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WELCOME FROM THE O.R.C. BOATHOUSE TEAM

Submitted by
Stephanie Duquette

The Orillia Rowing Club Boathouse team is excited that our season has been going so well! We have completed all the July "Intro to Row" courses and have been excited to see our new members out on the water enjoying the sport of rowing. Our Row for Gold camps also ran in July and offered youth the chance to meet other kids and try out rowing in a week long camp setting.

The Boathouse staff of the ORC is delighted to offer coaching tips and provide safety to all rowers on the water. We work hard to ensure that all our members, experienced or new, are on the water and enjoying both the water and the sport of rowing! (Steph, Vanessa, Olivia, Matt)

(cheque presentation from the Committee - Councillor Wayne Gardy, ORC member Sandy Patrick, ORC President Laurie Herd, Mayor Ron Stevens)



ONTARIO ERG CHAMPIONSHIPS

Barb Pidgen representing the Orillia Rowing Club competed at the Ontario Ergometer Championships held at Ridley college in St. Catharines June in the Women's Master 2000 metre event and finished in a time of 7:57.6 minutes - a personal best for Barb, who was also first overall of the 6 Masters women racing and first in her age category of 50-54 years!

ORC STUDENT CAR WASH

Submitted by Laurie Herd

ORC student members hosted a car wash on Saturday, May 31 at Second Century Source for Sports. Although the weather was not very sunny the students were busy and did wash and shine many cars, trucks and vans with enough money raised to trailer the ORC fleet to the student regatta in Midland on June 8 plus pay for other related expenses.

Thanks to our customers and parents for supporting student rowing in Orillia. We are grateful to Peter Bromley at Second Century Source for Sports providing the water and the venue for this important student fundraiser.

Thanks as well to the adult supervisors of Heather Driver-Kerslake and Ursula Irwin from TLSS, Nancy Anthonakakis and families who provided supplies.

Thank you to all of the TLSS Rowing, Spring Program Rowing Students and ORC staff who worked hard and made this event a success. Lastly, thank you to the Orillia Lions Club who provided our students with their crew T-shirts this year.



CITY OF ORILLIA GRANTS

The O.R.C. would like to thank the City of Orillia in having its grant application approved at the City's Committee Meeting. This grant was used to purchase needed safety equipment and to support our club's volunteers.

GEORGIAN BAY HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL REGATTA

Submitted by Laurie Herd
ORC President

Student members from Twin Lakes S.S. Rowing and Patrick Fogarty S.S., who participated in spring rowing with the Orillia Rowing Club, attended the Georgian Bay High School Invitational Regatta in Midland on Sunday, June 8.



This local regatta had over 250 athletes competing with 10 clubs from Sudbury, Peterborough, Orillia, Severn River, Port Perry, Barrie, Orangeville, Cambridge, Kitchener Waterloo and Midland-Penetanguishene. After a windy start and predictions of thunderstorms, good weather finally prevailed on the 1400M course to complete all the events.

In the double sculls event Tessa McCormick and Danielle Gordon pushed through the waves to place 4th while the Men's crews of Colm Shannon and Adrien Banks; and Jon McRae and Cam Ogden, finished 2nd and 4th respectively in a very tight race.



In the coxed 4 event rowing "Jim Wilson Ashleigh", the novice crew of Josh Minieiro, Mac McCurdy, Ogden, & Scott Stephens placed 6th after a shaky start; while the Twin Lakes S.S. crew of Will Ryckman, Grant Mask, Andrew Easton and Evan McGovarin came up against tough waves and experienced competition to finish 6th. Steph Duquette was coxie for both crews.

The quad event saw the Women's "Dynamic" crew of Paige McCormick, Hayley Athoulakis, Ga Eun Lee and Gordon race in for 4th position while the Twin Lakes crew of Vanessa Surrg, Terry Korzeniewski, Jocelyn Lovell and Jenna Reid, rowing "Kinsmen", battled it out to finish 5th.



(Mens Novice 4+ ORC crew)



(TLSS Mens 4+ with coaches Driver-Kerslake & Irwin)



It was a great day that was finished off with a BBQ to celebrate the spring rowing season. Thank you to all the coaches, parents and student rowers for this great start to the ORC spring season.

CORA GUELPH

Submitted by Laurie Herd

The Orillia Rowing Club had 13 members attend the C.O.R.A. (Central Ontario Rowing Association) qualifying regatta hosted by Guelph Rowing with 2 crews coming back with gold!



(The whole Orillia Rowing Club crew at the trailer during the C.O.R.A. qualifying regatta held on Guelph Lake)

The rain finished in time for the Jim Wilson 'Ashleigh' Women's coxed 4 crew of Julie Newton, Rhonda Lauer, Laurie Herd, Barb Pidgen and coxie Ursula Irwin to race home for a gold medal first place win on the 1000M masters course on Guleph Lake.



The Under 17 Men's 'Gold Barr' double crew of Colm Shannon and Adrien Banks were the fastest of 3 heats to finish first with gold on the 2000M course.



Masters Women's single rowers Barb Pidgen and Kathy Hunt had clean races and finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.



In the Masters Men's doubles event the 'Gold Barr' crew of Lawrence Boyer and Alan Smale finished 4th.



The 'Allegro' crew of Ron Pidgen and Pat Shannon finished 3rd in their heat



While the Women's doubles crews of Davidson and Lauer and Hunt and Newton battled the waves to finish 2nd and 3rd respectively.

CORA CHAMPS RESULTS

Submitted by Laurie Herd

ORC had members attend both CORA Championships in St. Catharines and RowOntario Masters in Welland with excellent results.

The Under 17 'Gold Barr' crew of Colm Shannon and Adrian Banks beside 'Gold Barr' finished the 2000M St. Catharines course with CORA Champs 'gold' as they were 1st place in their heat and just 4 seconds off the best time of the day for the JrB Men's doubles at 7:17.



Shannon finished 4th in his first ever single event in the JrB men's category rowing the club's 'Big Red' single.

Barb Pidgen rowed her 'On the Fly' single at the RowOntario Masters Championships in Welland in the Women's Masters 'D' group placing second and again raced the 1000M course in the Womens 'B' category winning first place (with the handicap).



(Barb Pidgen in the starting gates at RowOntario Masters in Welland)

ROW ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Submitted by Barb Pidgen & Laurie Herd

ORC had 2 athletes participating in 2 events at the RowOntario Championships July 26 & 27 in Welland.

On Saturday Colm Shannon and Adrien Banks, in "GoldBarr" were the fastest Under 17 Boys double of 4 heats, cruising to a first place finish in their heat AND posted time of 7:16:51. However, due to 2 weather delays & the threat of a 3rd storm with hail, the rest of the day was cancelled - which was all the finals with medals. So, it was very unfortunate that they did not get to participate in a final and be awarded medals for being the fastest double in their age group.

On Sunday, Colm raced the single in Under 17 age group, qualified for the final in his heat and then finished 4th overall in the final with a time of 8:10 just 4 seconds out of third place. A very remarkable result considering what a short time he has been racing the single!!

Former ORC member Sarah Pidgen (rowing for Kingston Rowing Club) qualified for 2 finals on Sat. but did not get to race the finals due to weather. She had 2 races on Sunday, "finalled" in one; and her Senior Women's quad finished with silver.

(Colm Shannon of the Orillia Rowing Club heading up the 2000M course in the Under 17 Men's single event at the RowOntario Championship Regatta in Welland)



ORC TRAILS OPEN

Submitted by Laurie Herd

The Orillia Rowing Club hosted a water station during the Trails Open event held Saturday, June 14.

Club members Laurie Herd and Barb Davidson along with helper Francis greeted the hikers and offered refreshment and information about the club and boathouse facilities which are located beside the Millenium Trail on the shores and the beautiful rowing venue of Lake Couchiching.



Folk Artist Rodney Frost brought along his hand carved whirlingig of Jake Gaudaur world champion sculler and former Orillia resident. All Trails Open participants were very interested in this informal history lesson about our waterway beyond the trails and Orillia's rowing heritage.



(Trails Open Orillia participants viewing Rodney Frost's Whirlingig of World Champion Sculler Jake Gaudaur during the ORC stop on the route June 14.)



(Rowing Club member Barb Davidson and helper Francis hosting the water stop at the ORC during Trails Open Orillia, June 14.)

ORC Intro-to-Row Graduation & Sponsorship

Submitted by Laurie Herd,
ORC President

The Orillia Rowing Club has had a busy season to date with a Spring Season for 21 students and an Intro-to-Row Program for 40 new rowers.



As always there have been weather issues with wind and cold water but our staff, volunteers and students alike persevered with all programs successfully completed.

The club's new dock, facilitated through an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant was instrumental in aiding the rowers for a warm and dry water entry.

The students celebrated their course completion with a BBQ and games after their June 8 regatta while many Intro-to-Row participants attended a 'Grad' night June 24th.

These attendees were presented with club t-shirts, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orillia, ORC certificates as well as municipal and provincial pins.

MP Bruce Stanton was on hand to give out Canada Flag pins. The graduates were invited to come on

board and join the Orillia Rowing Club to enjoy this wonderful water sport and the beautiful venue of Lake Couchiching.

Much of the success of our programming is due to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers who put in many hours of work to make the sport of rowing in Orillia a safe and enjoyable activity. Many thanks goes out to them, our staff and to our many sponsors and partners. Without all combined ORC would not be able to operate as successfully as it does.

Some of the Orillia Rowing Club sponsors for the 2008 rowing season include:

- John Mayo BMO Nesbitt Burns for summer day camper sponsorship GM...Making Dreams Possible for coaching and training
- Orillia Lions Club for student program and coaches club t-shirts
- Rotary Club of Orillia for Learn to Row participants crew t-shirts and training material
- City of Orillia Grants Committee for volunteer incentives and safety equipment
- The Ontario Trillium Foundation for rowing and training equipment, admin support, website, training, and for 2008 a new 40 foot dock.
- RowOntario for club coaching

The Orillia Rowing Club gratefully appreciates the support and financial assistance of our sponsors.

For more information about rowing and the Orillia Rowing Club please visit www.orilliarowingclub.com

ORC also offered 3 weeks of half-day Row-for-Gold Day Camps this summer partnering with both Orillia Parks and Recreation and Ramara Recreation this season. A big thank you to John Mayo of BMO Nesbitt Burns for sponsoring our camp program and enabling 10 campers who otherwise would not have been able to attend, enjoy a week of the great rowing on the beautiful venue of Lake Couchiching.

Over the passed four years John has sponsored more than 35 children at our camps exposing them to this great sport.

The Orillia Rowing Club greatly appreciates this sponsorship, aiding in developing the sport with local youth. All of our campers and volunteers were able to practice and learn new skills, meet new friends, while learning to pull

as one, like the Canadian National Rowing Team did in Beijing!

See you on the water.

ORC President Laurie Herd

FUN EVENTS FOR ROWERS!

Hi rowers!

The ORC-Barrie "Inter-Club Tours" have been a BIG hit this summer. The first tour, held in Orillia had thirteen people filling the boats on July 16th. The next tour was out of the Barrie Rowing Club on July 30th and five attended from Orillia; and the last tour was held on August 13 in Orillia and had nine enthusiastic rowers. As all the participants would confirm, these have been fun nights with rowers from around the county. Rowers of all skill levels from new (novice) members to experienced rowers have joined in the tours (and the dinner & drinks after).

The final tour will be out of Barrie on August 27th. Please email Barb @ b.davidson@utoronto.ca or sign up on the sheet at the Boathouse.

On August 23rd, the 29th annual "Tops & Bottoms" regatta will be held at the Don Rowing Club in Mississauga. This is a fun, social event for rowers of all skill levels. The course is short and there are lots of options for boats and crews.

See you on the water,
Barb Davidson

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