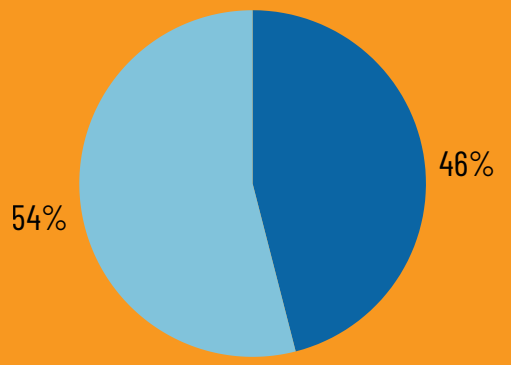
7 local rowing organizations

hosted Come Try Rowing events
for a total of **525** additional participants**

**These participants are not included in annual membership numbers as they are not required to register as members in order to participante in a Come Try event.

PARTICIPANT RETENTION

1776 participants
(54% of total membership)
involved in a rowing program in BC
during April 2024 - March 2025 continued
into another rowing program in BC during April 2025 - March 2026.



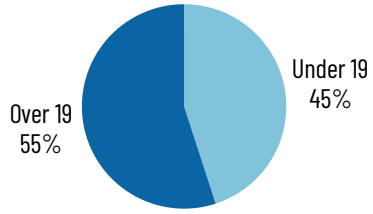
Membership Demographics

April 1, 2025–March 31, 2026

MEMBERSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

Over 19: 2050 (55%)

Under 19: 1703 (45%)



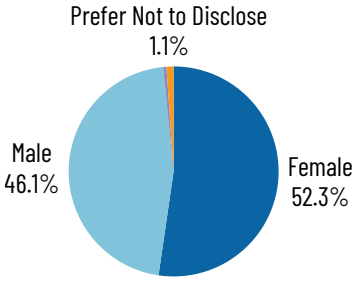


Female Identified: 1962 (52.3%)

Male Identified: 1730 (46.1%)

Non-Binary Identified 19 (0.5%)

Prefer Not to Disclose: 42 (1.1%)



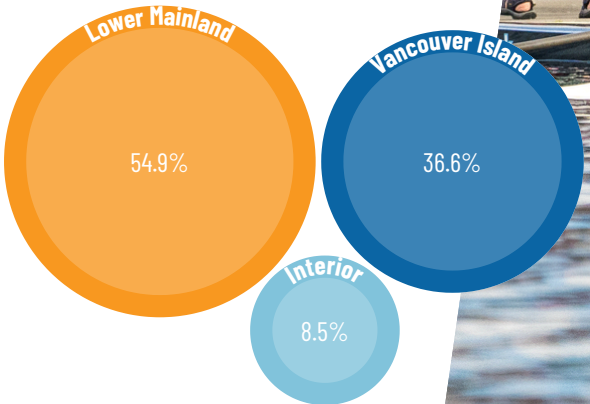


WHERE OUR PARTICIPANTS ROW

Interior: 291 (8.5%)

Vancouver Island: 1253 (36.6%)

Lower Mainland: 1879 (54.9%)



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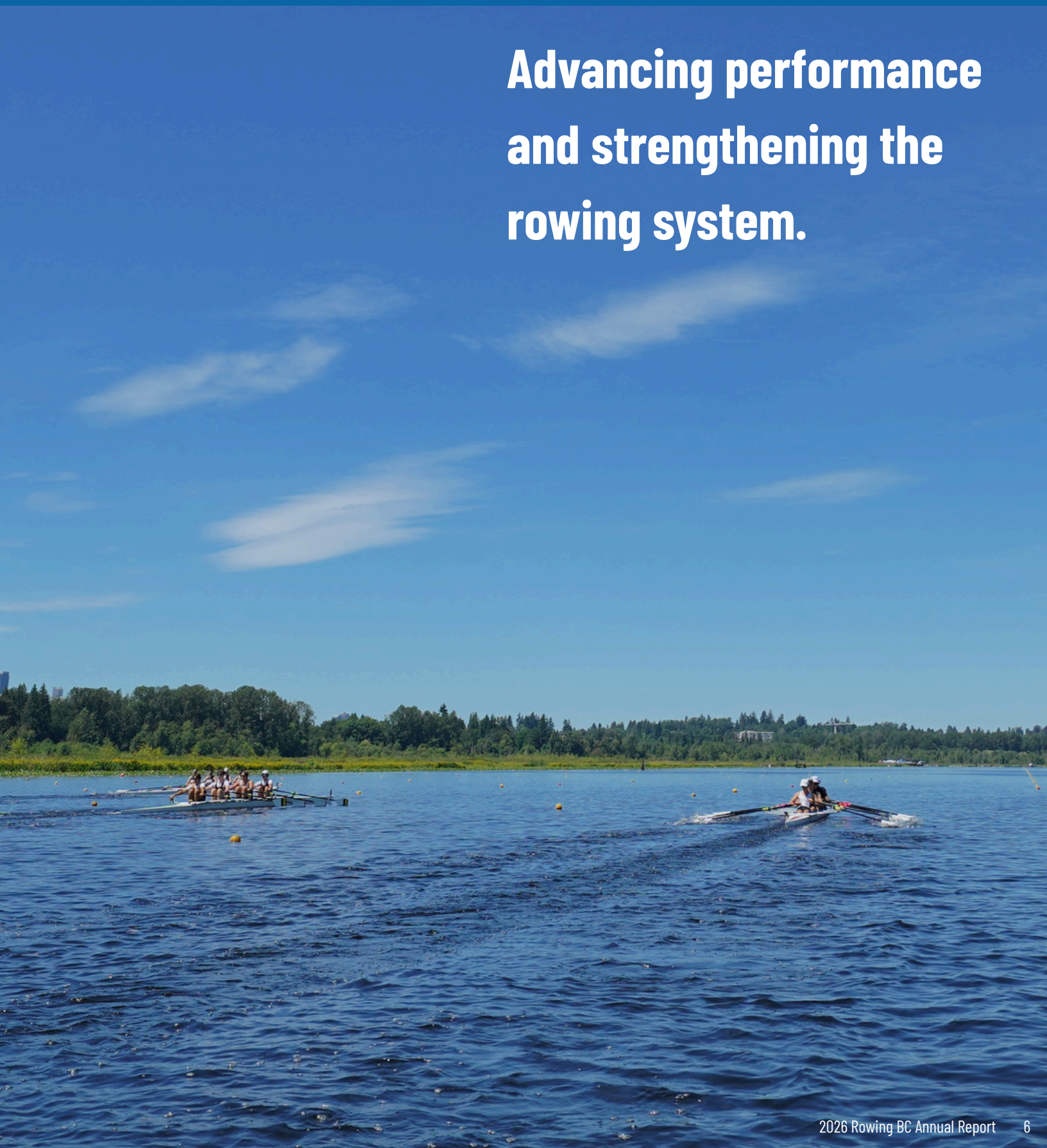

Advancing performance and strengthening the rowing system.

Performance Athlete Support

48 athletes on the Canadian Sport Institute Targeted Athlete List

Including

- **16** Canadian Development Athletes (Gold)
- **12** Provincial Level 1 Athletes (Silver)
- **20** Provincial Level 2 Athletes (Bronze)



Rowing BC's NextGen Performance Centre at Elk Lake provided training for **9** Regional Athletes





Official Equipment Provider **HUDSON**

2026 fleet included

- **7** USP 1xs
- **1** USP 2-

Development Camps



Rowing BC hosted

6 Junior Development Camps

1 Beach Sprints Development Camp

200 athletes attended in

- Victoria
- Vancouver
- Shawnigan Lake

16 athletes attended in Victoria



Coastal Rowing



19 Coaches & Umpires

completed the RCA Coastal Coach Virtual Workshop

4 Coastal Rowing Regattas

- Cadborosaurus Endurance Regatta
- Western Canadian Beach Sprint Championships
- Race Around the Rock
- Cascadia Beach Sprint Championships

Coastal regattas are now linked together through a "Western Coastal Series" - a new regional coastal rowing circuit connecting premier events in British Columbia and Washington State.

16 Athletes

attended Rowing BC's Beach Sprint Development Camp



Para Rowing



161 active rowers selected a para category during their registration (includes PR1, PR2 and PR3 classifications)

8 locations make use of Rowing BC para equipment to support their programs



ROW-TO-GROW

Through a partnership with the BC Children's Hospital Motion Lab

rowing opportunities were created this year for

10 new and **6** returning

youth with Cerebral Palsy

Program delivery partners include:

- I'm a HIPpy Foundation
- Peterson Fund
- Burnaby Lake Rowing Club
- Delta Deas Rowing Club
- Vancouver Rowing Club
- Victoria City Rowing Club

Fundraising efforts have raised

+$15,000

to support Row-to-Grow program continuation

Coach Development

169

active coaches registered in BC



8 NCCP workshops hosted including:

5 RCA Learn to Row Coach Workshops - 37 participants

1 RCA Coach Weekend 1 Workshop - 13 participants

1 RCA Coach Weekend 2 Workshop - 11 participants

1 RCA Coastal Coach Virtual Workshop - 19 participants

Before the end of 2026, there are **3 additional** workshops scheduled including

- 2 RCA Learn to Row Coach Workshops
- 1 RCA Coach Weekend 1 Workshop

Check the event calendar to learn more!

7 coaches attended an in-person Rigging Workshop

20 coaches attended an Intro to Para Coaching Workshop

16 coaches attended a webinar on "How to create meaningful competition opportunities for para rowers"



Coach Development



COACH EVALUATIONS

7 coaches completed a Coach Evaluation

- 4 RCA Learn to Row Coaches Certified
- 2 RCA Coaches Certified
- 1 RCA Performance Coach Certified

PLUS 5 additional coaches intending to arrange evaluations before the end of the year

COACH DEVELOPERS

2 new Learning Facilitators trained to deliver RCA Learn to Row Coach Workshops





Umpire Development



UMPIRES IN BC

7 Assistant Umpires

9 Associate Umpires

28 Level 2 Licensed Umpires

11 Associate Chief Umpires

12 Level 3 Chief Umpires

Including

4 Level 4 Clinicians



Umpire Development



36 Umpires

attended the February 2026 Rowing BC Annual Umpire Seminar

held in-person in Sidney



2 Level 2 Umpire Clinics

hosted by Rowing BC

4 newly licensed Umpires



BC Regattas



30 Regattas

47 Days of Racing
including:

- **4** Coastal rowing regattas
- **2** Indoor rowing regattas

2 Regattas hosted directly by Rowing BC

- BC Provincial Championships
- BC Summer Games

SUPPORT TO LOCAL ORGANIZERS

4 Regattas utilized components of Rowing BC's "Regatta In a Box"

- BC Provincial Championships
- Cascadia Masters Championships
- BC Summer Games
- Western Canadian University Championships



Provincial Championships

July 17-19, 2026 | Burnaby Lake, BC



ATTENDEES

23 rowing organizations

352 entries

Thank you to the Local Organizing Committee

- Sue Danne (Volunteer Coordinator)
- Peter Gleadow (Onsite support)
- Andrea Lynch (Safety Coordinator)
- Michael Rascher (Burnaby Lake Liaison)
- Bas Rijniersce (Timing & Results Coordinator)
- Ge-An Rijniersce (Chief Umpire)
- Rowing BC Staff

Thank you to the Host Venue

- Burnaby Lake Rowing Club

THANK YOU

to the event supporters

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Provincial Championships

Gold Medalists

U17 Women

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
1x Amity Watt	Maple Bay Rowing Club
2x Tess Roberts, Greta Pai	Thunder Rowing
4x Ritika Deshpande, Oliva Wehner, Scarlett Beck, Edie Flory	Oakland Strokes

U19 Women

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
1x Ava Roe	Maple Bay Rowing Club
2x Sophia Brenner, Harper Wood-Soloff	Oakland Strokes
2- Lucy Turnbull, Tamsin Wiltse	Victoria City Rowing Club/BCNGPC
4x Abigail Cox, Marina Turcious- Jaugelis, Natalie Frank, Natalia Wrobel	Delta Deas Rowing Club

Open Women

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
1x Gabrielle Yarema	University of British Columbia
2x Elena Masyte, Stella Graham	University of Victoria
2- Zoe Scogna, Kate Watson	University of Victoria
4x Abigail Cox, Marina Turcious- Jaugelis, Natalie Frank, Natalia Wrobel	Delta Deas Rowing Club
4- Elyse Jobling, Avery Coughlin, Addison Stenzel, Isabel Harold	University of Victoria
8+ Sophia Regosa, Teagan Szulc, Addison Stenzel, Ciara Allington, Elyse Jobling, Isabel Harold, Violet Scholz, Averey Coughlin, Kaylee Oliver	University of Victoria

Provincial Championships

Gold Medalists

U17 Men

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
1x Jack Parfitt	Shawnigan Lake
2x Max Dion, Jefferson Kreek	Victoria City Rowing Club
4x Matteo Mastrandrea, Thomas Terrell, Daniel Bondarionok, Brandon Banning	Sammamish Rowing Association

U19 Men

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
1x Owen Mayhew	Thunder Rowing/Vancouver College
2x Theodore Defilce-Oinenen, Oliver Paul	Victoria City Rowing Club/BCNGPC
2- Kaloyan Nikolov, Sacha Spear	Oakland Strokes
4x Theodore Defilce-Oinenen, Theo Keller, Christo Farrah, Oliver Paul	Victoria City Rowing Club

Open Men

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
1x Jack Harris	University of British Columbia
1x PR3 Dominique Mora	Vancouver Rowing Club
2x Oscar Humphries-Joyeux, William Thornton	Victoria City Rowing Club
2- Drew Timlin, Gabriel Cinq-Mars	University of Victoria
4x Jack Harris, Henry Sowle, William Hawkins, Finn Dahlstrom	University of British Columbia
4- Maijken Minderstma, Robert Walsh, Bennet Maijer, Kyland Mels-Williams	University of British Columbia
8+ Nolan Robertson, Peter Mikulash, William Theed, Jaxon Carlson, Liam Hallett, William Turner, Drew Timlin, Eli Baughen , Mia Bergen	University of Victoria

Mixed 8+

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
Gabriella Worobec, Gabrielle Yarema, Adrian Breen, Benjamin Buchheit, Henry Sowel, Bennett Maijer, Emellie Lustig, Tayler Leerentveld, Naomi Dunn	University of British Columbia

2026 BC Summer Games

July 22–26, 2026 | Kelowna/Vernon, BC

ATTENDEES

6 Zone Teams

11 Coaches

39 Athletes

Thank you to the Local Organizing Committee

- Elza Masiene (Volunteer Coordinator)
- Algis Masys (Sport Chair)
- Bas Rijniersce (Timing & Results Coordinator)
- Tim Henderson (Chief Umpire)
- Rowing BC Staff

Thank you to the Host Venue

- Vernon Rowing & Dragon Boat Club







2026 BC Summer Games

Zone 2

SELECTED TEAM

Gideon Brugem
Janssen Erikson
Sylus Holmgren
Anne-Raphaelle Middlecamp
Christian Puiu
Leah Sisset
Ella Thomas
Glen Stiven - Head Coach
Rhonda Roberts - Assistant Coach

Zone 3

SELECTED TEAM

Faith Chic
Julia Bodnar
Ryan Davis
Tobias Kwee
Eden Matthais
Derek Rosel
Jeremy Ketter - Head Coach
Ribal Abou-Haidar - Assistant Coach

Zone 4

SELECTED TEAM

Arthur Bian
Alexandria Clemente
Mya Jones
Verina Leung
Quijun (Bill) Li
Antonio Narciso
Eve Wright
Will Zhu - Head Coach
Kirsten Edwards - Assistant Coach



Zone 5

SELECTED TEAM

Olivia Buonassisi
Elliette Cafferata
Thomas Fuller
Mia Hip
Raphael Isip
Phoebe McFarlane
Ethan Mayhew
Matteo Rybak
Jessica Davis - Head Coach
Emily Pimlott - Assistant Coach

Zone 6

SELECTED TEAM

Zoie Bhatti
Addyson Fisher
Evan McPherson
Aimee Majercin
James Morrill
William Morton
Addelyn Newman -Ting
Jack Parfitt
Elena Masyte - Head Coach
Nolan Messer - Assistant Coach

Zone 8

SELECTED TEAM

Henley Devlin
Jennifer Parfitt - Head Coach

2026 BC Summer Games

Results

M1x

Gold	Jack Parfitt Zone 6
Silver	Derek Rosell Zone 3
Bronze	Evan McPherson Zone 6

M2x

Gold	Jack Parfitt, Evan McPherson Zone 6
Silver	Ryan Davis, Derek Rosell Zone 3
Bronze	Tobias Kwee, Eden Matthias Zone 3

W1x

Gold	Aimee Majercin Zone 6
Silver	Adelyn Newman-Ting Zone 6
Bronze	Zoie Bhatti Zone 6

W2x

Gold	Aimee Majercin, Adelyn Newman-Ting Zone 6
Silver	Eve Wright, Verina Leung Zone 4
Bronze	Addison Fischer, Zoie Bhatta Zone 6



M4x

Gold	Ryan Davis, Tobias Kwee, Derek Rosel, Eden Matthais Zone 3
Silver	Jack Parfitt, William Morton, Evan McPherson, James Morrill Zone 6
Bronze	Thomas Filler, Raphael Isip, Ethan Mayhew, Matteo Rybak Zone 5

W4x

Gold	Aimee Majercin, Addyson Fischer, Zoie Bhatti, Addelyn Newman-Ting Zone 6
Silver	Mia Hip, Elliette Cafferata, Phoebe McFarlane, Olivia Buonassisi Zone 5
Bronze	Eve Wright, Verina Leung, Alexandria Clemente, Mya Jones Zone 4

Mixed 4x

Gold	Jack Parfitt, Evan McPherson, Aimee Majercin, Adelyn Newman-Ting Zone 6
Silver	Derek Rosell, Ryan Davis, Faith Chic, Julia Bodnar Zone 3
Bronze	William Morton, James Morrill, Addyson Fisher, Zoie Bhatti Zone 6



ENDURE



Securing rowing's future for generations to come.

BC Representation on National Teams

International Challenge

July 9–16, 2026 | Michigan, United States of America

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
Matthew Bedford	Vancouver College Rowing
Erick Eichmeyer	Brentwood College
Owen Mayhew	Vancouver College Rowing
Brock van der Boom-Bebb	Brentwood College
Steven Randall (Coach)	University of Victoria

Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire

August 13–15, 2026 | London, Ontario

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
Owen Bertel	University of British Columbia
Thomas Boruta	University of Victoria
Adrian Breen	University of Victoria
Benjamin Buchheit	University of British Columbia
Willow Cherewaty	University of British Columbia
Gabe Dyer	University of Victoria
Claire Hallett	University of British Columbia
Ben Maijer	University of British Columbia
Maijken Mindersma	University of British Columbia
Oliver Page-Kuhr	University of British Columbia
Robert Walsh	University of British Columbia
Natasha Witts	University of British Columbia
Simon Whittaker	University of Victoria
Oscar Wostenholme	University of British Columbia
Gabby Yarema	University of British Columbia
Michael Pearce (Coach)	University of British Columbia

BC Representation on National Teams

U23 World Rowing Championships

July 23-26, 2026 | Duisburg, Germany

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
Bethany Nordstrom	Victoria City Rowing Club
Madelyn Vandermeer	University of British Columbia
Lucy Hallett	Victoria City Rowing Club
Novella Rusman	Brentwood College
Connor Bohlmann	Vancouver College
Owen Marcovitz	Victoria City Rowing Club

World Rowing Championships

August 24-30, 2026 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
Axel Ewashko	University of British Columbia/Brentwood College
Katie Clark	University of British Columbia
Alexis Cronk	University of Victoria
Sally Jones	University of British Columbia/Victoria City Rowing Club
Kristen Kit	University of British Columbia/St. Catharines Rowing Club
Kristen Siermachesky	BCNGPC/Brockville Rowing Club
Avalon Wasteneys	University of Victoria

World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals

October 18-21, 2026 | Qingdao, China

ATHLETE NAME	HOME ORGANIZATION
Julien Bahain	OARCA Coastal Rowing
Katie Bahain Steenman (Coach)	Rowing Canada Aviron/OARCA Coastal Rowing
Michael Strumberger (Boat Handler)	Salt Spring Island Rowing Club
Carling Zeeman	OARCA Coastal Rowing

Member Organizations

Brentwood College School Rowing
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
Gorge Narrows Rowing Club
Greater Victoria Youth Rowing Society
Inlet Rowing Club
Kamloops Rowing Club
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Nelson Rowing Club
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Rockies Rowing Club
Salmon Arm Rowing Club
Salt Spring Island Rowing Club
Shawnigan Lake Rowing Club
Simon Fraser University Rowing Club
St. George's School Rowing
St. Michaels University School Rowing
Thunder Rowing
University of British Columbia Rowing
University of Victoria Rowing Club
Vancouver College Rowing
Vancouver Rowing Club
Vernon Rowing and Dragon Boat Club
Victoria City Rowing Club



Rowing BC Operating Committees

COACH EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT TASKFORCE

Sonja Lonne (Staff Support)
Terry Paul (Staff Support)
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Susanne Walker-Curry
Jill Wurflinger

COASTAL ROWING COMMITTEE

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Bas Rijniersce
Ge-An Rijniersce
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Rowing BC Staff and Board

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