The 99th Regatta
of the
Canadian Amateur Rowing Association
The 76th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
August 5 to 9, 1981

To spruce up the facilities in preparation for the 100th anniversary of the Regatta in 1982, the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation budgeted $203,000. “A start has already begun with the rebuilding of the judges’ tower at the finish line and improvements to the grandstand.” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1981, p.31] On the course, the white bleach bottles which had been used to mark the lanes were replaced by water buoys. Although the CHRC installed them, the cost of that improvement was borne by the Henley Island Helpers, the volunteer women’s group that operated the hot dog stands on Henley Island and at the grandstand. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1981, p.21]

The Canadian Henley entered the computer age in 1981. “Results and points standings will be kept on a computer for the first time this week and will be available to the news media on a race-by-race basis.” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1981, p.31]

Overseas competitors continued to be attracted to the Regatta. In 1981, there were entries from Australia, England, Guatemala, and Mexico.

They were among the 90 clubs that brought 1,200 competitors and filed 815 entries for the 74 finals, 66 of which were regular Henley events. There were also six Special/Open races, and for the first time, two Masters finals.

Wednesday’s programme consisted of 42 heats rowed every 10 minutes “on a calm Henley Course under cloudless skies.” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1981, p.21] In one of the heats for the Junior Singles, the lone competitor from Guatemala, Edgar Nanne, did not qualify for Thursday’s final. Despite his showing he had high praise for the Regatta. “‘When the Canadian rowing people (Canadian Amateur Rowing Association) invited me here I jumped at the chance. Everyone realizes this is the best regatta in North America or in all the Americas.’” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1981, p.21]

The official opening of the Regatta was held on Wednesday evening on Henley Island. The programme included a unique item.

Highlight of last night’s opening ceremonies for this week’s 99th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta was the unveiling of a plaque marking the official naming of the Henley Island shellhouse complex as The Burgoyne, Nelson, Newman Boathouse in tribute to the three men “most active” in the development of the rowing site. The late W.B.C. (Bill) Burgoyne and F.F. (Ted) Nelson, along with John Newman . . . were the men responsible for the upgrading and

revamping of the St. Catharines rowing complex and the creation of the world class facility along what was once the Old Welland Canal. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1981, p.21]

Two of the 13 finals on Thursday, were close. In the first final of the Regatta, the Junior Women's Singles, Marie-Claude Gaudet from the Boucherville R.C., beat Heather Hattin from the Don R.C., by less than a metre, but in the Junior 145-lb. Fours, the Brockville R.C. crew edged the Lake Washington R.C. four by half a second.

Placing first and third in the Lightweight Women's Fours (Coxswain) were crews from the U.S. Lightweight Development Camp.

There has been considerable controversy over the U.S. select crews entering the Henley which is designated for individual clubs but stroke Joline Blais says they were permitted to compete because there is no special event category here for women lightweights. Canada does not yet have elite crews for the lighter ladies. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1981, p. 21]

Although the press tended to call them the U.S. Lightweight Development *Club*, that was a transparent ploy to disguise the fact that they were the U.S. Lightweight Development *Camp*.

Bedford School, from Bedford, England, placed fifth in the Junior Fours (Coxswain), one of the two races won by University of Victoria crew. The Junior Women's Pairs was the other.

It had been six years since the Don R.C. won a Henley race (excepting the Old-Timers' Exhibition race in 1979), but the first final on Friday—Junior Women's Doubles—was won by Don scullers Heather Hattin and Danielle Laumann. They were the only DRC winners at the 1981 Regatta.

Under the direction of its Chairman, Claude Saunders, the 1981 Regatta Committee was made up of 82 volunteers, two of whom were that Committee's first women members: Susan Erskine and Eleanor Lancaster. They were two Clerks of the Scales, along with Chief Clerk, Paddy Cline, and Ron Winterbottom. With the introduction of the lightweight class for women, it made sense to have a woman check their weight, since lightweights—both men and women—often undress when weighing in. Susan Erskine remembers:

The story went that Paddy Cline was weighing in the Aussie women and they stripped off their shirts and bared all so they decided they needed women for women. We may have helped at weigh-ins prior to being listed [in the 1981 programme] I can't say for sure. [Erskine, Susan. "Re: 1981 Clerks of the Scales." Message to Stan Lapinski. February 16, 2023. Email.]

Sandra Kirby would have been one of the lightweight women weighed in by Susan Erskine and Eleanor Lancaster on Friday morning. She was back on the west coast and sculling again for the Victoria City R.C.. Kirby continued her dominance of the Lightweight Women's Singles, winning that event for the third time. She was the only winner of the event since its addition to the programme in 1979. Before that, she had

won the Women's Singles in 1977. In both 1980 and 1981, an Australian, Sandra Rourke, placed second to Kirby. In 1980, she had been part of the Melbourne University team, but in 1981, she wore the colours of her home club, the Leichhardt R.C..

The 1981 finish was as close as they get:

[The] 31-year-old university instructor . . . successfully defended her title in the women's lightweight single. She did it the hard way, overcoming a sizeable lead held by Sandy Rourke of Sydney, Australia. Kirby rallied to win by inches in the final 100 metres of the 1,000-metre race.

"That was a come-from-behind win if there ever was one," said Kirby after receiving her medal. "At the 750-metre mark, she (Rourke) had a length on me, but I knew I still had my sprint left to do. After my sprint, we were even and then fought it out to the end. I had no idea who won." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 8, 1981, p.S4]

University of Victoria crews won two events on Friday: Senior Women's Doubles and Junior Pairs. The women's double of Janice Mason and Lisa Roy had the unique distinction of having won one of the first of two women's events at the Henley Royal Regatta in July, an invitation test event over 1,500 metres.

Quick action by a Referee averted what could have been a tragic end to a race on Friday.

During the running of the junior 155-pound double event, London Rowing Club's Jeff Davis suffered a seizure, blacked out and tumbled into the Henley Course.

Joe Le Blanc of St. Catharines, following the race in a referees' boat, quickly reached out and pulled the London oarsman by his jersey from the water.

Davis was sped to the Henley Island wharf where he was met by four doctors and St. John Ambulance personnel who had responded to the assistance call.

After brief medical attention, Davis was allowed to rejoin he [sic] clubmates. He did not require hospital attention. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1981, p.25]

The number of personnel who responded to the emergency clearly illustrates how well prepared Dr. John Stewart's medical team were.

Dean Crawford and Grant Main won the Junior Pairs for the University of Victoria (one of three UVic crews in the race). They had also won the Junior Fours (Coxswain) on Thursday. Finishing sixth in the Junior Pairs was England's Bedford School.

The first crew across the finish line in the next race, Brockville R.C. in the Junior 145-lb. Eights, also contained double winners. Four of the crew had also won the Junior 145-lb. Fours on Thursday.

The National Autonomous University of Mexico made its Henley debut, finishing fourth in both the Junior 155-lb. Fours—won by the Ecorse B.C.—and the Junior 145-lb. Fours (Coxswain)—won by the West Side R.C..

The Canadian Henley continued to receive unsolicited praise:

Jose Bardales of Mexico rowed first at the Canadian Henley in 1961 in lightweight fours and eights and has returned as participant, coach, manager and what have you 15 times in the last 19 years.

"In Mexico, we consider this 'our' regatta," he said yesterday. "High school, college and club oarsmen work their hearts out for months just to get a chance to row in St. Catharines."

. . . .

This is the third year Australia has sent a team of girls and they are under the watchful eye of 32-year-old Malcolm Shaw.

"The girls train all year, with the hope of coming to the Canadian Henley," he said. "In our opinion, this is the World Women's Rowing Championship." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1981, p.23]

Although the press is short on details, it seems that Maclean Hunter, the local cable company, taped finals on Saturday and Sunday for later rebroadcast on channel 10.

Peter MacGowan, part of a strong sculling team at the Kingston R.C., won the Association Singles, then joined Doug Hamilton to win the Open Doubles later in the afternoon. They also won the Senior Doubles on Sunday.

Two Masters events for men were run as part of the regular programme on Saturday. The first ever Masters Single at the Canadian Henley was won by Bob Kunitz, formerly from the Wyandotte B.C., but now sculling for the Ecorse B.C.. To qualify, the scullers had to be over 32 years of age. Bob's son, Dave, finished sixth in the Senior 135-lb. Singles on Sunday.

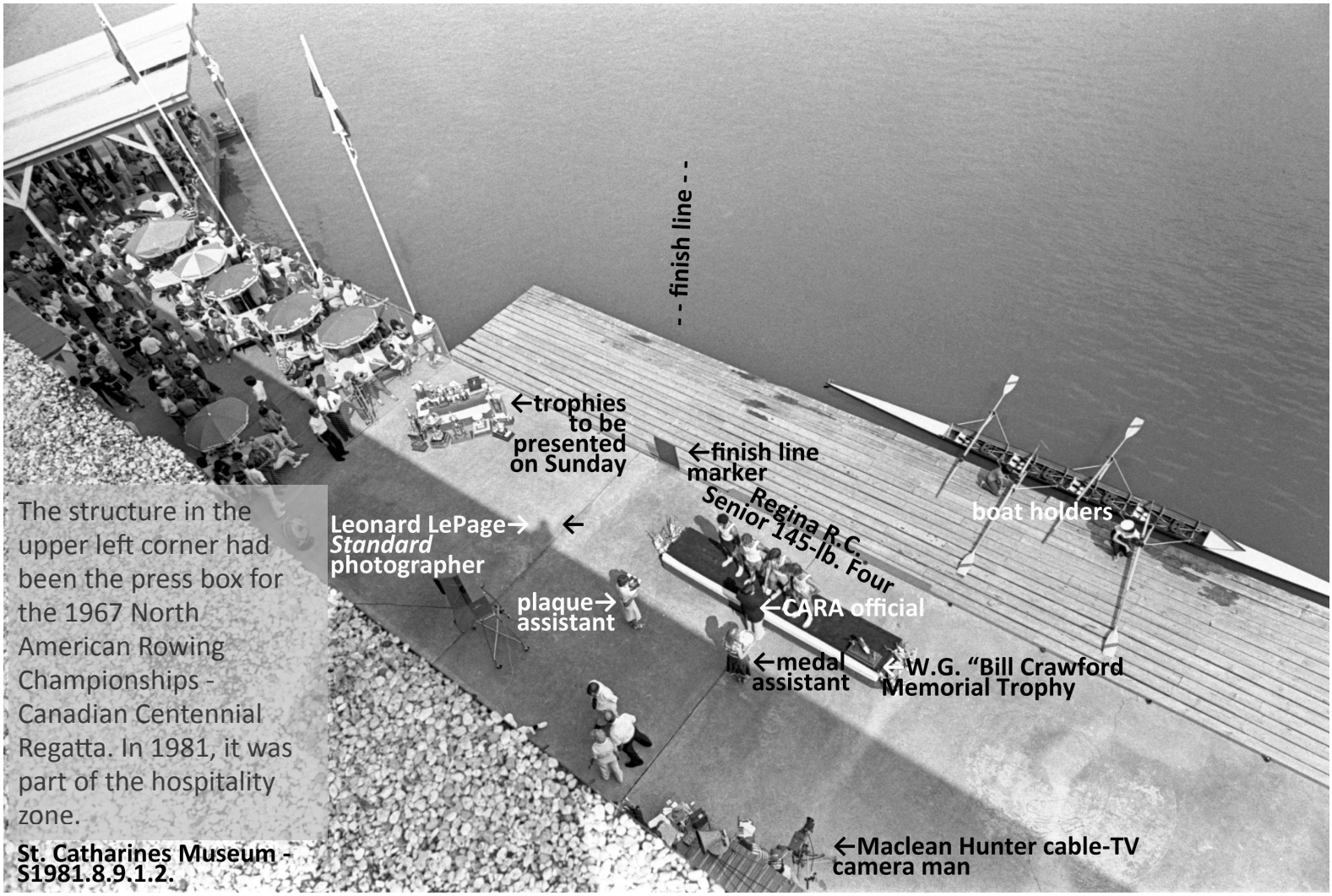
The Masters Singles, like the five women's finals which came after it, and the Masters Fours (Coxswain) which followed them, was raced over 1,000 metres.

Gay Allen and Leanne Turner, rowing for the Mosman R.C. from Sydney, New South Wales, handily won the Lightweight Women's Pairs by eight seconds over the Kingston R.C. pair. Since its introduction in 1979, only pairs from Australia had won that event: Monash University in 1979, Leichhardt R.C. (part of the Melbourne University team) in 1980, and Mosman R.C.. Allen and Turner had also won the event at the 1981 Australian National Championships.

New York A.C.'s Larry Klecatsky finished the regular events of Saturday's programme with a win in the 500 Metre Dash, 145-lb. Singles. It was his 11th win since 1968 in the lightweight singles dash, and it was his 48th Henley medal. It would be his last medal in that event.

On Sunday, the Senior Quads—what had been called Open Quads in 1980 to accommodate the West Germans—was won by the St. Catharines R.C. crew of John Murphy, Frank Murphy, Jack Lovett, and Greg Murphy. Twenty minutes later, John and Frank won the Senior 155-lb. Doubles.

The Senior 135-lb. Eights was a row-over won by a St. Catharines R.C. crew. However, four members of the crew had to work hard to win three other medals. Jeff Meighan, Steve Lockhart, Larry Masse, and Bob Baril also won the Junior 135-lb. Eights on Friday, the Junior 135-lb. Fours on Saturday, and the Senior 135-lb. Fours 30 minutes before the eight.



The structure in the upper left corner had been the press box for the 1967 North American Rowing Championships - Canadian Centennial Regatta. In 1981, it was part of the hospitality zone.

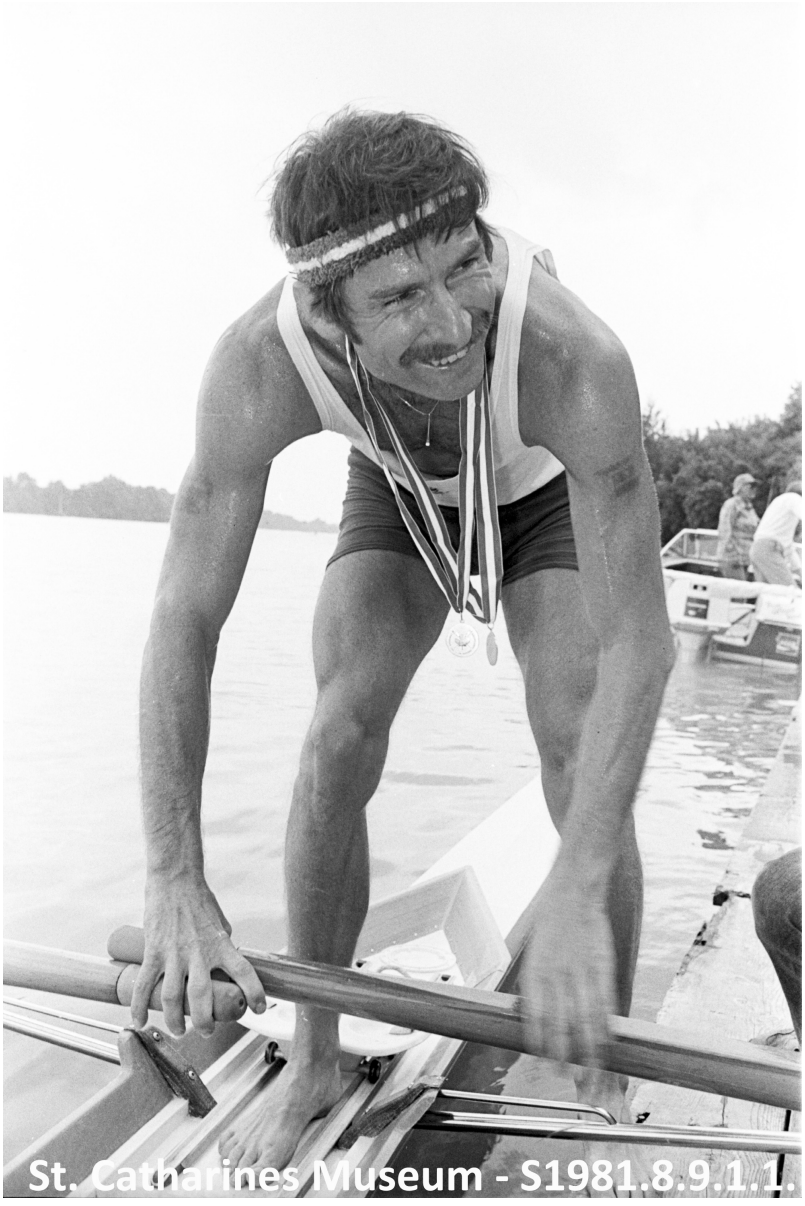
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The photograph above presents a unique view of the Regina R.C. crew receiving their medals for the Senior 145-lb. Fours.

Medal presentations were (and still are) done with some pomp. After the official announcement of the results, the Regina crew rowed to the grandstand wharf, where two boat-holders secured their shell. On this day, one of the boat-holders—the one with the white hat—was a Sea Cadet. After the crew stepped up onto the podium, a CARA official came forward to congratulate them. His medal assistant then handed him the medals which he hung around the necks of the members of the crew. Then, the plaque assistant handed him the plaque and he gave that to one of the crew. In the meantime, the medal assistant picked up the W.G. "Bill" Crawford Memorial Trophy which she handed to the CARA official, and he presented it to a member of the crew. The whole ceremony lasted about five minutes. An eight would take a bit longer, and some CARA presenters were more chatty than others, so that could add some time. Ten minutes was the maximum, however, because by that time another race was finishing in front of the grandstand.

If a winning sculler or crew had another race in a short time, they would usually not come in for their medals until after their second race. That's what happened to Larry Klecatsky. He had won the 3:20 event, Senior 145-lb. Singles, and did not come in for his medal but returned to the start for the 4:20 event, the Senior 155-lb. Singles. After winning that race, he came in and was presented with two medals.

Larry Klecatsky—who, at 39 years of age, qualified as a Masters sculler—won the Senior 145-lb. Singles for the eighth time, and the Senior 155-lb. Singles for the 10th time. They were medals 49 and 50 for the New York A.C. sculler. The press reports that his total was 51, but that number does not add up. He had 47 at the end of the 1979 Regatta, did not compete at the 1980 Regatta, won three races at the 1981 Regatta, so the total should be 50, not 51. One explanation for the discrepancy might be found in the caption of a photo taken at the 1979 Regatta. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 13, 1979, p.17] It shows Klecatsky with Jim Dietz and the caption lists their wins. One of the wins on Klecatsky's list was the Senior 145-lb. Singles. However, not only did he not win that race —Tom Hazeltine from the Undine Barge Club did—but he wasn't even in the race. If a reporter used that list in compiling Klecatsky's total at the end of the 1981 Regatta, the number would be out by one. With his 50th Henley win, Larry Klecatsky passed Jim "Chick" Hewson, who, between 1937 and 1962, won 49 Canadian Henley races as a sculler and sweep oarsman for the West Side R.C..



Pictured, Dr. Klecatsky pushes off from the grandstand dock after collecting medals 49 and 50 for the Senior 145- and 155-lb. Singles, his second and third medals of the 1981 Regatta.

Jim Dietz, Klecatsky's

partner in the heavy events, did not compete in 1981.

Kingston R.C. sculler, 19-year-old Peter Tattersall, won the Senior 135-lb. Singles. He had also won the Junior event on Thursday.

The premier women's sculling event, the Senior Women's Singles, was won by Andrea Schreiner from the Ridley Graduate B.C.. In 1978, sculling for the St. Catharines R.C., she won both the Junior and Senior Women's Singles.

The Championship Singles was won for the second year in a row by Pat Walter from the Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club. In 1980, he had worn Victoria City R.C. colours. Doug Hamilton from the Kingston R.C. was second for the second year in a row. Hamilton did pick up a gold medal with Pete MacGowan earlier in the day, when they won the Senior Doubles.

The Senior Women's Eights was won by the University of Victoria, and the men's Senior Eights was won by the St. Catharines R.C., giving that club its seventh victory of the day, and 11th of the Regatta.

The 1981 winner of the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award was the Brockville R.C., with an efficiency of 82.4%, which means that the club garnered 82.4% of the points it had the potential to win.

All the winners and times for the 1981 Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Below is a list of 64 of the 90 clubs that competed at the 1981 Regatta. In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club. [*Entries in most heats are not included. I don't have the programme inserts, and the press did not report those results. That's why some clubs are missing from the list; they were in heats only.]*

The Masters and Special/Open races are not included in these numbers.

Of the 90 clubs competing, 28, (31%) won finals, led by the St. Catharines R.C. with 11.

The New York A.C.'s three wins from three entries involved one man: Larry Klecatsky.

Argonaut R.C.	(10/0)	Toronto, Ontario
Boucherville R.C.	(8/1)	Boucherville, Quebec
Brock University	(3/0)	St. Catharines, Ontario
Brockville R.C.	(6/4)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club	(6/4)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(9/0)	Calgary, Alberta
Don R.C.	(7/1)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(1/0)	Edmonton, Alberta
Hanlan B.C.	(12/3)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(4/1)	Rothesay, New Brunswick

Kingston R.C.	(12/4)	Kingston, Ontario
Laval R.C.	(3/0)	Laval, Quebec
Leander B.C.	(7/0)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(7/1)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(2/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Montreal International R.C.	(2/0)	Montreal, Quebec
North Star R.C.	(1/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(7/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(7/2)	Peterborough, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(5/2)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(10/5)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(36/11)	St. Catharines, Ontario
South Niagara R.C.	(6/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(4/1)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
University of Victoria	(12/6)	Victoria, British Columbia
University of Western Ontario	(12/2)	London, Ontario
Vancouver R.C.	(4/0)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(2/1)	Victoria, British Columbia

American entries:

Bachelors Barge Club	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Blood Street Sculls	(1/0)	Old Lyme, Connecticut
Cambridge B.C.	(3/1)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Cornell University	(1/0)	Ithaca, New York
Crescent B.C.	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dartmouth R.C.	(4/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C. *	(13/1)	Detroit, Michigan
Durham B.C. *	(3/0)	Durham, New Hampshire
Eastern Development Camp	(3/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Ecorse B.C.	(7/1)	Ecorse, Michigan
Green Lake R.C.	(1/0)	Portland, Oregon
Lake Washington R.C.	(12/1)	Seattle, Washington
Long Beach R.A.	(6/1)	Long Beach, California
Los Gatos R.C.	(1/0)	Los Gatos, California
Malta B.C.	(7/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Minneapolis R.C.	(1/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(6/2)	St. Paul, Minnesota
New York A.C.	(3/3)	New York, New York
Newport Beach R.C.	(2/0)	Newport Beach, California
Northeastern University	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Penn Elite	(1/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(4/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Potomac B.C.	(4/0)	Washington, District of Columbia
Rochester R.C.	(1/0)	Rochester, New York
Sagamore R.A.	(2/0)	Oyster Bay, New York
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(2/0)	Syracuse, New York
Undine Barge Club	(4/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
U.S. Lightweight Development Camp	(4/2)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Vesper B.C.	(10/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Side R.C.	(10/2)	Buffalo, New York
Wyandotte B.C.	(13/0)	Wyandotte, Michigan

*Although the Durham B.C. is not mentioned in the published results, it is likely that some of the entries attributed to the Detroit B.C. were, in fact, Durham entries. Because of a postal strike in Canada, many entries were phoned in, and it is possible that the person taking the entries by phone wrote "DBC" when the Durham entries were made, but that got translated as "Detroit Boat Club." Another possible reason for the confusion might lie with the new computerized results. Perhaps the person entering the results typed "DBC" for both Detroit and Durham, and unsuspecting reporters assumed it meant Detroit Boat Club. There are some other issues with Detroit entries, the most obvious one being having a heavy sculler listed in lightweight singles events.

Australian entries:

Leichhardt R.C.	(2/0)	Sydney, Australia
Mosman R.C.	(1/1)	Sydney, Australia

British entries:

Bedford School	(2/0)	Bedford, United Kingdom

Guatemalan entry:

Guatemalan Rowing & Canoe Federation [Federacion Guatemalteca de Remo y Canotaje]	(1/0)	Guatemala City, Guatemala

Mexican entries:

Club España	(2/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
National Autonomous University of Mexico [Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México]	(4/0)	Mexico City, Mexico

Hanging over the joy and excitement of the 1981 Henley, and the anticipation of the 100th Regatta in 1982, was the spectre of an old threat: moving the Henley.

The contract between St. Catharines and Canadian rowing runs out next year. Renewal depends on many things, but principally on the maintenance of the course and its surrounding features.

"As such then, this [preparation for the 1982 Henley] is a St. Catharines project," suggested Robert M. Schmon, who has taken on the chairmanship of Henley 100's finance committee.

"We can't go out nationally on this. It's more of a local responsibility; a sort of a grass roots support thing."

Schmon noted that Montreal's Olympic Basin, created in 1976 at a cost of $22 million, can probably duplicate the Henley Course facilities here. But that's all.

"No place in the country can match the organization and the people involved in running regattas here. That's why it's so important to make certain 1982 is an overwhelming success and at the same time create a situation in which we are able to guarantee the return of Henley each year." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 5, 1981, p.31]

Craig Swayze, last President of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen (1976) and first President of the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association (1977), in his capacity as a reporter for the St. Catharines *Standard* clearly articulated the seriousness of the threat.

The Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation has revamped its finish tower, reroofed the Henley Grandstand, put in a completely new buoying system on the course itself and will make available computerized results for this week's competition. It's all just part of a program designed to maintain the Henley Course as the country's No.1 racing lane.

That's awfully important too, for there are people in Canadian rowing these days who would move the Henley elsewhere. And already, invitations have gone out from rowing's Ottawa headquarters to several centres across the country to bid on this regatta, which over the past 79 years has become a St. Catharines institution.

If it weren't so serious, it would be comical. But a joke this isn't. It's serious.

It's really all part of the St. Catharines success story. For those unable to beat us on the water, the board room remains the next best place to get even.

First, they retired the Maple Leaf Trophy so the St. Catharines Rowing Club couldn't win it again . . . . [sic] after some 20 consecutive Henley points championships. Now it's the regatta they're after. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 4, 1981, p.4]

The Canadian Amateur Rowing Association could make the bold plan to move the Regatta from St. Catharines, in part, at least, because there were no St. Catharines people among the CARA Officers. The largest, most successful rowing club in the country had no say in the matter.

The CARA's annual meeting was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba on November 27, 28 and 29 as part of the Winnipeg R.C.'s 100th anniversary celebrations. Representatives from every Canadian rowing club were in attendance.

The CARA Officers for 1982 were:

Past-President: Ben TeKamp, Brockville

President: Sam Craig, Toronto
1st Vice-President: Don Hornby, Winnipeg
2nd Vice-President: Bud Malmo, Kenora
3rd Vice-President: Bob Ellard, Regina
Secretary: Thomas Croston, Mississauga
Treasurer: Ivar Noren, Welland
Executive Director: Rodger Sellars, Ottawa
Regatta Co-Ordinator: Claude Saunders, Hamilton

A complete list of Officers and the Executive Committee members does not appear in print.

If the plan to move the Regatta was discussed, it was not reported in the press. What got most of the ink in the press coverage was the increase in fees. Member clubs' fees went from $100 to $150. Member associations would now be assessed $200 a year, instead of $125. And oars people would pay $5 instead of $4. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 1, 1981, p.29]

Catch magazine mentions another fiscal item: "The 1980-81 budget from Sport Canada to Rowing totalled $409, 399.00." [*Catch*, April, 1982, p.3] That represents a substantial increase over the four and five figure grants the CAAO used to receive from the federal government.

Finally, one last money item specifically related to the Henley: an assessment of $25.00 for all scratches was introduced. [*Catch*, April, 1982, p.12]

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In April, the inductees to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame were announced, and a name familiar to rowing people was on the list: Claude Saunders, Canadian Henley Regatta Chairman since 1959. He was in some elite company. The other inductees were Bobby Orr, Sam Pollock, Herman (Jackrabbit) Smith-Johannsen, and Jack Bionda.

A CARA director's meeting was held in Montreal on May 15. The last of five agenda items reported in *Catch* magazine was this one:

> Royal Canadian Henley: The President [Sam Craig] gave our position as far as location of future Royal Canadian Henley Regattas and the problems we were encountering in our negotiations with C.H.R.C.
>
> Reference was made to a Sanction Fee of $10,000.00 to hold the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.
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> R. Crawley said he would check to see if Calgary would consider hosting the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. [*Catch*, July, 1982, p.15]

This would become *the* big issue at the annual general meeting in Brockville in November.

Whether by accident or by design—the Editor of *Catch* was Peter King, a strong opponent to moving the Henley—on the page facing that report is a full page ad promoting the 100th Regatta. The top third of the ad contains the invitation, in bold capital letters, "COME HOME TO HENLEY." Further down in the ad, we are asked to "Plan to visit beautiful Niagara to relive one hundred years of rowing . . . ." [*Catch*, July, 1982, p.14] So the two sides in the dispute are face to face: tradition vs. money.



Something which hadn't been a part of a Canadian Henley since 1939, a downtown parade, was held on Tuesday.

[M]ore than 500 competitors in this years's 100th running of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, combined brilliant sunshine with just the right amount of pomp and circumstance befitting the city's role as "rowing capital of the world."

Parade entrants, who hailed from four continents and a variety of rowing traditions, started converging on Queen Street shortly before noon to line up for this unique Henley parade organized to salute the regatta's centennial

. . . .

The police band . . . bedecked with kilts and bagpipes, led Henley officials and competitors down a busy downtown lunch-hour parade route that wound from Queen Street to St. Paul Street, and along James Street to city hall where St. Catharines Mayor Roy Adams saluted the international "brotherhood and now the sisterhood" of oarspeople and wished them "good clear waters and many happy memories of Henley 100."

. . . .

Following more afternoon festivities, Henley 100 was officially opened last night by Ontario Lt.Gov. John Aird at a ceremony on Henley Island. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 4, 1982, p.1]

Although it was normal for the size of the Regatta to be described in the press with superlatives such as "biggest" and "most," even when the Regatta was not the biggest or had the most, but those superlatives were deserved when describing the 100th Regatta. There were an unprecedented 1,801 competitors from 111 clubs competing. Those clubs came from eight countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, Mexico, Peru, and the United States. Invitations had been sent to every rowing association in the world, but most declined when they learned that their teams would not receive financial assistance from the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association.

It was a mixed bag of weather which greeted competitors for Wednesday's opening heats for Henley 100.

Threatening skies alternated with a searing sun, steeped in near-record humidity were followed by a late spatter of rain.

But must [sic] important, there was flat water. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1982, p.19]

The high temperature recorded for Wednesday was 27 °C. [https://www.extremeweatherwatch.com/cities/st-catherines/year-1982] That, plus the humidity "were blamed for two incidents for which medical attention was required." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1982, p.19] A Don R.C. oarsman collapsed in a heat for the Junior 145-lb. Fours. He was taken to shore by the Port Dalhousie Volunteer Firefighters rescue boat, then to Hotel Died Hospital by ambulance where he was treated for a severe leg cramp. Later, a Leander B.C. oarsman collapsed in a heat for the

Junior 155-lb. Pairs. He was taken to Henley Island in a referee's boat and treated by St. John Ambulance personnel.

Missing from Wednesday's programme were heats for the Junior 135-lb. Singles. The Junior and Senior 135-lb. classes had been removed from the programme and replaced with non-qualifying events. This reduced the number of 135-lb. events from seven to three. Although they were called Senior events in Sunday's programme, the winners did not turn Senior, so, when they grew and put on weight, they could still row Junior.

Added to the programme were: Open Lightweight Women's Eights, Masters Eights (for men 34 years of age or older), and two special events as part of the centennial celebrations, a Period Costume Eights, and an Octuple Sculls event.

While the 60 heats and semifinals were being run at 10-minute intervals on Wednesday, Postmaster-General Andre Oulette and Judge Rene Marin, chairman of Canada Post, were in Rennie Park at the foot of the Course launching a stamp to commemorate the Henley centennial.



The Henley stamp is based on a water color illustration capturing the dramatic finish of four-man shells as they cross in front of the judges' tower on the edge of Martindale Pond.

The scene was composed by 46-year-old Toronto graphic illustrator Tom McNeely. The actual stamp was designed by Ottawa graphic artist Bernard Reilander. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1982, p.9]

The Junior Singles, which was usually the most heavily subscribed event on the programme had 51 entries. However, as an indication of the increasing popularity of women's events, the Junior Women's Singles had 48 entries, as did the Junior 155-lb. Singles, while the Junior 145-lb. Singles had 41 entries. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 3, 1982, p.19]

Those large entry numbers forced the Regatta Committee to come up with a new way of pruning the numbers down to six for the final: semifinals. Scullers in those four events would row heats to get into one of two semifinal races, from which the six finalists would be chosen. The heats were rowed early in the day, and the semifinals late in the same day.

"Flat water and a shutdown current along the Henley Course combined to create perfect rowing conditions for Thursday's opening finals of the 100th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1982, p.21]

The first final of the 100th Regatta, the Junior Women's Singles, was won by Dolores Young, sculling for the Ridley Graduate B.C.. She was the best of the 48 women who entered the event.

The second final on Thursday was the Lightweight Women's Fours (Coxswain) which was won for the third time in four years by an Australian crew, Melbourne University. "'We regard this as our world championships,' said the crew's Barb

Phelan. . . . 'This is the highest competition we can find in our class.'" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1982, p.21] After winning their Australian state and national championships, the crew continued to train during their winter, and to raise money by selling raffle tickets and wine, and by having dinners, and wine and cheese parties. After all that, they reached their goal of becoming "[t]the unofficial World champion woman's [sic] lightweight four." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1982, p.21]

The Argonaut R.C. experienced a rebirth in 1982. The number of competitors now stood at "more than 80," [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, July 2, 1982, p.14] thanks, in large part, to the addition of a women's programme. After having no winners at the 1981 Regatta, Argos took two finals on the first day: Junior Women's Pairs and Junior Fours. The former race required a photo to determine the winner. The official decision: the Argo pair of Tori Young and Kathryn Barr beat Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club by 2/100th of a second. It was the closest race of the 12 finals. The Argo men's four had the unique distinction of being coached by a woman, former Canadian Olympian, Nancy Higgins. She was the first woman to coach a winning crew at the Canadian Henley.

The Junior Pairs (Coxswain) was won by a crew from the University of California Irvine. They were "part of a small contingent which are camping here [Henley Island] after driving all the way from the west coast for Henley 100." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1982, p.19]

The winner of the most heavily subscribed event of the Regatta, the Junior Singles, was Michael Totta from the New York A.C.. He had to row a heat, then a semifinal just to get to the final. He was the best of the 51 scullers who entered the event, and he was one happy medal-recipient. "Totta's enthusiasm was contagious and the crowd took to him. Waving from the winners' podium, he enthusiastically told everyone within earshot 'this is the greatest moment of my life!'" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1982, p.19]

"A fresh up course breeze made for some choppy going during Friday's finals at the 100th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1982, p.21]

The Lightweight Women's Eights had something of a "David and Goliath" theme to it, pitting "an all-star national boat from south of the border" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1982, p.21]— a U.S. Lightweight Development Camp crew—against five club crews. "[I]t was left to the [St. Catharines R.C.] lightweight girls to capture the imagination of the packed Henley grandstand," [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1982, p.21] by beating the U.S. camp crew. "Squeals, tears, hugs and kisses surrounded the medal ceremony on the grandstand presentation platform as the crowd gave the girls a standing ovation. It was one of those emotional moments so much a part of rowing." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1982, p.21]

The winner of the Junior 145-lb. Singles was Peter Plimpton from the Narragansett B.C.. His choice of accommodation caught the attention of a *Globe and Mail* reporter, who interview the sculler on the day following his win:

"It's free," he says, a testimony to the amateur spirit of the Henley—his hotel is a small green tent on a field near the Shell House on Henley Island.

Plimpton arrived here from Providence, R.I., at the beginning of the week and, finding the $15 a day fee at Brock University too extravagant, pitched his tent instead. He shares the makeshift campground with about 100 others, but not his wife, Phoebe Manzella.

A member of the U.S. development team—essentially, the U.S. B team—which finished second yesterday to the St. Catharines Rowing Club in the women's lightweight eight, she stays with the rest of the team at Brock. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 7, 1982, p.S2

Saturday was a medal festival for Henley 100 fans as 12 rowing clubs shared honors along a sun-soaked Henley Course.



Stephen Malbouef collection.

Flat water and close finishes added to the occasion, 34 heats giving way to 15 Henley finals and six exhibition races billed as special events. It was enough to keep the overflow crowd abuzz all afternoon. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1982, p.19]



Above, the "overflow crowd" fills the grandstand and Patio Lounge at right.

The Association Singles was a “Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club show.” The first three scullers across the finish line were from that club: Bruce Ford, Phil Monckton, and Mel LaForme, in that order.

The Masters Singles was won for the second year in a row by Bob Kunitz. In 1981, he had sculled for the Ecorse B.C., but in 1982, he wore Detroit B.C. colours, as did his son, Dave, who came second behind Peter Plimpton in the Senior 135-lb. Singles on Sunday.

In the Strange Bedfellows Dept.: one of three St. Catharines R.C. crews entered in the Masters Fours (Coxswain) won the final with Canadian Amateur Rowing Association Executive Director, Rodger Sellars in the coxie’s seat. Now living in Ottawa, Sellars had been a coxie at the Don R.C., and a coach at Windsor Crew

The Peterborough R.C. won the Junior Eights for men, and 70 minutes later, the Junior Women’s Eights. The photo shows the start of the women’s event, with the Peterborough crew wearing green shirts in Lane 3, fourth from the camera. The white



flag being held by an official on the far side indicates that all crews are aligned properly, and the referee’s boat in the foreground is ready to go.

A Potomac B.C. crew took the Lightweight Women’s Pairs, beating an Australian National University pair. It was the first time since the event was added to the programme in 1979, that an Australian pair did not win the final.

New York A.C.'s Jim Dietz was back, and took the 500 Metre Dash, Open Singles for the 13th time since 1967. It was his 37th, and last Henley medal.

However, club mate Larry Klecatsky was upset in the 500 Metre Dash, 145-lb. Singles by Robert Sheetz from the Cambridge B.C.. A finish line photo had to be used to decide the winner. The results were reversed on Sunday when Klecatsky beat Sheetz in the Senior 145-lb. Singles. It was Klecatsky's ninth win in that event, and his 51st Henley medal.

In anticipation of parking problems in Port Dalhousie on Sunday, the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation arranged for a shuttle bus to operate between the Fairview Mall—where there was plenty of space to park—and the grandstand (a distance of about 5 km), starting at noon, and ending two hours after the conclusion of the final race. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1982, p.21]

The mall parking lot must have been well-used, because Craig Swayze eloquently describes Sunday as "a rain-soaked windup to this Centennial Regatta which was the largest Henley in history. Call it the icing on the birthday cake." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1982, p.17]

Peter Plimpton, from the Narragansett B.C., winner of the Junior 145-lb. Singles on Friday, won the Senior 135-lb. Singles on Sunday. Two hours later, he attempted the Senior 145-lb. Singles, but placed seventh.

Betty Craig and Tricia Smith, rowing for the Thunder Bay R.C., took the Senior Women's Pairs. Representing Canada, they would bring home bronze medals from the 1982 World Rowing Championships at Rotsee in Lucerne, Switzerland. Although several other Henley winners represented Canada at the 1982 Worlds, the only other medal-winners were Janice Mason and Lisa Roy who also won bronze. Sculling for the University of Victoria at the 1982 Henley, they won gold on Sunday afternoon in the Senior Women's Doubles.

The Senior Doubles was won by the two scullers who had place first and second in the Association Singles on Saturday: Bruce Ford and Phil Monckton from the Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club.

A sculler with a familiar name to regular Henley attendees, Scott Roop, crossed the finish line first in the Senior 155-lb. Singles. However, he was not wearing the red and white of the New York A.C., but the green and grey of the Syracuse Chargers R.C..

Two novelty races, to commemorate the Centennial Regatta, were added to Sunday's programme. The Costume Eights had four entries and was won by an Argonaut R.C. crew. The other race, which had never been seen before (or since) on the Henley course, was an Octuple Sculls race. Kaschper Racing Shells even donated a trophy—the Henley "100" Trophy—which was won by a Thunder Bay R.C. crew.

The premier women's sculling event, Senior Women's Singles, was won for the third time by Andrea Schreiner from the Ridley Graduate B.C.. The *Standard*'s Sports Editor, Jack Gatecliff, was still acclimatizing himself to women rowers. He had this to say in his article about Schreiner's win: "The 23-year-old statuesque blonde had an open length of water to spare over her closest rival and clubmates Dolores Young and Marie-

Claude Gaudet." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1982, p.17] However, he did not describe Pat Walter as a 23-year-old statuesque blonde, which he was.

Pat Walter, sculling for the Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club, took the Championship Singles for the third year in a row. He not only beat Doug Hamilton for the third year in a row, but perennial winner, New York A.C.'s Jim Dietz, who placed second. Hamilton, from the Kingston R.C., was third.

The Senior Women's Eights was won by a St. Catharines R.C. crew, the only Canadian crew of five in the race..



AND HANLAN IS THE NAME!

Color it Hanlan! That was the story of the Championship Eight at last year's Henley 100. Hanlan Boat Club of Toronto captured the regatta windup to win the Ned Hanlan Memorial Trophy, then got to pose with Margaret Hanlan, the only surviving daughter of the famed Canadian sculler. With Miss Hanlan is front, the crew is, left to right, front: stroke Jim Reile, cox Michael Grieg and John Houlding; back: Curt Pieckenhagen, Tim Bristow, Martin Mai, Steve Beatty, Mike Evans and Ted Gibson. [St. Catharines *Standard* photo. Souvenir Program 101st Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, 1983, p.11]

The men's Senior Eights was taken by the same Hanlan B.C. crew that had won the 500 Metre Dash, Eights and the Open Eights on Saturday. The Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy was presented to them by Margaret Hanlan, the 84-year-old daughter of Ned Hanlan.

Although the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award was now the official trophy for the Regatta points championship, the St. Catharines press declared the St. Catharines R.C. as the Regatta champions for the 22nd consecutive year on the strength of 14 firsts and "a boatload of seconds." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1982, p.17] In reality, St. Catharines had 12 firsts, since the two wins in Masters events did not count toward points.

However, the winners of the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award, and Regatta points championship was the University of Victoria with an efficiency of 76.5%, which means that UVic scullers and crews earned 76.5% of the points which they had the potential of winning.

All the winners and times for the 1982 Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Below is a list of 76 of the 111 clubs that competed at the 1982 Regatta. In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club. [*Entries in most heats are not included. I don't have the programme inserts, and the press did not report those results. That's why some clubs are missing from the list; they were in heats only. A few clubs like Fredericia Roklub from Fredericia, Denmark are not listed below because they were entered in Masters events]*

The Masters, Special/Open, Octuple Sculls, and Costume Eights races are not included in these numbers.

The clubs in red competed at the First Regatta of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen in 1880. Of the 17 clubs that competed at the 1880 Regatta, these three were the only ones still in existence for the Centennial Regatta.

Argonaut R.C.	(20/2)	Toronto, Ontario
Boucherville R.C.	(4/0)	Boucherville, Quebec
Brockville R.C.	(3/1)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club	(11/3)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(2/0)	Calgary, Alberta
Don R.C.	(10/1)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(1/0)	Edmonton, Alberta
Hanlan B.C.	(4/2)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(1/0)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(13/5)	Kingston, Ontario
Laval R.C.	(2/0)	Laval, Quebec
Leander B.C.	(10/0)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(2/0)	London, Ontario
McGill University	(4/1)	Montreal, Quebec
North Star R.C.	(2/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(5/0)	Ottawa, Ontario

Peterborough R.C.	(8/3)	Peterborough, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(4/1)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(13/4)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(41/12)	St. Catharines, Ontario
Saskatoon R.C.	(3/0)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(1/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(13/2)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
University of New Brunswick	(1/0)	Fredericton, New Brunswick
University of Victoria	(5/3)	Victoria, British Columbia
University of Western Ontario	(4/0)	London, Ontario
Vancouver R.C.	(2/0)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(7/1)	Victoria, British Columbia
Windsor Crew	(3/0)	Windsor, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(1/0)	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Woodstock R.C.	(4/0)	Woodstock, Ontario

American entries:

1980 R.C.	(2/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Bachelors Barge Club	(3/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Belmont R.C.	(1/0)	Belmont, Massachusetts
Blood Street Sculls	(2/0)	Old Lyme, Connecticut
Boston Rowing Center	(4/1)	Boston, Massachusetts
Boston University	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Cambridge B.C.	(2/1)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Charles River R.C.	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Dartmouth R.C.	(2/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(7/0)	Detroit, Michigan
Durham B.C.	(5/2)	Durham, New Hampshire
Ecorse B.C.	(1/1)	Ecorse, Michigan
Fairmount R.A.	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Florida A.C.	(6/0)	Orlando, Florida
Hillsborough R.C.	(1/0)	Tampa, Florida
Lake Merritt R.C.	(6/0)	Oakland, California
Lake Washington R.C.	(10/1)	Seattle, Washington
Long Beach R.A.	(2/0)	Long Beach, California
Malta B.C.	(4/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Minneapolis R.C.	(4/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(2/0)	St. Paul, Minnesota
Narragansett B.C.	(3/2)	Providence, Rhode Island
New Haven R.C.	(2/1)	New Haven, Connecticut
New York A.C.	(12/4)	New York, New York
Northeastern University	(3/0)	Boston, Massachusetts

Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pioneer Valley R.A.	(3/1)	Hadley, Massachusetts
Potomac B.C.	(6/2)	Washington, District of Columbia
Princeton University	(1/0)	Princeton, New Jersey
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(7/2)	Syracuse, New York
Undine Barge Club	(3/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Union B.C.	(2/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
U.S. Lightweight Development Camp	(3/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
U.S. Naval Academy	(1/0)	Annapolis, Maryland
University of California Irvine	(4/1)	Irvine, California
University of Minnesota	(2/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
University of Pennsylvania	(2/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Vesper B.C.	(7/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Side R.C.	(11/0)	Buffalo, New York
Wyandotte B.C.	(12/0)	Wyandotte, Michigan

Australian entries:

Australian National University B.C.	(1/0)	Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
Melbourne University	(1/1)	Melbourne, Australia

Brazilian entry:

Brazil	(3/0)	Brazil

Mexican entries:

National Autonomous University of Mexico [Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México]	(1/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
UPIICSA-IPN [*La Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería y Ciencias Sociales y Administrativas - Instituto Politécnico Nacional*]	(1/0)	Mexico City, Mexico

Peruvian entry:

Peru	(1/0)	Peru

The press did not specify club affiliation for most of the international competitors.

On Monday, September 6, a month after the 1982 Regatta, Hamilton television station, CHCH, aired a special one-hour programme entitled *100 Years of Rowing*. The *Globe and Mail* described it as "Highlights from the final competition in the 100th

annual Royal Canadian Henley Regatta," [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, September 3, 1982, p.A37] while the *Star* said: "Dick Bedoes and Paul Hendricks report on the annual Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." [The Toronto *Star*, September 4, 1982, p.J28]

The 100th Henley "attracted a record 65,000 visitors and pumped $2-million into the local economy." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, July 31, 1993, p.A16]

In the United States, the National Women's Rowing Association, founded in 1963, merged with the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, founded in 1872, to form USRowing, the governing body for the sport of rowing in the United States..

CARA's annual meeting was held on November 26 to 28 in Brockville, Ontario.
The CARA Officers for 1983 were the same as 1982:
Past-President: Ben TeKamp, Brockville
President: Sam Craig, Toronto
1st Vice-President: Don Hornby, Winnipeg
2nd Vice-President: Bud Malmo, Kenora
3rd Vice-President: Bob Ellard, Regina
Secretary: Thomas Croston, Mississauga
Treasurer: Ivar Noren, Welland

Executive Director: Rodger Sellars, Ottawa
Regatta Co-Ordinator: Claude Saunders, Hamilton

Most annual meetings were routine; not the 1982 one. Residents of St. Catharines were shocked to read the following in their Tuesday morning newspaper:

Henley set for Montreal

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta will be held in Montreal in 1985, the first time in 103 years it has been held in Quebec.

The Canadian Amateur Rowing Association said in Ottawa yesterday the Henley and the Canadian championships will alternate between Montreal and St. Catharines, Ont., after 1984.

The last time Quebec had the championship, in 1882, it was held in Lachine.

[sic. The last time Lachine had the Annual Regatta was 1890.]
[The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, November 30, 1982, p.25]

The afternoon St. Catharines newspaper had more to say—a lot more. The story was on the front page, written by Craig Swayze, former President of the CAAO and CARA.

Under the headline "Henley sold down the river," [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 30, 1982, p.1] Swayze, who attended the CARA meeting, gives a detailed account of what transpired the previous Saturday and Sunday of which the following is a précis:

The news was made public at a St. Catharines City Council meeting the night before, where "an angry Tim Rigby, president of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corp." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 30, 1982, p.1] gave his summary of events which transpired at the CARA meeting, which he had attended. "Ironically, Mr. Rigby was at last night's council meeting to present to the city a framed print of the commemorative stamp issued by Canada Post in honor of Henley's 100th anniversary." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 30, 1982, p.1] At the CARA meeting, President Sam Craig and the other six men on the Executive unanimously accepted the bid from the City of Montreal to begin hosting the Henley in 1983. CARA and the CHRC had been negotiating a new contract for two years, with the latter offering additional services to keep the Regatta in St. Catharines. However, the City of Montreal, with corporate financial backing, offered $10,000 to CARA if the Regatta was moved. According to President Craig, "'under Article 29 of the CARA Constitution, this executive committee shall determine the site and the dates of Henley.'" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 30, 1982, p.2] The uproar grew when Craig told the delegates from Newfoundland to British Columbia that they would not vote on the matter, because it was an Executive decision. Peter King, former Second Vice-President of CARA, led a loud chorus of opposition: "'For something less than the price of and eight (shell), you're going to throw away one of Canada's richest sporting traditions?'" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 30, 1982, p.1] he asked. Delegate after delegate spoke in opposition to the move, only to have the Chairman of the meeting, President Craig, make a comment in favour of Montreal after each delegate's speech. Only the Quebec group was in favour. After 2½ hours of strong opposition, the CARA Executive began to seek a compromise. However, the Montreal delegation did not have the authority to change their bid, so it was left to the CHRC to move. Nevertheless, the two groups, with Michael Murphy of London as moderator, met late Saturday night, and by early Sunday morning a tentative compromise was reached. The Henley would stay in St. Catharines in 1983, 1984, 1986, and 1988. CARA would pick the site—Montreal—for 1985, 1987, and 1989. Also part of the package, the CARA Championships would be in Montreal in 1983, Welland in 1984, St. Catharines in 1985, Montreal in 1987, and sites to be chosen in 1988 and 1989. The CARA Executive agreed to the compromise, and that's where things stood when Tim Rigby addressed St. Catharines City Council the following Monday.

If the CARA Executive thought that the matter was settled, they were naïvely mistaken. St. Catharines was going to put up a fight to keep the Regatta on the Henley course permanently.

On the following Wednesday, an editorial entitled "Tampering with tradition" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 1, 1982, p.4] was published. It

contains a long metaphor which was subsequently used—in part—by several columnists in several publications:

Moving the Henley out of St. Catharines would be akin to moving the Kentucky Derby out of Louisville, the Rose Bowl out of Pasadena, the Masters out of Augusta, Ga. the Indy 500 out of Indianapolis, the Monte Carlo out of Monaco and the Wimbledon out of England. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 1, 1982, p.4]

(Following the same theme: "One hostile ex-oarsman wrote to The Globe suggesting the rowing braintrust work next on moving the Quebec Winter Carnival to Hamilton, or the Calgary Stampede to Thunder Bay." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, July 31, 1993, p.A16])

In addition to stressing the 80-year tradition of the Regatta in St. Catharines, the editorial takes a shot at the $10,000 offered by Montreal to CARA. "It seems that CARA has betrayed a great tradition for a few pieces of silver." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 1, 1982, p.4]

That same day, the *Standard*'s Sports Editor, Jack Gatecliff, devoted an entire column to the issue. Entitled "Henley belongs in St. Catharines." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 1, 1982, p.35] it begins:

Let's set the record straight.

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta doesn't belong **TO** St. Catharines but the Canadian Henley belongs **IN** St. Catharines. [Gatecliff's emphasis.]

"There's no question certain individuals have been doing their damndest [sic] the last few years to take the Henley out of St. Catharines," says Tim Rigby, president of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation. "Why they have taken that attitude I just don't know."

. . . .

"Our city and area have changed the Canadian Henley from a smalltime regatta into one which is recognized as one of the largest and best-operated in the world. Now they're trying to take it away.

"Fortunately most of our good friends in other clubs are sticking up for us. They didn't dump on St. Catharines. But some of the people on the CARA executive—you wonder about their loyalty," [said Rigby].

Rowing has a unique place in St. Catharines' sporting and social life.

. . . .

The sport touches the lives of thousands here. In Montreal hundreds would be an exaggeration.

And it's a homey atmosphere. Rowers, their families, friends and fans check in from all over North America and other nations every summer because we've established this as the place to be for the rowing fraternity at that time of year. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 1, 1982, p.35]

Milt Dunnell, sports writer for the Toronto *Star*, did not usually write about rowing, but he did devote almost an entire column to this issue. With the heading,

"Betting on St. Catharines to win again," [The Toronto *Star*, December 3, 1982, p.B1] he begins with an epigraph:

> *But no one shall find me rowing against the stream* — Sir Walter Scott, 1822.
> Sir Walter had a message for the seven-man executive of the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association, which is trying to move the Royal Canadian Henley out of St. Catharines. That's right—OUT of St. Catharines. [The Toronto *Star*, December 3, 1982, p.B1]

After paraphrasing the long metaphor from the *Standard*'s editorial, he adds a simile of his own which his Toronto readers would appreciate: "Hauling the Royal Henley to Montreal is as unthinkable as dragging King Clancy and Harold Ballard out of Maple Leaf Gardens for transplant in the [Montreal] Forum." [The Toronto *Star*, December 3, 1982, p.B1] He then touches on something not mentioned elsewhere, the suspicion that Sport Canada, the federal government department responsible for funding amateur sports in Canada, might be the instigator of the move. However, he then quotes Craig Swayze as saying that Sport Canada "is solidly behind St. Catharines as the Henley site." Swayze then goes on to clarify the relationship between Sport Canada and the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation. "'The corporation has spent more than $10 million since 1963,' he claims, 'and the only government help we ever got was in 1970, when we staged the world championships. We got some government assistance in building new boat sheds.'" [The Toronto *Star*, December 3, 1982, p.B1]

Regarding the compromise achieved at the CARA meeting, Dunnell points out that the next two Henleys will be held in St. Catharines. "Swayze calls it 'buying time' until St. Catharines gets its forces organized." [The Toronto *Star*, December 3, 1982, p.B1]

Dunnell then finishes his piece by alluding to its heading: "Betting on St. Catharines to win again."

> The amateur rowing association obviously doesn't appreciate the fury of St. Catharines wrath. A few months ago, the Buffalo Sabres were going to prevent St. Catharines from having a pro hockey team. You know how that turned out. Pro hockey in St. Catharines. [i.e. the Saints]
> This thing will end the same way—St. Kitts by 10 boat-lengths. Get one of their bumper stickers. [The Toronto *Star*, December 3, 1982, p.B1]

Six days later, the *Star* printed an update of where things stood. "The proposed move has triggered a flood of angry calls to St. Catharines' radio talk shows and letters to the Standard." [The Toronto *Star*, December 9, 1982, p.A17]

The article also includes some quotations from upset people.

> "It's stupid to even think of switching the Henley to Montreal," said St. Catharines Mayor Roy Adams. . . . "We have spent millions of dollars to turn our course into one of . . . the best in the world. Are they taking it away for $10,000?" [asked Tim Rigby, President of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation.] . . . . Lawyer Jack Lovett of Grimsby, who competes in masters

rowing at the Henley, said he is "sick and tired of being manipulated by one man, the president of the CARA." [The Toronto *Star*, December 9, 1982, p.A17]

The article also includes some positive things:

The corporation [CHRC] has received an offer of $10,000 annually from a major Canadian industry if it will help the regatta stay in St. Catharines.

The area's Liberal MPP, Jim Bradley, has asked Ontario Tourism and Recreation Minister Reuben Baetz to provide a grant to CARA or the city to enable the regatta to stay where it is. [The Toronto *Star*, December 9, 1982, p.A17]

If, in fact, money was the reason for moving to Montreal, as CARA President Sam Craig said at the Brockville meeting, that reason seems to have been removed.

Appearing on the same day as the *Star* article, the *Standard* continued its crusade to keep the Henley permanently in St. Catharines with a full page advertisement. The ad presents the same points that were mentioned in the editorial which are followed by a plea to CARA to reconsider the decision:

Is the decision irrevocable?
WE THINK NOT!

As concerned citizens of St. Catharines, we urge the CARA executive and CARA president Sam Craig, in particular, to reconsider their decision and keep the Henley in its rightful place, on Martindale Pond here in St. Catharines.

If Montreal wants a regatta on its Olympic Basin, it should stage a rowing event uniquely its own, developing the sport at the grassroots level in Quebec, as was done here for so many years. St. Catharines' title as "Rowing Capital of Canada" was not earned in a day. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 9, 1982, p.7]

The ad concludes with the address of CARA's executive offices, and asks those who agree with the position taken in the ad to send their concerns to the Association.

Annual meetings of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation normally got minimal press coverage: a paragraph or two in the sports pages listing the executive and mentioning an accomplishment from the past year and a goal for the next year. However, the 1982 meeting was detailed in a large article written by Craig Swayze on the front page of the *Standard* with the headline: "Ready to fight to keep Henley." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 10, 1982, p.1] The CHRC was faced with a Hobson's choice: one option was to accept the compromise negotiated by Tim Rigby and Jim Price —the newly-elected President of the CHRC—in Brockville for the next 10 years which kept the Henley in St. Catharines for the next two years then alternate it with Montreal. The other option was to reject the compromise which meant that the 1983 Henley would be held in Montreal and then alternated with St. Catharines. As much as they did not like the first option, that was the one accepted by the membership because it bought time for the CHRC. The motion voted on also contained

the rider that it is "subject to review by legal counsel."

"Frankly, we're of the opinion that we have the grounds to challenge the legality of the CARA executive action at Brockville (during the CARA annual meeting)," said Jack Wallace, the newly-elected first vice-president of CHRC. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 10, 1982, p. 1]

Tim Rigby, who was now Past-President of CHRC,

traced the history of CHRC's attempts to come to an agreement with CARA on a new Henley Regatta contract. Negotiations began almost two years ago.

The CHRC bid had been accepted by CARA's negotiation committee prior to the Sept. 24 deadline. But when no Montreal bid showed up, CARA's executive chose not to discuss the question at a meeting that weekend.

When Rigby and Price went to Brockville for CARA's annual meeting two weeks ago, theirs was the only Henley bid. But then Montreal showed up and the CARA executive entertained and accepted the Olympic Basin bid at a snap Friday night meeting. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 10, 1982, p.1]

The article also contains some of the details of the CHRC proposal: "The proposed agreement with CARA covering the Henley will give the national body $1,000 up front and 15 per cent of the gate along with 15 per cent of the net program sales." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 10, 1982, p.1]

The tone of the article which seems to reflect the feeling of the CHRC members is expressed in its opening sentence: "The battle to save Henley is about to begin." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 10, 1982, p.1]

The Toronto *Globe and Mail* was a latecomer to the story. On the morning of the day the above article appeared in the *Standard*, it reprinted a long article from Canadian Press, a small part of which also appeared on the same day in the *Star* [The Toronto *Star*, December 10, 1982, p.B6]. A condensed version of the article also appeared in *Maclean's* with Hal Quinn's initials at the end. [*Maclean's*, December 20, 1982, p.38]

The CP article is useful because CARA President Sam Craig gives the Association's side of the story.

The association says it was time to develop another major rowing centre in Canada to operate in support of the traditional site, and that it was time the main rowing regatta for North America allowed the association to stand on its own feet, financially.

The decision, though, has caused a roar of dissent from Henley and St. Catharines officials.

The Canadian Henley Regatta Corp. [sic] said the "gloves are off" and promised to go to the Supreme Court of Canada, if necessary, to stop the proposed move.

Association president Sam Craig said yesterday he believes the "good sports people" of the city will come to realize the benefit to Canadian rowing represented by the move.

. . . .

Craig observed, if the objection is based on tradition—"100 years ago it was held in the Montreal area."

. . . .

Craig said the association. is trying to act on behalf of its members across the country.

"It's being blown all out of proportion," Craig said. "We're trying to add another St. Catharines to the association.

"We're trying to build another group that can be considered as good as they are. This is for the benefit of Canadian rowing."

. . . .

"The decision by the negotiating committee was unanimous and (the one) by the executive committee was unanimous," Craig said. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, December 10, 1982, p.21]

The last comments were in response to the criticism by Craig Swayze, who is also quoted in the CP article, although his surname is badly mutilated.

Swazey [sic] maintained the move was not ratified by the member clubs at the association's meeting in Brockville, Ont.

"He (Craig) would not let it go to a vote," he said. "I think that's what you're going to see any challenge based on.

"We're not afraid to go to the Supreme Court. The gloves are off."

He said the St. Catharines people have the support of other clubs across the country.

. . . .

Swazey [sic] maintained that 60 per cent of the U.S. clubs to whom he has talked support the St. Catharines position and would not compete in Montreal. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, December 10, 1982, p.21]

Of course, there is no way of knowing how accurate the last two assertions were, but they sound impressive.

The article contains one significant factual error. It says the Henley Regatta "was given the title of Royal in 1911 by King Edward VII." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, December 10, 1982, p.21] The *Maclean's* version of the article says 1910. [*Maclean's*, December 20, 1982, p.38] That did not happen in either year, nor, as Wikipedia says, did the Regatta receive the "Royal" designation in 1880 from Queen Victoria. The story of the "Royal" appellation is covered in the section on 1903, and in Appendix D to Chapter 3. it will be dealt with again in the sections on 1983 and 1984.

The Premier of Ontario, William Davis, got involved in the issue the following week. Although he was very clear that he did not want to get involved in a bidding war with Montreal, he did not rule out giving money to CARA to keep the Regatta in St. Catharines.

He said the decision on where to locate the Henley should be based on factors other than money.

"Surely the decision has to be based on the traditions of the regatta. It's internationally known: competitors come from all over the world; and to just geographically transfer the site for no obvious technical or sporting reasons just doesn't make any sense."

It would be difficult to argue against the decision to alternate the location of the Henley if the St. Catharines site was inferior to the site in Montreal, said Mr. Davis. That's not the case, however, because the St. Catharines location can compete with any other site in Canada. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 15, 1982, p.9]

Mr. Davis' comments appear on page 9, the page on which the *Standard* featured important local stories.

In that same issue, Sam Craig was given space on page 1, in an article written by Peter Conradi, under the headings: "The Henley debate is still raging—Rowing boss Craig's rebuttal" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 15, 1982, p.1]. The article contains some previously unreported details. The issue wasn't quite so black and white as first reported.

In a telephone interview from Toronto, [CARA President, Sam] Craig told The Standard that "Canada should have three or four places like St. Catharines to help rowing grow and gain wider popularity. The St. Catharines Rowing Club is one of the strongest in North America, but I submit it got that way because Henley is in St. Catharines and it gave it something extra to prepare for.

It is good for Canadian rowing to have the Henley moved around. It will give other areas the chance to promote, expand and develop their programs."

. . . .

Craig . . . [pointed out] that in 1972 a 10-year contract was signed between the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen (now CARA) and the Henley Aquatic Association Ltd. (now CHRC) which gave the national organization the opportunity to move the regatta three times after 1977, but not on consecutive years.

"Tradition is fine, but I have to wonder why that 1972 contract was signed without all this fuss," Craig said.

[Tim] Rigby, who at the time was president of HAA and co-signed the deal with then HAA secretary, now Standard publisher, H.B. Burgoyne and with CAAO president Jim Minards and secretary John Murray, said it was done as a matter of convenience to the national body.

"The CAAO felt it would be easier to get the contract past its members if there was a provision in it that allowed for Henley to be moved," Rigby said. "Apparently there were a few developing clubs who wanted the chance to act as host.

"But we were confident that the CAAO would never allow it to be moved. Henley has been successful in St. Catharines, a lot of people put time, effort and money into it and the CAAO knew this.

"The situation is also different now. In 1972 there wasn't another regatta that could be shifted. Now, with the Canadian championships, there is" [said Rigby].

. . . .

"People have to realize that we're not a bunch of bastards trying to rip Henley from St. Catharines," Craig said. "The people from St. Catharines have to realize that we're only doing what we think is best for rowing. And anything that is good for rowing can only be good for St.

Catharines which, incidentally, will still have three of the four top regattas in the country when Henley is absent."

Craig also admitted that money was important in reaching the decision.

"We have to be realists. For rowing to grow it's going to have to stand on its own two feet and the offer from Montreal was very good in terms of dollars and cents."

Craig said the CHRC offer will give CARA a $1,000 sanction fee, 15 per cent of the gate and 15 per cent of program sales.

. . . .

Craig said the Montreal offer includes a $10,000 sanction fee, 50 per cent of all the profits and all television and sponsorship fees.

"In addition, the Montreal group will hold a reception for 1,500 to 2,000 athletes; a reception for 150-200 officials (which CARA pays for in St. Catharines) and an opening reception for 100 people.

"In all, we calculate the St. Catharines offer to be worth $2,200 and Montreal's worth at least $20,000."

[Tim] Rigby disputes this, saying Craig has not taken into account considerations like Henley course time donated to the national rowing team and the free storage and maintenance of their equipment provide by CHRC.

"Mr. Craig has also failed to take into account that if the Henley is in Montreal, he will have fewer entries and logically the entry fees will drop," Rigby said.

Craig said he has no evidence that fewer crews will participate in Montreal.

"I read in your paper that 65 per cent [sic] of the Americans won't go to Montreal. I'd like to know how that figure was reached. I must have been talking to the other 35 per cent because I don't know anyone who won't go to Montreal." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, December 15, 1982, p.1]

And so, this is how things stood at the end of 1982: the 100th Regatta had been an unqualified success, however the relationship between the organization that put on the Regatta, and the organization that sanctioned the Regatta was strained. The former—the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation—had reluctantly agreed to a 10 year contract with the latter—the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association—a contract which would begin alternating the Henley with Montreal in 1985. Although CARA had the signed contract, CHRC was fighting to overturn it.

The one thing that everyone from both sides agreed upon was that the 1983 Henley would be held in St. Catharines.

1982

The 101st Regatta
of the
Canadian Amateur Rowing Association
The 78th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
August 17 to 21, 1983

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta will remain in St. Catharines despite plans by the sport's governing body to move it out, according to Jim Price, president of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corp. . . . Price said yesterday the regatta will be held in St. Catharines this summer, with or without CARA sponsorship. [The Toronto *Star*, March 8, 1983, p.F7]

That announcement was made at a news conference at St. Catharines City Hall, which was held, in part, in response to a statement by CARA Third Vice-President, Bob Ellard, that the name "Royal Canadian Henley" belonged to the Association.

The CHRC said it would "take legal action, if necessary, if any other regatta used the Henley name. They based their position on the historic application of the regatta's name to the course on which it is rowed." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, May 19, 1983, p.S6] Ironically, neither CHRC nor CARA had a legal right to the name "Henley" since it was first applied to both the Regatta and the course in 1903 by the press, and initially meant "Henley-like" in reference to the Henley Royal Regatta. Therefore, at the CHRC news conference, when President Jim Price says that the Corporation, [b]asing its stand on historical fact, . . . has produced documented evidence from 1903 and 1904 to prove that the races staged those summers were called "the CAAO regatta" held "on the Royal Canadian Henley Course," [The St. Catharines *Standard*, March 7, 1983, p.1] he was correct, but there was more which was omitted. Those same newspapers which referred to the Regatta as "the CAAO regatta" also referred to it as "the Henley Regatta" and "the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." [*See the section on 1903 and Appendix 3 D.*] Either Craig Swayze, who did the research for the CHRC, missed those references, or chose to ignore them. Another explanation is that the CHRC was bluffing to put CARA off the scent of secret legal proceedings going on behind the scene. Since CARA did not challenge that "historical fact" it would appear that the Association did not know its own history.

Jim Price made another fallacious statement at the news conference. "He said the regatta eventually took on the name of the St. Catharines course, a title formally approved by King Edward VII in 1910." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, March 7, 1983, p.1] That did not happen, as CARA was about to find out.

While the bickering about moving the Henley was going on, CARA Executive Director, Rodger Sellars, was doing some research into the prefix "Royal" in the name Royal Canadian Henley Regatta. CARA was looking to expand its merchandizing and promotions, but before any firm would touch the contract, it needed proof that the word "Royal" had been royally approved. What Sellars found was a shock. In answer to his query, he received a reply from Rideau Hall from the Administrative Secretary to the

Governor General, which said, in part: "We have searched our archives at Government House and I regret to inform you that we have no record of the title 'Royal' having been extended to the Regatta." [Joly de Lotbinière, Edmond. "The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." March 22, 1983.] In other words, the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen and then the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association had been using the prefix "Royal" without permission since 1903. It would be another year before the issue was resolved.

One last bizarre event has to be mentioned. The CARA Regatta Committee met at the Leander B.C. on March 26, to prepare for the 1983 Henley. Some of the same volunteers who were at that CARA meeting, were also on the CHRC Henley Committee which was making plans to run the Regatta on its own if CARA rescinded its sanction. Attending the CARA meeting were Jim Minards, Acting Chairman of the CHRC Committee, Charles Adams and Charles Ryan, Assistant Chairmen, and Jack Wallace, CHRC Vice-President. Also present was CARA President, Sam Craig, so the potential for fireworks was high. However, at the request of Chairman Claude Saunders, the CARA meeting stuck to the business of the 1983 Regatta and avoided discussing anything related to the current unsettled political situation.

And then it was over.

If one were searching for an adjective to describe the year since Henley 100, "tumultuous" would come trippingly to the tongue. As would the words "demanding", "intense" and finally "satisfying".

After a series of complex and interdependent negotiations, virtually every participant left the bargaining table in a positive position. True, each of us had to "give" in order to "get". However, the overall winner has to be - "Canadian Rowing!"

. . . .

On May 18, 1983, a new 10-year agreement between CARA and CHRC was executed in front of the Grandstand under the watchful eye of Mayor Roy Adams. The integral part played by the Mayor of St. Catharines in reaching a resolution cannot be overestimated.

The contracts were signed both "on the dotted line" and symbolically "on the finish line" indicating an end to any differences which may have existed. [Samuel A. Craig, "Canadian Amateur Rowing Association 1983," Souvenir Program 101st Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, 1983, p.5]

In addition to President Sam Craig, Treasurer Ivar Noren signed for CARA, while President Jim Price and Vice-President Jack Wallace signed for CHRC.

And so, the months of acrimony and threats ended on the presentation platform of the grandstand on May 18. The setting of the signing—suggested by Sam Craig—is interesting. In a race, only one crew or sculler wins and comes in for a medal. So, who won? Sam Craig says, "Canadian Rowing!" Mayor Roy Adams says, "There are no losers." [The Toronto *Star*, May 20, 1983, p.B2] But if this was a race, who would have won? CARA? or CHRC? Among other lucrative financial benefits, CARA got the annual $10,000 sanction fee that it wanted at the beginning. However, CHRC got to keep the

Henley in St. Catharines, its primary objective. If you were Chief Finish Judge Oscar Tasane, who would you have picked?

The hard feelings of the CHRC and the people of St. Catharines towards CARA did not magically disappear when the new contract was signed. The focus of those feelings was on one man: Sam Craig. In his capacity as President, he came to the grandstand during the 1983 Regatta to present medals, plaques and trophies. My memory is that the Henley officials were all polite to him, but I have no recollection of anyone being friendly. Even as I write this—40 years after the affair—there are people still alive who were closely involved in these events, and Craig is still remembered as the person who put money before tradition and tried—and almost succeeded—to move the Canadian Henley to Montreal.

Although the agreement had been signed, and the pot shots between CARA and CHRC about who owned the name "Royal Canadian Henley Regatta" had stopped, it appears that CHRC had decided to do more than rely on flimsy newspaper evidence on which to base its claim that it owned the name.

[O]n July 6, 1983, pursuant to the authority of the Trade Marks Act, the Registrar of Trade Marks gave public notice of the adoption and use by the Canadian Henley Corporation, [sic] a public authority, of the official marks hereinafter listed:

HENLEY

CANADIAN HENLEY

ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY REGATTA

ROWER IN MAPLE LEAF DESIGN (copy appended)



[Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation. "Letter to Canadian Amateur Rowing Association." March 17, 1984.]

Simply put, CHRC had registered "Henley," "Canadian Henley," "Royal Canadian Henley Regatta," and a rower in a maple leaf design (which included the words "St. Catharines - Canada" in the drawing) as trade marks. That would prevent CARA—and anybody else—from using those words, phrases, and graphic in a commercial context. To put it yet another way, CHRC now owned those words, phrases and graphic.

With that legal protection in place, on July 18, CHRC was able to sign a contract with International Management Group, Canada to do Henley promotion.

Television coverage—albeit local cable-TV—made its return to the Canadian Henley. Maclean Hunter provided live, multi-camera coverage of every final, complete with stroke-by-stroke descriptions by radio announcers John Larocque of CHSC, and Steve Shannon of CJQH-FM, and colour commentary by Jim Minards, Chief Marshall of the Floats, Janice Paskey, St. Catharines R.C. oarswoman, and Carl Dorland of Ridley College. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 16, 1983, p.19]

Chapter 6: 1964 to 1999: 2,000 metres

The 101st Regatta featured 1,341 competitors from 73 clubs. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 18, 1983, p.24] Three women were the only competitors from Europe: a singles sculler from West Germany, and an English pair/double. The Regatta was held later than usual to accommodate the Western Canada Summer Games which were held in Calgary, Alberta. As a result, the Canadian Henley coincided with the Pan-American Games in Caracas, Venezuela, and the departure of athletes for the World Rowing Championships in Duisburg, West Germany. As a consequence, some familiar faces were missing because they were competing elsewhere.

Wednesday saw the first of 132 heats contested. "There was a brisk tailwind along the Old Welland Canal course for 47 qualifying races yesterday [Wednesday]" The Toronto *Star*, August 18, 1983, p.F8] Racing in those heats were the youngest and oldest competitors at the Regatta. Kelly Cassidy, 14, was the youngest. She and 15-year-old Kathy Parsons were competing for the new Tillsonburg R.C., but did not qualify in the Junior Women's Pairs. The oldest, Allen Trant, was in the Dirty Dozen R.C. coxed four which also failed to qualify for the Junior Fours (Coxswain). Trant was "a 58-year-old diabetic with a history of chronic heart trouble." [Malinowski, Erik. "Motley Crew: The incredible story of the Dirty Dozen Rowing Club." January 13, 2015. Fox Sports. https://www.foxsports.com/stories/olympics/motley-crew-the-incredible-story-of-the-dirty-dozen-rowing-club] He had founded the DDRC the previous March.

"Perfect water conditions prevailed Thursday as the first finals of Henley 101 were run off.

"While it was hot and humid under a bright sun, the water flow was off and not a ripple ruffled the 2000-metre-long Henley Course." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 19, 1983, p.23]

The five Lightweight Women's events on the programme were now divided into Junior and Senior classes, giving the lightweight women 10 races. Thursday's programme included three of those new women's events: Junior Lightweight Women's Fours (Coxswain), won by the Minnesota B.C., Junior Lightweight Women's Doubles, won by the Regina R.C., and Junior Lightweight Women's Pairs, won by the St. Catharines R.C..

The St. Catharines R.C. was the only multiple winner on Thursday, taking three of the 14 finals. In addition to the Junior Women's Lightweight Pairs, John Murphy won the Junior 155-lb. Singles, and a cerise and royal blue crew took the Junior Pairs (Coxswain).

"Searing heat, followed by threateing [sic] skies gave way to gusting winds for a portion of the afternoon. However, the water stayed flat and Friday's program clicked off on schedule." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 20, 1983, p.23]

The 12 finals "attracted more than 500 spectators to the grandstand and other hundreds along the banks of the 2,000-metre course." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 20, 1983, p.21]

Crews from overseas continued to compete—and win—at the Canadian Henley. The first final of the day, Junior Women's Doubles, was won by Lin Clark and Gillian Hodges from the Thames Tradesmen's R.C. in London, England.

Chapter 6: 1964 to 1999: 2,000 metres

Each of the 1,341 competitors at the 1983 Regatta had a story about how she or he got involved in rowing, but only one of those stories made it into print: Christine Bringsli's. The Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club sculler was interviewed by St. Catharines *Standard* reporter, John Nicol, after her win in the Junior Lightweight Women's Singles, and had some beautiful, almost poetic things to say about her sport.

Bringsli's interest in rowing has been purely romantic. While attending University of British Columbia, boyfriend Steve Tokor persuaded her to give up volleyball for rowing. She did so last September and her win completes her sweep of lightweight singles this summer, having won the recent Western Canada Games and Canadian championship events.

"I think rowing's romantic," said Bringsli, ..."It's beautiful, sleek, easy, graceful. Sort of like ballet. You have to control your power, be smooth yet use your strength and be aggressive without being excessive."

The romance with her boyfriend has ended, but not with rowing. "Rowing's more important now," she said jokingly. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 20, 1983, p.21]

"[H]er sweep of lightweight singles," wasn't quite complete. On Sunday, she won the Senior Lightweight Women's Singles and the Sandra Kirby Perpetual Trophy. *That* completed her sweep.

The Masters events got some fine-tuning. On Saturday, the previously open Masters Singles was divided into "A", "B" and "C" age groups. The "A" designated men 32 to 40 years of age, the "B" was for men 41 to 50 years of age, and the "C" was for men 51 to 60 years of age. Detroit B.C. scullers took the "A" and "B" events: Jeff Kreger—a name familiar to regular Henley attendees—took the "A" event, and Bob Kunitz—who had won the first two Masters Singles events in 1981 and 1982—took the "B" final. Tony Biernacki, Sr. took the "C" event for the Ridley Graduate B.C.. Tony's son, Tony, Jr., was in the Junior Quads crew that won for RGBC on Friday, and with Paul Echlin, he won the Junior Doubles on Saturday.

The Masters Fours (Coxswain) events were also divided into "A" and "B" classes.

Regatta officials were always vigilant about keeping Senior competitors out of Junior races, and heavyweight competitors out of lightweight events. However, with the addition of Masters events, a new problem arose: competitors from the regular Henley events entering Masters events. We know that one such attempt was made because a protest was lodged by "[t]he St. Catharines Rowing Club regarding a sculler from the New Haven Rowing Club. The sculler was rowing in the Masters Single and also the 155 lb [sic] Single - Protest allowed. The New Haven Sculler was disqualified [from the Masters event]." [Canadian Amateur Rowing Association. Meeting of the C.A.R.A. Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Committee. Hamilton. October 30, 1983]

Audrey Mowchenko and Ellen Gillies from the Regina R.C. were the first women to accomplish a double win in the newly established Junior and Senior Lightweight Women's Doubles. They had won the Junior on Thursday.

Twenty minutes later, the St. Catharines R.C. pair of Karen Smyte and Diane Sinnige became the second crew to win both Junior and Senior lightweight events, taking the Senior Lightweight Women's Pairs, having won the Junior on Thursday.



It was St. Catharines, first, second, and third in the 500 Metre Dash, Eights.

Larry Cole from the Detroit B.C., took the 500 Meters Dash, 145-lb. Singles. His coach was Jeff Kreger who had won the Masters A Singles earlier in the day.

Two dash events were added to the three already on the programme: Women's Eights and Women's Singles. Dartmouth R.C. was the winner of the inaugural eights race, and Shelly Donald of the Kingston R.C. took the singles.

Despite the shortage of national crews, five Special/Open Events were rowed on Saturday. Only the eight lacked enough entries.

On Sunday, Tori Young and Kathryn Barr from the Argonaut R.C. won the Senior Women's Pairs. Placing second were Lin Clark and Gillian Hodges from the Thames Tradesmen's R.C. in London, England who had won the Junior Women's Doubles on Friday. Three hours later, the London women won the Senior Women's Doubles. [pictured] In the photo, while Hodges holds the CARA plaque, clark accepts a bouquet of flowers.



Stan Lapinski photo.

Clark, 33, and Hodges, 26, entered the double as an afterthought. They had originally planned to row only the pair-oared event, . . .

"We were cut from the British national team three weeks ago and decided to enter here," Clark said. "This is a perfect consolation." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 20, 1983, p.S4]

They "spent £400 ($800) of their own money after being rejected from the world championship team, despite being British record-holders in the [pair]." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 22, 1983, p.19]

Gretchen Weimer, a former sweep-rower-turned-sculler for the West Side R.C., had won the first final of the Regatta, the Junior Women's Singles on Thursday. On Sunday, she took the Senior Women's Singles.

Sunday saw the introduction of two new events, the Masters "A" and "B" Doubles. That brought to seven the number of Masters events.

The Championship Singles was a two-boat final pitting the winner of the Association Singles, Dennis Ruane, from the Independence R.C., against St. Catharines R.C. lightweight, Brian Thorne. Ruane won.



Stan Lapinski photo.

Ninety minutes later, Thorne joined Chris Fiege-Kollmann, and the Murphy brothers, Frank and John, to win the Senior Quads. It was the third win of the afternoon for the Murphys. They won the Senior 155-lb. Doubles at 1:10, the Senior Doubles at 2:30 [pictured], and the Senior Quads at 5:10. "I'm surprised we did it," said a happy John Murphy [right in the photo] at the finish line after the quads race." I knew it was possible, though, with most of the heavyweights out of town for the Pan Ams and worlds." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 22, 1983, p.S3] In addition to the three medals won on Sunday, John had won the Junior 155-lb. Singles on

Thursday, and Frank had won the 500 Metre Dash, Open Singles on Saturday, and with Brian Thorne and Tom Kent, the Murphys also took the Senior 155-lb. Quads on Saturday. That made five Henley medals for John and Frank at the 1983 Regatta. In addition, they won the Open Doubles on Saturday, an event that did not count towards the points championship. The only other sculling event won by the St. Catharines R.C. at the 1983 Henley was the Junior Women's Quads (Coxswain).

A Vancouver R.C. crew beat three other crews to take the the Senior Women's Eights. It was the fourth win for the club.

The 1983 Regatta ended in confusion. At the finish of the Senior Eights, the Peterborough R.C. crew and a St. Catharines R.C. crew crossed the finish line almost simultaneously.

[A] timing judge's quick finger put SCRC 2-100ths of a second ahead of the green-shirted Petes. Although most of the 500 people in the grandstand assessed a slim margin for Peterborough, the biased beer-garden bullpen next to the finish line reinforced the jubilation of [the St. Catharines] crew.

"We were behind from the start," said Peterborough stroke Brian Holland. "In the last 250 metres we put it to the floor and got going for it. I thought we'd won it but when I looked up at the board they had St. Catharines in first." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 22, 1983, p.17]

Following a review of the photo taken at the finish, Peterborough was declared the winner of the Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy.

It was the second medal of the day for the Peterborough stern five who had won the Senior Fours (Coxswain) earlier in the afternoon.

Although the St. Catharines R.C. had the most competitors, the most entries, and the most wins, it was 10 women from the Vancouver R.C. who won the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award, with an efficiency score of 86.2%—compared to 59.2% for St. Catharines.

Jill Chivers, Jennifer Gregory, Jill Saxby, Joanne Smith, Judy Smith, Kathy Swayze, Brenda Taylor, Marlene van der Horst, Liane Varnum, and Kristi Oliver, in various combinations, won: Junior Women's Pairs, Junior Women's



Stan Lapinski photo.

Eights, Open Women's Fours (Coxswain), and Senior Women's Eights. The group included several multiple-medal winners led by Chivers, Joanne Smith, Taylor, van der Horst, Varnum, and coxie Oliver with three each. Noticeably missing from the list of wins are sculling events. One has to wonder how they qualified for the Efficiency Award.

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All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Below is a list of 62 of the 73 clubs that competed at the 1983 Regatta. In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club. [*Entries in most heats are not included. I only have the programme inserts for Saturday and Sunday, and the press did not report the results of the heats. That's why some clubs are missing from the list; they were in heats only.*]

It is noteworthy that a protest was lodged by the "St. Catharines R.C. regarding accepting entries from the Lightweight Development Camp in Club events. - Disallowed. The LDC is regarded as a bona-fide Club." [Canadian Amateur Rowing Association. Meeting of the C.A.R.A. Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Committee. Hamilton. October 30, 1983]

The seven Masters and six Special/Open races are not included in these numbers. Those finals plus the 70 regular Henley finals totalled 83.

With the addition of seven new women's events, there were now 24 regular Henley events for women on the programme—34.3%.

It might be surprising to note that the women's and men's crews at Henley—unlike crews at high school and university regattas—were still strictly segregated. When Betsy James wrote to Executive Director, Rodger Sellars, saying "that she planned to attend the Henley Regatta as a coxswain for the Northeastern University Men's crew, Mr. Sellars informed Miss Bates that C.A.R.A. rules do not permit the mixing of sexes in crews." [Canadian Amateur Rowing Association. Meeting of the C.A.R.A. Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Committee. Hamilton. October 30, 1983]

Argonaut R.C.	(20/2)	Toronto, Ontario
Boucherville R.C.	(5/1)	Boucherville, Quebec
Brockville R.C.	(9/0)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club	(9/2)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(1/0)	Calgary, Alberta
Club Nautique	(7/0)	Montreal, Quebec
Don R.C.	(10/0)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(9/1)	Edmonton, Alberta
Hanlan B.C.	(4/0)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(3/0)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(14/4)	Kingston, Ontario
Laval R.C.	(8/0)	Laval, Quebec

Leander B.C.	(15/2)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(6/0)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(1/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
North Star R.C.	(3/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(12/1)	Ottawa, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(15/5)	Peterborough, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(7/2)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(6/2)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. John's R.C.	(1/0)	St. John's, Newfoundland
St. Catharines R.C.	(65/18)	St. Catharines, Ontario
South Niagara R.C.	(3/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(9/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Tillsonburg R.C.	(1/0)	Tillsonburg, Ontario
University of Victoria	(7/1)	Victoria, British Columbia
University of Western Ontario	(8/2)	London, Ontario
Vancouver R.C.	(5/3)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Vaudreuil R.C.	(2/0)	Vaudreuil, Quebec
Victoria City R.C.	(8/0)	Victoria, British Columbia
Winnipeg R.C.	(2/0)	Winnipeg, Manitoba

American entries:

Bachelors Barge Club	(4/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Boston Rowing Center	(3/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Cambridge B.C.	(3/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Dartmouth R.C.	(7/3)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(12/2)	Detroit, Michigan
Dirty Dozen R.C.	(2/0)	Oakland, California
Durham B.C.	(4/0)	Durham, New Hampshire
East Fork A.A/W.S.A.	(2/0)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Ecorse B.C.	(4/0)	Ecorse, Michigan
Fairmount R.A.	(6/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Independence R.C.	(3/2)	Nashua, New Hampshire
Interlachen R.C.	(1/0)	Corning, New York
Lake Washington R.C.	(3/1)	Seattle, Washington
Malta B.C.	(2/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Minneapolis R.C.	(12/1)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(6/3)	St. Paul, Minnesota
New Haven R.C.	(1/0)	New Haven, Connecticut
New York A.C.	(5/0)	New York, New York
Potomac B.C.	(7/0)	Washington, District of Columbia
Princeton University	(2/0)	Princeton, New Jersey
St. Louis R.C.	(1/0)	St. Louis, Missouri

Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(3/1)	Syracuse, New York
Union B.C.	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
U.S. Lightweight Development Camp	(3/1)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
University of Minnesota	(1/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Vesper B.C.	(10/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Side R.C.	(16/3)	Buffalo, New York
Worcester R.A.	(1/0)	Worcester, Massachusetts [?]
Wyandotte B.C.	(13/1)	Wyandotte, Michigan

British entries:

Thames Tradesmen's R.C.	(3/2)	London, United Kingdom

West German entry:

Heidelberger Ruderklub	1/0)	Heidelberg, West Germany

Executive Director, Rodger Sellars, received more bad news from the Administrative Secretary to the Governor General regarding the use of the prefix "Royal" in the name Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.

> Despite an extensive search we have not been able to find any record of a request having been submitted in the past by the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association for the use of the title "Royal". We would be grateful to have any copies of correspondence dealing with this matter but if, on the other hand, no formal request was submitted may I suggest that one be made so that the situation can be regularised. [Joly de Lotbinière, Edmond. "The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." October 25, 1983.]

Not only had no British monarch given permission to use the prefix "Royal", but the Association had never submitted a request for permission.

There was only one thing Sellars could do: "May we formally request permission to use the prefix 'Royal' in the title 'Royal Canadian Henley Regatta'" [sic] [Sellars, Rodger. "The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." November 10, 1983.] The reply would not come until April, 1984.

The Regatta Committee, under the chairmanship of Claud Saunders, met at the Leander B.C. on October 30. One of the main items on the agenda was a discussion about setting a permanent date for the Canadian Henley. Doing so would allow other regattas to be scheduled around the Henley years in advance. The meeting also heard praise and criticism about the 1983 Regatta. "Praise included a letter from two British oarswomen [Lin Clark and Gillian Hodges] who described the Canadian Henley as 'the best regatta we've ever been to.'" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November, 2, 1983, p. 36] One of the areas criticized was "'the sheer disgrace' of antics by drinkers in the beer garden." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November, 2, 1983, p.36] The Committee

recommended that the beer garden be moved from the water's edge near the presentation platform to the area near the grandstand entrance. Also discussed were the Masters events. With the inauguration of a Masters championship in Toronto, the feeling was the Masters events could be removed from the crowded Henley programme. That was left for the Executive to decide. There was also discussion about the Special/Open events, similar to the one held before high school events were removed from the programme. In the small boat events, especially, the competitors from regular Henley events were entering the Special/Open races—which were meant to provide competition opportunities for national, non-club, competitors. The Executive would have to debate this further.

In a rare glimpse into Regatta finances we are told CARA's budge for the 1983 Henley was $10,460, and the Association took in $23,000 in entry fees. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 2, 1983, p.36]

CARA's annual meeting was held on November 18 to 20 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The CARA Officers for 1984 were:
Past-President: Sam Craig, Toronto
President: Don Hornby, Winnipeg
1st Vice-President: Bob Ellard, Regina
2nd Vice-President: Bud Malmo, Kenora
3rd Vice-President: Claude Saunders, Hamilton
Secretary: Thomas Croston, Mississauga
Treasurer: Ivar Noren, Welland

Executive Director: Rodger Sellars, Ottawa
Regatta Co-Ordinator: Claude Saunders, Hamilton

The delegates followed the recommendation of the Regatta Committee and decided to hold the Regatta the same week every summer—the week following the August Civic Holiday Monday. In 1984, the dates would be August 8 to 11.

Nothing else specifically relating to the Canadian Henley is reported in the press. However, one odd item is mentioned that is tangentially connected. CARA had been displeased when national crews competed at Henley, since the Regatta was for club competitors. The Special/Open events were added to the programme specifically for national teams. Nevertheless, the Canadian governing body agreed to allow Canadian national team members to compete in club regattas as the Adanac B.C. [Adanac being Canada spelled backwards]. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 22, 1983, p.21]

The expression "do as we say, not as we do" comes to mind.

1983

The 102nd Regatta
of the
Canadian Amateur Rowing Association
now officially
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
August 8 to 12, 1984



For a change, a letter from Rideau Hall to CARA Executive Director, Rodger Sellars, contained good news.

Dear Mr. Sellars,

With reference to previous correspondence, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that The Queen, under the date of 21st March, 1984, has been graciously pleased to approve that the title "Royal" should continue to be used by Canadian Henley Regatta.

Your sincerely,

Edmond Joly de Lotbinière
Administrative Secretary to the Governor General
[Joly de Lotbinière, Edmond. "The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." April 16, 1984.]

After 81 years, it was legal to call the Regatta of the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association, the *Royal* Canadian Henley Regatta.

The 1984 Regatta was another big one with 92 clubs from seven countries submitting 990 entries. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1984, p.23] "Including both men and women rowers, there are 1,382 competitors from clubs in Canada, the United States, Australia, Great Britain, West Germany, Peru and Mexico." [The Toronto *Star*, August 9, 1984, p.F10]

The team from Peru consisted of three scullers who entered a challenging 11 events. Heavy weight Emilio Bustos wore Club de Regatas Lima colours and tried two events. The club affiliation of lightweights Miguel Fernandez and Gus de la Puente is not

given in the programme. As a double they tried three events, and individually they each tried three events.

Two outside factors helped to swell the entries at the 1984 Henley. “Many American crews opted out of travelling to California for the U.S. Nationals to compete at Henley this year.” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 10, 1984, p.19] “With the World Lightweight Rowing Championships in Montreal later this month, several national team’s [sic] sent crews over early to acclimatize themselves. Among them were West German and Australian crews, . . .” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 13, 1984, p.19]

Media coverage of the 1984 Regatta was excellent. Maclean Hunter, the local cable-TV station, carried all the finals on Saturday and Sunday. Also covering the Regatta were three local radio stations: CKTB had Doug Hobbs and John Kelly providing daily reports; CHSC proclaimed itself the “Voice of the Henley” [The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, Souvenir Program, 1984, p.38] and had Karl Edmands doing reports and interviews; and CJRN from Niagara Falls, had Erik Tomas on hand doing reports and interviews. And, of course, the St. Catharines *Standard* had its usual team of reporters and photographers on site. Local winners—most not used to the attention—were besieged by newspaper and radio reporters seeking interviews.

Wednesday’s programme consisted of 53 elimination heats run every 10 minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 5:50 p.m..

In the 14 finals on Thursday, Leander B.C. was the only double winner, starting its run of eight wins with the Junior Fours (Coxswain) and the Junior 145-lb. Fours. The lightweight crew, made up of Greg Love, brothers Joe and Ray Camillo and Dean Brown, plus coxie Jeff Cooper would take the Junior 145-lb. Fours (Coxswain) on Friday, and the Senior of both events, one hour apart, on Sunday; four Henley medals for the crew, and two for the coxie. The heavy coxed four would win another medal, taking the Senior Fours (Coxswain) on Sunday.

“Thunder and lightning interrupted the third day of competition at the 102nd Royal Canadian Henley Regatta on Martindale Pond yesterday [Friday].” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 11, 1984, p.21]

The first final on Friday, the Junior Women’s Doubles, was won by a Vesper B.C. pair, Nancy Storrs and Jenny Marshall. Finishing third was another VBC crew, Peggy O’Neil and Dianne DeLuca. Forty minutes later, the four women plus coxie Kathleen McCauley took the Junior Women’s Quads (Coxswain). It was Storrs’ last Henley win as a competitor (not counting Masters events). However, in 1985, she was back on the course and began a successful career as a coach at the Ridley Graduate B.C., (and national teams) a position she held until her death in 2023.

Anne Martin, sculling for the U.S. Lightweight Development Camp took the Junior Lightweight Women’s Singles. Placing third in that race was Lin Clark from the Sons of the Thames R.C. in London, England. In 1983, she and Gillian Hodges won both the Junior and Senior Women’s Doubles wearing Thames Tradesmen’s R.C. colours. In 1983, they had to pay their own way to the Canadian Henley, but in 1984, Lin was sponsored by Deys Pasche of London, marketers of the Swiss-made Ebel watch. Although Ebel sponsored many male athletes in a variety of sports, Clark was the first woman to be

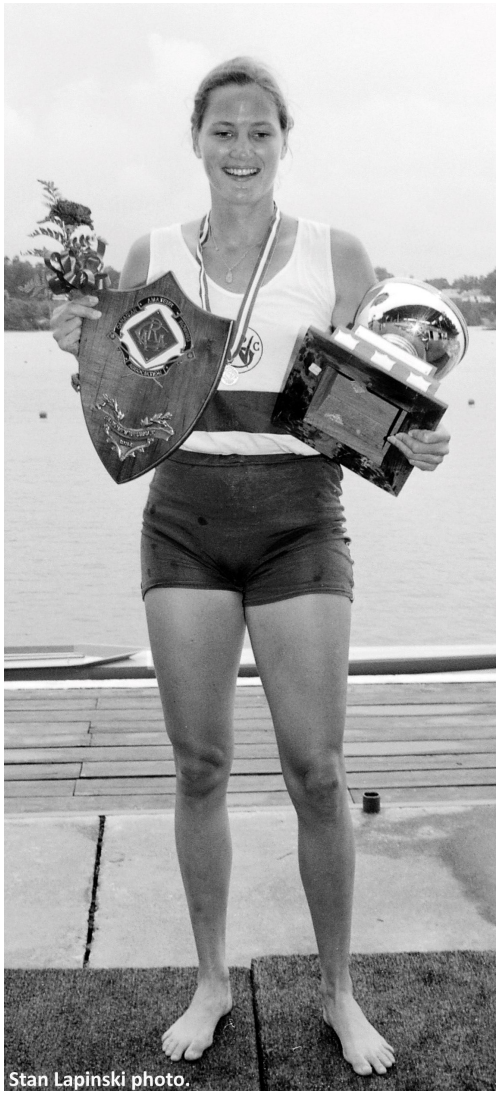
backed by them. In addition to a $600 watch, she was given the equivalent of $1,500 to cover her expenses. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 11, 1984, p.23] Like some other lightweight women competing at the Canadian Henley, Clark went to Montreal for the FISA Lightweight Championships, and placed seventh. The women's events there were new and meant as trials for FISA to gauge their popularity. In addition, as an experiment, they were rowed over 2,000 metres, to see if that distance was viable for women. It was.

The Ottawa R.C. was now the second largest rowing club in Canada after the St. Catharines R.C. with 90 rowers and 15 coaches. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 11, 1984, p.23] That large team produced two wins, the Junior Lightweight Women's Eights on Friday, and the Junior Fours on Thursday.

What do these clubs have in common: Vancouver, Ottawa, Ridley Graduate, Leander, St. Catharines, and Calgary? They are all Canadian. That was the finish of the Junior Eights on Saturday, a rare, all-Canadian final.

Ross Lizee was involved in both wins by the Laval R.C.. On Saturday he won in the Senior 135-lb. Fours, and on Sunday, he took the Senior 135-lb. Singles.

West Side R.C.'s Karla Drewson had won the first final of the Regatta, the Junior Women's Singles. On Sunday, she took the premier women's event, the Senior Women's Singles. She also won a medal on Saturday in the Senior Women's Quads (Coxswain). She was involved in three of West Side's four Henley wins. In the photo, taken after the Senior Women's Singles, Drewson wears her medal and holds the Lady Henley Trophy, a newly redesigned CARA plaque, and what appears to be a carnation.


Stan Lapinski photo.

Peter Tattersall, from the Kingston R.C., finished the 1984 Regatta with his fourth medal, taking the Senior 145-lb. Singles. He had won the Junior on Friday, the Junior 155-lb. Singles on Thursday, and the 500 Metre Dash, 145-lb. Singles on Saturday. Tattersall had also won the Junior and Senior 135-lb. Singles in 1981, plus three medals in sweep events before that for an accumulated total of nine.

He was second in the Senior 155-lb. Singles, losing to perennial winner Larry Klecatsky. It was Klecatsky's 11th win in that event, and his 52nd Henley medal. It was also the only win for New York A.C.. at the Regatta.

Brothers Frank and John Murphy from the

St. Catharines R.C. had another good Regatta. After winning six medals each in 1983, they took the Senior 155-lb. Quads with Brian Thorne and Paul Beedling, and Senior Quads with brother Greg and Brian Elliott. “John and Frank now have 21 Henley medals each.” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 13, 1984, p.17]

The premier men’s sculling event, the Championship Singes was won for the fourth time by Pat Walter from the Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club.

The premier women’s sweep oar event, the Senior Women’s Eights, was won by the Peterborough R.C., and the men’s counterpart was taken by the St. Catharines R.C., the last of that club’s nine wins at the 1984 Regatta.

The winner of the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award was the U.S. Lightweight Development Camp with a 65% efficiency rating. It was not a popular win, since the Camp was not viewed by many as a club. However, it “received club status in the [United] States to compete in the Henley, [and] is composed of top lightweight oarswomen from around the country.” [The St. Catharines *Standard*,August 13, 194, p.17] There was a strong feeling that the Leander B.C., with a 63.1% efficiency should have been the winner. Leander B.C.’s eight wins was accomplished by only 32 athletes. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 13, 1984, p.17]

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Below is a list of 82 of the 92 clubs that competed at the 1984 Regatta. In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club. [*Entries in Wednesday and Thursday heats are not included. I only have the programme inserts for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and the press did not report the results of the heats. That’s why some clubs are missing from the list; they were in heats only.*]

Also excluded from the list are entries in the seven Masters and eight Special/ Open races.

Those finals plus the 70 regular Henley finals totalled 85.

Argonaut R.C.	(24/2)	Toronto, Ontario
Boucherville R.C.	(3/0)	Boucherville, Quebec
Brockville R.C.	(3/0)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club	(7/2)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(7/0)	Calgary, Alberta
Don R.C.	(14/0)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(8/1)	Edmonton, Alberta
Fredericton R.C.	(1/0)	Fredericton, New Brunswick
Hanlan B.C.	(1/0)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(8/0)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kenora R.C.	(2/0)	Kenora, Ontario
Kingston R.C.	(19/5)	Kingston, Ontario

Laval R.C.	(8/2)	Laval, Quebec
Leander B.C.	(14/8)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(4/0)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(5/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Montreal R.C.	(12/0)	Montreal, Quebec
North Star R.C.	(2/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(26/2)	Ottawa, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(16/2)	Peterborough, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(9/2)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(8/0)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. John's R.C.	(2/0)	St. John's, Newfoundland
St. Catharines R.C.	(76/9)	St. Catharines, Ontario
Saskatoon R.C.	(3/0)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(3/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(8/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Tillsonburg R.C.	(1/0)	Tillsonburg, Ontario
University of Victoria	(3/0)	Victoria, British Columbia
University of Western Ontario	(5/1)	London, Ontario
Vancouver R.C.	(8/3)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Vaudreuil R.C.	(3/0)	Vaudreuil, Quebec
Victoria City R.C.	(7/0)	Victoria, British Columbia
Winnipeg R.C.	(10/0)	Winnipeg, Manitoba

American entries:

Bachelors Barge Club	(3/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Blood Street Sculls	(6/0)	Old Lyme, Connecticut
Boston Rowing Center	(5/1)	Boston, Massachusetts
Cincinnati R.C.	(13/0)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Crescent B.C.	(2/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dartmouth R.C.	(10/1)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(13/3)	Detroit, Michigan
Duluth R.C.	(4/0)	Duluth, Minnesota
Durham B.C.	(2/1)	Durham, New Hampshire
Ecorse B.C.	(2/0)	Ecorse, Michigan
Fairmount R.A.	(3/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Florida A.C.	(3/0)	Orlando, Florida
Lake Washington R.C.	(4/0)	Seattle, Washington
Malta B.C.	(9/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mendota R.C.	(3/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Minneapolis R.C.	(5/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(6/2)	St. Paul, Minnesota
New York A.C.	(38/1)	New York, New York

Palm Beach R.A.	(1/0)	West Palm Beach, Florida
Penn A.C.	(12/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pioneer Valley R.A.	(4/0)	Hadley, Massachusetts
Potomac B.C.	(8/0)	Washington, District of Columbia
Riverside B.C.	(10/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Rochester R.C.	(1/0)	Rochester, New York
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(4/0)	Syracuse, New York
Tabor Academy	(1/0)	Marion, Massachusetts
Tampa R.C.	(2/0)	Tampa, Florida
U.S. Lightweight Development Camp	(5/2)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
University of Minnesota	(4/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
University of Nebraska	(1/0)	Lincoln, Nebraska
Vesper B.C.	(19/6)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Viking R.C.	(4/1)	Ventnor City, New Jersey
Waterloo R.C.	(1/0)	Waterloo, Iowa
West Side R.C.	(15/4)	Buffalo, New York
Wyandotte B.C.	(8/1)	Wyandotte, Michigan
Yorktown H.S.	(1/1)	Arlington, Virginia

A few words about Australia, Peru and West Germany: The programmes Interchangeably use a country name and the name of a club from that country. I have followed the programmes and used the country name unless a club name is given in the programme or press.

Australian entries:

Australia	(3/0)	
Melbourne University	(2/0)	Melbourne, Australia

British entries:

Sons of the Thames R.C.	(2/0)	London, United Kingdom

Mexican entry:

Club de Remo Antares	(1/0)	Mexico City, Mexico

Peruvian entries:

Club de Regatas Lima	(2/0)	Lima, Peru
Peru	(9/0)	

West German entries:

Deutscher Ruder-Club	(1/0)	Hanover, West Germany
Mainzer Ruder-Verein	(1/0)	Mainz, West Germany
Nordrhein-Westfälischer Ruder-Verband [e.V.]	(1/0)	Duisburg, West Germany
Ruder-Klub Normannia	(2/0)	Braunschweig, West Germany
Tübinger Ruderverein "Fidelia"	(1/0)	Tübingen, West Germany
West Germany	(4/2)	

From September 15 to 22, Rennie Park at the north end of the Henley course was transformed into 1876 Philadelphia for the filming of some scenes for *The Boy in Blue*, a film about the life of Ned Hanlan, who was played by Nicolas Cage. The production employed many locals, including some oarsmen.



Champion St. Catharines R.C. sculler, Brian Thorne, played Hanlan's opponent Fred Plaisted at the U.S. Centennial Regatta. "I was approached to take the role because the original choice couldn't row - go figure. When there were opportunities I would give Cage some advice." [Thorne, Brian. "Re: Boy in Blue." Message to Stan Lapinski. July 19, 2023. Email.] Cage had been taught some basics of sculling in Montreal before coming to St. Catharines.

CARA's annual meeting was held on November 24 and 25 at L'hotel in Toronto, Ontario.

There was a large group in attendance: 55 voters, made up of seven Executive, nine provincial associations (only Prince Edward Island did not have a rowing association) and 39 clubs.

In addition, there were two non-voting members: CHRC and CSSRA, plus a Sport Canada consultant and a FISA representative. There are also 30 observers listed in the minutes. [Canadian Amateur Rowing Association. Annual Meeting. Montreal. November

25, 1984] Of the 89 people listed in the minutes, three observers were women. (A fourth, not listed, gave a report.)

The CARA Officers for 1985 were the same as 1984:
Past-President: Sam Craig, Toronto
President: Don Hornby, Winnipeg
1st Vice-President: Bob Ellard, Regina
2nd Vice-President: Bud Malmo, Kenora
3rd Vice-President: Claude Saunders, Hamilton
Secretary: Thomas Croston, Mississauga
Treasurer: Ivar Noren, Welland

Executive Director: Rodger Sellars, Ottawa
Regatta Co-Ordinator: Claude Saunders, Hamilton

Among the 13 agenda items covered in the press, four involved women.

"Delegates supported a move to double the women's racing distance from 1,000 to 2,000 metres in 1985 if the international Rowing Federation (FISA) agrees to the longer races at its January congress in Rome." [St. Catharines *Standard*, November 27, 1984, p.27]

It was decided to change the women's coxed quad events to straight quads.

CARA also approved allowing women coxies in men's crews, a long-established practice in the United States and Great Britain, not to mention Canadian high schools and universities.

Finally, the weight standard for lightweight women was changed from 125-pound crew average with an individual 130-pound maximum, to an individual 128-pound limit. No reason is given for abandoning the old standard which was almost identical to the FISA standard: crew average 57 kg (125.7 lb.) with no rower over 59 kg (130.1 lb).

The weight standards for lightweight men were also reorganized with the abolition of the 135- and 145-pound sweep oar events, which were replaced by a 140-pound class. The 135- and 145-pound classes remained for singles and doubles.

The Executive also decided to stage Masters events on Sunday morning of the 1985 Henley.

To try to curb the perennial problem of scratches, the fine was doubled from $25 to $50.

The only contentious issue reported in the press was the acquisition by the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation of the trademark rights to the names: Henley; Canadian Henley; Royal Canadian Henley Regatta; and a rower in a maple leaf graphic design. The CHRC had sent a letter to the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association on March 17, 1984, advising it that the CHRC had acquired the trademark on those words and graphic on July 6, 1983. CARA maintained that the name belonged to Canadian rowing, and to it, as the governing body of Canadian rowing. CHRC's spokesperson, First Vice-President, Rick Wismer, pointed out that the Corporation needed title to the name for funding purposes, since professional fund-raisers required that the copyright be

firmly established. A sub-theme in the newspaper report—written by Craig Swayze—was the acrimonious confrontation in 1982 when CARA attempted to move the Henley to Montreal. Although it's not said in so many words, by obtaining the copyright, CHRC guaranteed that the Henley would never move out of St. Catharines. If CHRC needed proof that it had done the prudent thing, it would have been provided by this exchange: "[A]t one point CHRC suggested a trade-off . . . [sic] rights to the Henley title in exchange for a guarantee the regatta would stay in St. Catharines . . . . CARA pointed to the current 10-year contract which keeps Henley in St. Catharines through 1992." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 25, 1984, p.25] In other words, the Henley will stay in St. Catharines until 1992. After that, all bets are off.

It was a third party at the meeting who understood why CHRC had done what it did.

Tom Dienstmann, manager of Montreal's Olympic Basin, while suggesting that Henley "belonged to the athletes" who row in the regatta, said CHRC's move to "secure the trademarks to raise money" made good sense. He urged further negotiations to try and reach a compromise and stressed that "the fears of CHRC should be recognized" after what happened in 1982. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 27, 1984, p.25]

The lengthy discussion ended with both sides amenable to a compromise, but CARA promising to pursue legal action if necessary.

Or, as the minutes state: "Moved by C. Saunders that C.A.R.A. take appropriate action to have the Royal Canadian Henley Trademark returned to the rightful owners C.A.R.A. Seconded by. B. Gibson. Carried." [Canadian Amateur Rowing Association. Annual Meeting. Montreal. November 25, 1984]

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The 103rd
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
August 7 to 11, 1985

As it had promised to do at the 1984 annual general meeting, the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association threatened the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation with legal action over the trademarks issue. In a letter from Joseph D. Barnsley, from the Winnipeg law firm of Inkster, Walker, Westbury, Irish & Hughes, on behalf of CARA, to Joseph Gottli representing CHRC, after some pleasantries, and a promise from CARA to make adjustments to the current agreement between the two groups to appease CHRC, Mr. Barnsley gets to the point:

I must tell you that, from the information that I have, CHRC is in default of its ten (10) year agreement with CARA. CARA's remedy for default would be, I think, to remove its sanction of the Regatta and to advise the rowing community accordingly. That is a step that it certainly does not want to take, since the long association of the community of St. Catharines with the staging of CARA's Royal Canadian Henley Regatta is one which has certainly benefited the sport of rowing in this country, as well as the St. Catharines area. [Barnsley, Joseph D. "Letter to Joseph Gottli." February 27, 1985]

One doesn't need a law degree to realize that CARA's threat was hollow. CHRC had the name and the course. In theory, they could have put on a Henley Regatta without the sanction of CARA.

In the Presidents' Messages in the 1985 Henley programme, neither CARA President Don Hornby, nor CHRC President Jack Wallace mentions the issue, which suggests that an agreement had not yet been reached.

The 103rd Regatta had another record entry: 96 clubs from Canada, Australia, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, and the United States, brought 1,359 competitors, and filed 903 entries. Those published figures are not accurate, but they are close to the numbers that actually competed. In addition, the Masters events, which were scheduled for Sunday morning, attracted 273 competitors who filed 170 entries. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1985, p.17]

The opening ceremonies held at the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association clubhouse on Tuesday evening featured the raising of the first Henley flag. In the centre of the white flag was the new logo pictured here. The logo also appeared on the cover of the programme, and became ubiquitous on CHRC documents.

An increasingly popular method for competitors to stay close to the action was sleeping under canvas on Henley Island. "When the sun rose on Day Two [Tuesday] of Henley Week, the

field beside the shellhouse had turned into a virtual campground as rowers labored in the still of the night to erect temporary homes." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1985, p.25]

Something new in the medical department at the 103rd Regatta was drug testing. Former oarsman Dr. Fraser Mackay and Masters oarsman Dr. Erv Oinonen were in charge of randomly selecting competitors to test. The tests were part of a broader programme to educate and prepare competitors for large international regattas which had such procedures.

Wednesday's programme consisted of 53 heats, followed by 12 semifinals, all scheduled at 10-minute intervals. "Despite the heavy rain and lightning which caused a half hour delay, the 65 races were completed on time." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1985, p.25]

Spectators arriving for the first heat of the Regatta at 8:00 a.m., experienced two surprises: the first was the new seats in the lower part of the grandstand. They had come from the Garden City Raceway which had recently been razed.

The second surprise for early-morning spectators involved the first heat of the Regatta: the Junior Women's Singles. Fans in the grandstand would have immediately noticed something different about the race: instead of starting at the 1,000 metre pylons, it started at the gates at the top of the course. The FISA Extraordinary Congress which had been held in January, 1985 in Rome, had changed the distance rowed by women to 2,000 metres, and CARA followed suit.

The most heavily-subscribed event at the 1985 Regatta was the Junior 155-lb. Singles with 48 entries. To pare the number down for the final, nine heats were rowed which reduced the number to 18. Then, three semifinals produced the six finalists. The ultimate winner on Thursday was Brian Benz from the Detroit D.C..

Thursday's races were held "under balmy skies." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1985, p.23]

The winner of the first final of the 1985 Regatta, and the first 2,000 metre women's final at the Henley was Kay Worthington of the Hanlan B.C. in the Junior Women's Singles. She had been in the Canadian eight which placed fourth at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Thursday also saw the first races that replaced the discontinued 135- and 145-lb. events: the 140-lb. class. That weight class had last been used in 1941.

The only eight final on the schedule produced the closest finish of the day. UPIICSA-IPN [*La Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería y Ciencias Sociales y Administrativas - Instituto Politécnico Nacional* or The Interdisciplinary Professional Unit of Engineering and Social and Administrative Sciences - National Polytechnic Institute] edged Dartmouth R.C. by 78/100 of a second, while Laval R.C. was third, 1.21 seconds behind the crew from Mexico City.

The Riverside B.C. took two finals. John Marden won the Junior Singles, and his fiancé, Carey Beth Sands combined with Ruth Kennedy to win the Junior Lightweight Women's Doubles.

The last final on Thursday, the Junior Lightweight Women's Pairs, was won by Jill Cooper and Robyn Horner from the Minnesota B.C.. They had also won the Junior Lightweight Women's Fours earlier in the day. The win in the pair was especially challenging because they had to row the four 1 ¾ times. The fours race "was stopped at 1500 metres when Western (London) ran into Edmonton, one of its co-leaders. Minnesota , the other race leader, won the row-over after the London crew was disqualified." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1985, p.23]

Following FISA's lead, CARA changed the women's coxed quads to straight quads. The first final in that event was held on Friday, with Victoria City R.C. taking the inaugural event. This crew also won the Senior Women's Quads on Saturday. It was stroked by Signe Gotfredsen and coached by her father Leif. Leif Gotfredsen had won the Junior Singles in 1963, the Championship Singles in 1964, and competed for Canada in the Single Sculls at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

Gotfredsen had also won a silver medal in the double at the 1967 Pan America Games which were held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. His partner was Doug Clark, who was now head coach at the Riverside B.C., and the man behind Riverside's nine Henley sculling wins.

In one of those inconsistencies that crop up in the Henley programme from time to time, the 135- and 145-lb. Singles were not merged into the 140-lb. class, but remained 135- and 145-lbs.. Detroit B.C.'s Dave Rots took the Junior 145-lb. Singles on Friday.

Riverside B.C.'s engaged couple continued their winning ways. Carey Beth Sands took the Junior Lightweight Women's Singles, and John Marden stroked his crew to a win in the Junior Quads. The third Riverside win on Friday (fifth at the Regatta) was in the Junior 155-lb. Doubles.

Otto Jelinek, federal Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport paid a visit to the Regatta on Friday, and Jack Wallace, President of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation took the opportunity to ask him

to ask the federal public works department, which owns the part of Henley Island upon which the shellhouse sits, to sell the land to the CHRC for a token sum.

. . . .

Mr. Jelinek did offer to help with the negotiations between CHRC and Public Works Canada . . . [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 10, 1985, p.25]

This boded well for the CHRC.

The second final on Saturday, the Senior 155-lb. Quads, was won by a St. Catharines R.C. crew. The programme lists their names, but St. Catharines *Standard* Sport Editor, Jack Gatecliff gives us their impressive medal totals: "Stroke Frank Murphy and his brother John have each won 25 Canadian Henley golds, Brian Thorne has 14 including a championship singles and Tom Kent 17 for a total of 81." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 13, 1985, p.21]

In the next final, Bob Mills, who had won a bronze medal in the Single Sculls at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, took the Association Singles. Normally, he would have advanced to the Championship Singles, but Canadian team sculling coach, Jack Nicholson, felt that doing so would interrupt his training in the quad going to the World Rowing Championships in Hazewinkle, Belgium later in the month, so Mills gave the Championship Singles a pass. The Canadian quad went on to win gold at the Worlds.

Riverside B.C.'s Carey Beth Sands and John Marden continued matching wins, this time with back-to-back victories. At 3:00 p.m., Marden and Bill Randell took the Junior Doubles, and at 3:10, Sands and Ruth Kennedy won the Senior Lightweight Women's Doubles. The Riverside total now stood at seven—all sculling events.

Regatta officials did not get to sleep in on Sunday as they had in previous years. The Masters events began at 8:14 a.m., and ran every eight minutes. The interval between races was two minutes shorter than the regular Henley events. The programme consisted of 21 events, in singles, doubles and coxed fours. Three events were for women and 18 for men. An oddity of the programme was that there were no heats. Multiple races of many events—mostly singles—were run, with the winner who achieved the fastest time being declared the overall winner and receiving the medal.

The high number of competitors—273—was seen as an anomaly, a direct result of the international rowing regatta portion of the World Masters Games being held in Toronto the following weekend. Regatta Chairman, Claude Saunders, probably spoke for many Henley volunteers and officials when he said, "'Masters should have their own regatta and I'd be pleased to help them organize it..'" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1985, p.25]


Stan Lapinski photo.

Carrie Beth Sands won her fourth medal in as many days, taking the Senior Lightweight Women's Singles.

Her fiancé, John Marden, had his streak end at three. He placed second in the Senior Doubles, behind Rob and Frank Reininger who won the first ever Canadian Henley medals for Blood Street Sculls. Marden was also third in the Senior Quads which was won by John, Frank, and Greg Murphy, with Paul Douma.

So what happened to the engaged couple? The President of the Riverside B.C. answered that question this way: "CB Sands did marry John Marden but the two divorced. CB later married US Olympic rower Tom Bohrer and the couple have three children more or less of college age. Tom is now the head rowing coach at Boston University." [Chenausky, Karen. "Re: 1985 Canadian Henley." Message to Stan Lapinski. November 21, 2023. Email]

The winner of the premier women's sculling event, the Senior Women's Singles was Silken Laumann from the Don R.C.. She beat Hanlan B.C.'s Kay Worthington, winner of the Junior Women's Singles, by 13 seconds. [The *Globe and Mail*, August 12, 1985, p.S5]

Laumann, 20, is pictured reading the names of the previous winners engraved on the Lady Henley Trophy.

She later teamed up with her club mate, Heather Hattin, who placed fourth in the single, to win the Senior Women's Doubles.

Silken and her older sister, Daniele, had won bronze medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games in the Double Sculls - Women.




CHALLENGE CUP FOR SINGLE SCULLS. STERLING SILVER.

Pictured above with the new People of Port Dalhousie Trophy is the St. Catharines R.C. crew, that won the Senior Lightweight Women's Eights, (and the 500 Metre Dash, Women's Eights).

Although it was a new trophy, it had been around since 1880.

When Chief Henley Scorer, Dan Kostuk, found a trophy without its base in a box of junk where the Henley trophies were stored, he thought it should be repaired and cleaned, and incorporated into a new trophy. He and Bill Stevens, former St. Catharines R.C. coxie and local historian, raised funds in Port Dalhousie to pay for the refurbishing by Burke and Wallace Ltd.. Consequently, the new trophy was named the People of Port Dalhousie Trophy. It wasn't until after

Dan's death in 1991, that Bill realized that the salvaged urn on its top was the original Challenge Cup for Single Sculls, one of three challenge cups first presented at the First Regatta of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen in 1880.

Although there is a near-capacity crowd filling the grandstand in the photo above, readers should be able to get a peek at the green backs of the new seats from Garden City Raceway.

A Laval R.C. crew took the 2:10 p.m. event, the Senior 140-lb. Fours (Coxswain), changed boats and won the 3:10 event, the straight four version of that event. Winning two Henley medals in one hour were Daniel Auction, Walter Perruzini, Ross Lizee, and Jeff Russel. The coxie in the first win was Luce Lanteigne.

The Senior 145-lb. Singles was won again by a medical doctor, but it wasn't Dr. Larry Klecatsky, who didn't compete in 1985. Instead, it was Dr. Tim Prince, sculling for the University of New Brunswick who took home the medal.

Pat Walter, sculling for the Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club, took the Championship Singles for the fifth time.

Both premier sweep oar events, the Senior Women's Eights and the Senior Eights were won by Vancouver R.C. crews. The closest race of the day was the Vancouver women beating St. Catharines by 1.63 seconds. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 12, 1985, p.17]

The winner of the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award was Schuykill Navy with an amazing 92.3% efficiency.

There is something of a mystery associated with the Schuykill Navy team. After winning the Senior Pairs with Tom Swinford, John Riley spoke to the press: "'Schuykill is really Penn A.C. in disguise,' said Riley, 21, who said he was recruited by Penn A.C. coach Ted Nash." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 12, 1985, p.17] We are also told that "the Penn Athletic Club . . . was suspended from competing at the Henley this year due to crew inconsistencies." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 12, 1985, p.17] What those "inconsistencies" were, we are not told. However, the first thing that comes to mind is Seniors rowing in Junior events. In 1984, Penn A.C. did win the Junior Quads. Was it discovered after the fact that they were Seniors? In his report on the 1984 Regatta to CARA, Claude Saunders mentions—without naming names—four instances which might fall under the heading of "inconsistencies."

A protest was received stating a sculler who had sculled as a Junior was in fact a Senior. When investigated, he admitted winning a class changing race last year in the United States. The protest was upheld and the sculler disqualified.

A protest was received regarding two sweep oarsmen rowing a Junior Pair, claiming they were juniors. They also had won in the States. The protest was allowed. The crew was removed from the junior event and entered in the senior race.

The Register [sic] and Marshall of the Floats, on two occasions detected oarsmen attempting to row for two different clubs. The coaches of the clubs were contacted and told any recurrence and the entire club would be disqualified.

On Sunday, a crew was stopped going on the water as they had put in a sub who was not in the crew when it qualified. [Saunders, Claude (1984). {*Report to the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association*}. Report of the Regatta Chairman, 1984]

Although we are not told what Penn A.C. did in 1984 to deserve disqualification in 1985, the above quotation makes it clear that rowing was not without cheaters trying to flout the rules to win.

All the winners and times for the 1985 Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Although the preliminary draw for the 1985 Regatta lists 96 clubs, that list is not accurate. Potomac B.C. is not on it, and "A. Another R.C." from Kansas—obviously a place keeper—does not appear in the programme, while three composite teams do. The revised list below includes 93 clubs. In the parentheses are the number of entries and competitors, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club.

Excluded from the list are entries in the Masters and Special/Open races. Those six finals plus the 66 regular Henley finals totalled 72. The number is lower than 1984 (85) because in 1985, the Masters were held separately on Sunday morning, the 135-lb. class (except the single) was abolished, and the Senior Pairs—straight and coxed—and Lightweight Women's Fours (Coxswain)—Senior and Junior—were not contested.

	(entries - competitors/wins)	
Argonaut R.C.	(37 - 83/1)	Toronto, Ontario
Boucherville R.C.	(2 - 1/0)	Boucherville, Quebec
Brentwood College	(7 - 20/0)	Mill Bay, British Columbia
Brockville R.C.	(13 - 28/3)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club	(3 - 3/1)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(16 - 36/3)	Calgary, Alberta
Don R.C.	(24 - 40/1)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(18 - 36/0)	Edmonton, Alberta
Hanlan B.C.	(6 - 8/2)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(3 - 1/0)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(18 - 20/1)	Kingston, Ontario
Laval R.C.	(8 - 26/2)	Laval, Quebec
Leander B.C.	(22 - 34/0)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(12 - 21/1)	London, Ontario
Montreal R.C.	(33 - 12/0)	Montreal, Quebec
North Star R.C.	(3 - 6/1)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(40 - 52/2)	Ottawa, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(25 - 36/1)	Peterborough, Ontario

Regina R.C.	(12 - 19/0)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(17 - 10/0)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. John's R.C.	(2 - 3/0)	St. John's, Newfoundland
St. Catharines R.C.	(96 - 169/14)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Lawrence R.C.	(11 - 17/0)	Montreal, Quebec
Saskatoon R.C.	(3 - 1/0)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Shawnigan Lake School	(3 - 4/0)	Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia
South Niagara R.C.	(11 - 18/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(10 - 8/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Tillsonburg R.C.	(2 - 8/0)	Tillsonburg, Ontario
University of New Brunswick	(5 - 4 /1)	Fredericton, New Brunswick
University of Victoria	(13 - 24/1)	Victoria, British Columbia
Vancouver R.C.	(20 - 35/2)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(30 - 26/2)	Victoria, British Columbia
Western R.C.	(23 - 41/1)	London, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(11 - 15/0)	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Woodstock R.C.	(1 - 4/0)	Woodstock, Ontario

American entries:

(entries - competitors/wins)

Albany Sculling School	(4 - 5/0)	Albany, New York
Bachelors Barge Club	(8 - 21/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Belmont Hill [School?]	(2 - 2/0)	Belmont, Massachusetts
Blood Street Sculls	(3 - 3/1)	Old Lyme, Connecticut
Boston Rowing Center	(15 - 15/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Cambridge B.C.	(2 - 1/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Cincinnati R.C.	(14 - 10/0)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Community Rowing, Inc.	(1 - 1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Craftsbury Sculling Center	(2 - 1/0)	Craftsbury Common, Vermont
Crescent B.C.	(2 - 2/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dartmouth R.C.	(18 - 26/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(36 - 33/3)	Detroit, Michigan
Dirty Dozen R.C.	(5 - 12/0)	Oakland, California
Duluth R.C.	(3 - 1/0)	Duluth, Minnesota
Durham B.C.	(8 - 6/0)	Durham, New Hampshire
Fordham University	(5 - 9/0)	New York, New York
Greater Columbus R.A.	(1 - 9/0)	Columbus, Ohio
Harbor City R.C.	(3 - 6/1)	Melbourne, Florida
Indianapolis Rowing Center	(2 - 4/0)	Indianapolis, Indiana
King's Crown R.A.	(6 - 16/0)	New York, New York
Lincoln Park B.C.	(1 - 5/0)	Chicago, Illinois

Malta B.C.	(10 - 6/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mendota R.C.	(2 - 1/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Merrimac River R.A.	(3 - 5/0)	Lowell, Massachusetts
Minneapolis R.C.	(6 - 15/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(7 - 12/2)	St. Paul, Minnesota
New York A.C.	(32 - 24/1)	New York, New York
Northeastern University	(1 - 5/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Occoquan B.C.	(1 - 5/0)	Burke, Virginia
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(5 - 4/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pioneer Valley R.A.	(6 - 8/0)	Hadley, Massachusetts
Potomac B.C.	(4 - ?/1)	Washington, District of Columbia
Riverside B.C.	(47 - 36/9)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
St. Louis R.C.	(1 - 1/0)	St. Louis, Missouri
Schuylkill Navy	(15 - 14/4)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(4 - 10/0)	Syracuse, New York
Tampa R.C.	(2 - 2/0]	Tampa, Florida
Undine Barge Club	(10 - 11/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University Barge Club	(4 - 4/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University of Alabama-Huntsville	(1 - 2/0)	Huntsville, Alabama
University of Notre Dame	(1 - 1/0)	Notre Dame, Indiana
University of Rochester	(6 - 5/0)	Rochester, New York
University of Tampa	(1 - 6/0)	Tampa, Florida
University of Wisconsin	(2 - 2/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Vesper B.C.	(7 - 19/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Viking R.C.	(6 - 12/0)	Ventnor City, New Jersey
West Side R.C.	(13 - 78/0)	Buffalo, New York
Worcester R.A.	(2 - 1/0)	Worcester, Massachusetts [?]
Wyandotte B.C.	(24 - 34/1)	Wyandotte, Michigan

(entries - competitors/wins)

Australian entry:

Tweed Heads R.C.	(1 - 1/0)	Tweed Heads, Australia

British entries:

Rob Roy B.C.	(2 - 1/1)	Cambridge, United Kingdom

Guatemalan entry:

Guatemalan Rowing & Canoe Federation [Federacion Guatemalteca de Remo y Canotaje]	(1 -1/0)	Guatemala City, Guatemala

A few words about Mexico, and Peru: The programmes Interchangeably use a country name and the name of a club from that country. I have followed the programmes and used the country name unless a club name is given in the programme or press.

Mexican entries:

Club de Remo Antares	4 - 6/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
Club España	(1 - 4/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
Mexico	(6 - 16/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
UPIICSA-IPN [*La Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería y Ciencias Sociales y Administrativas - Instituto Politécnico Nacional*]	(2 - ?/1)	Mexico City, Mexico

Peruvian entries:

Club de Regatas Lima	(6 - 10/0)	Lima, Peru
Lima	(3 - 1/0)	Lima, Peru

CARA's annual meeting was held on November 16 and 17 in Saint John, New Brunswick. Fifty-five delegates from rowing clubs and provincial associations from across Canada were in attendance.

The CARA Officers for 1986 were:
Past-President: Don Hornby, Winnipeg
President: Bob Ellard, Regina
1st Vice-President: Pat Hughes, St. Catharines
2nd Vice-President: Tim Rigby, St. Catharines
3rd Vice-President: Guylaine Bernier, Laval
Secretary: Bud Malmo, Kenora
Treasurer: Nat Findlay, Quebec City

Acting Executive Director: Diane Palmason

When Rodger Sellars resigned as Executive Director for health reasons, Diane Palmason assumed the position of Acting Executive Director. She was a runner and doesn't seem to have had any connection with rowing or CARA, so she may have been nominated by Sport Canada.

Committee Chairs:
Athletes Council: Tricia Smith, Vancouver
Medical Subcommittee: Fraser MacKay, St. Catharines
National Team: Andy van Ruyven, St. Catharines
Officials: Charles Ryan, St. Catharines
Regatta: Claude Saunders, Hamilton

Sport Science: Howie Wenger
Veterans: Mike Murphy, London
Women: Illona Smith, Vancouver

Without fanfare, CARA elected its first woman to the Executive. In 1972, Guylaine Bernier had sculled for the Quebec Rowing Federation in the first Women's Singles final held at a Canadian Henley, placing second behind Karin Constant.

Of the agenda items reported in the press, two were specifically related to the Canadian Henley.

The on-going discussions between CARA and CHRC over the latter's copyright of the Henley name was one agenda item.

CARA reported on the continuing negotiations with CHRC regarding the [name] Royal Canadian Henley Regatta and an attempt to reach a mutually-beneficial settlement of those differences which originally surfaced with the 1982 proposal to move Henley. Both sides indicate satisfaction with the way in which talks are going. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 19, 1985, p.22]

The second item concerned the word "Junior" which was causing problems in rowing circles. It referred to age at international regattas, and experience at the Canadian Henley. To help reduce the confusion, CARA resurrected the old term "Intermediate" to replace Junior. "Junior now means an athlete under 18 years of age. [sic. FISA Juniors were under 19.]" [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 19, 1985, p. 22] When the term "Intermediate" was used from 1895 to 1919, and again from 1932 to 1950, it referred to a class between Junior and Senior. Starting in 1986, it would mean a rower who had not won an Intermediate (i.e. Junior) race at a status-changing regatta, such as the Canadian Henley. CARA opted not to follow the FISA lead and completely change to age classifications: "there is no thought to adding age-class events to the annual St. Catharines regatta." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 19, 1985, p.22]

Since the reporter who covered the meeting was Craig Swayze from St. Catharines, It is only natural that he should mention that:

For the first time in six years, St. Catharines has representation at the executive level of Canadian rowing.

Pat Hughes and Tim Rigby, both of St. Catharines, were elected vice-presidents of the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association at that organization's weekend annual meeting . . . . [The St. Catharines *Standard*, November 19, 1985, p.22]

Swayze, as Past President in 1978 and 1979, had been the last St. Catharines representative on the CARA Executive.

Tim Rigby was the current Past President of the CHRC, and had been President when CARA President, Sam Craig proposed to move the Henley out of St. Catharines in

1982. Pat Hughes was Past President of the Ontario Rowing Association, and had been Chairman of CARA's Grants Committee in 1980 and 1981.

1985

The 104th
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
August 6 to 10, 1986



Henley competitors arriving at the boathouse complex on Henley Island, in 1986, immediately noticed a huge change. The Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation had built a five-bay addition to the boathouse at a cost of $291,915. In the photo above, the bay with the closed white door was the workshop, where George “Mooner” Manoogian repaired broken equipment for local and visiting clubs alike. The second floor housed Regatta offices. The original 1967 shellhouse is at the back, and in the left foreground, singles are stored on racks built for the 1970 III World Rowing Championships.

Jack Gatecliff, Sports Editor of the St. Catharines *Standard*, was famous for writing columns about ordinary people who worked behind the scenes to make sporting events happen. Here is part of a column about the Canadian Henley:

During the actual racing at the Canadian Henley, the Ontario Hydro turns off the flow of water on the course by shutting down its Decew Falls plant, then when each day’s racing is over Jerry Shanahan phones the Decew headquarters and they start the turbines again . . . [sic] By halting the flow of water down-stream, there is no advantage to any of the lanes . . . [sic] The Canadian Department of Transportation also closes the landing area for seaplanes across from

the main grandstand during the Henley . . . . All in the name of safety . . . [sic] The overhead lane markers, buoys and other installations on the course are put in by what is known as the Canadian Henley Rowing Cat Crew, sometimes called the African Queen which toils for hours aboard the colourful catamaran flying a Japanese flag pilfered by Bob Christie at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

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There are eight rubber-coated cables running the entire length of the 2,000-metre course and from them are hung the 700 on-water lane markers which are round rubber balls attached to the cable by three feet of wire. . . . It is called the Albano System and was devised in Italy. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1986, p.23]

The 104th Regatta was officially opened on Tuesday evening at the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association clubhouse by Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, Lincoln Alexander.

Assisting him was Jack Wallace, President of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation, who made this announcement in the 1986 programme:

This year we are pleased to have a corporate sponsor, Perry Ellis Fragrance [sic], to help both organizations [Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation and Canadian Amateur Rowing Association] reach the goal we are striving for [to make the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta better than it already is]. Perry Ellis Fragrance [sic] realizes the potential of rowing in Canada and is assisting in maintaining the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta as a premier event and will help immensely in its growth over the next few years. [Jack E. Wallace, "Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation President's Message," Souvenir Programme 104th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, 1986, p.7]

As a sponsor, Perry Ellis Fragrances contributed $17,000 [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1986, p.21], and donated a trophy for the Senior Women's Doubles. In return, the company got a slick, full-page ad on the back of the 1986 programme, and the acknowledgement on the front cover that the Regatta was "Presented by Perry Ellis Fragrances." In addition, a few corporate V.I.P.s got to follow races in the CHRC V.I.P. catamaran.

The association of Perry Ellis Fragrances with the sport of rowing raised some eyebrows among rowing folk. *Globe and Mail* reporter Linda Masse spoke to some rowers about that. Kevin McAleese, captain of the University of Wisconsin rowing team maintained that

"Rowers are simple people who love their sport."

Perry Ellis Fragrance [sic], the main sponsor of the championships, has a different idea about the sport.

"The sport of rowing fits well into the demographics of the Perry Ellis user," says the company's demure press release for the competition.

McAleese and teammate Mike Risse disagree.

They say advertisers like to paint a false picture, of a sport for wealthy and snooty Harvard or Oxford athletes.

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"There's a real misrepresentation happening," [Risse] said. McAleese added that most rowers couldn't even afford to buy Perry Ellis cologne.

. . . .

"People think of rowers as elitists," said [McAleese]. "But here we are, eating peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches on white bread." [The *Globe and Mail,* August 9, 1986, p.C7]

Masse also interviewed Suelin Richards, a coxie Masse says is from the University of Calgary, while the programme puts her in a Calgary R.C. coxed four.

The 34 Calgary competitors raised the money for their flight and the boat transportation costs by working at bingo halls for the past few months.

"Rowing isn't a popular sport — and it certainly isn't a rich one either," Richards said. "Look at us, we've been selling bingo cards in order to come and plus, we still have to pay for our own accommodation and food." [The *Globe and Mail,* August 9, 1986, p.C7]

It's not the image portrayed by Perry Ellis Fragrances.

Mike Risse concludes his interview by describing rowers as "poor but intelligent," then makes a statement which—if accurate—will come as no surprise to most people: "rowers have the best grade-point average of all collegiate athletes." [The *Globe and Mail,* August 9, 1986, p.C7]

The numbers were down slightly from 1985: excluding the Masters, 95 clubs brought more than 1,100 competitors.

In addition to competitors coming from coast to coast in North America,

a dozen young West German oarswomen will give Henley 1986 a continental flavor.

The German girls are from clubs in Dortmund, Cologne and Baldeneysee, here as part of an exchange program which saw a group of Canadians rowing in that country last summer. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1986, p.22]

Kathryn Korchok, a *Standard* reporter, interviewed the 10 West German oarswomen and their two coaches, and in a discussion about the differences between the rowing programmes in Canada and West Germany, Martina Kubicki made an observation, which might have surprised Canadian oarswomen: "'the attitude to women in sport is better here in Canada. And to women rowers.' . . . . 'Yes, for men it's OK to row [in West Germany], but not women,' agreed 20-year-old Anja Schaefer." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1986, p.25]

If Canadian oarswomen felt encouraged by the Germans' assessment of the Canadian programme, Canadian men had their machismo knocked down a peg or two by the visitors when they complained that "the men are too short." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1986, p.25]

The effectiveness of the two programmes may not have been as far apart as the German women suggested. At the 1986 World Rowing Championships, the women of each country won a bronze medal: Canada in the Women's Coxed Four, and the West Germans in the Lightweight Women's Four.

The most heavily subscribed event was the Intermediate Singles with 62 scullers entered. Beginning with the 104th Regatta, events which had been classified as Junior, were now called Intermediate. The women's event with the most entries was the Intermediate Women's Fours (Coxswain) with 34.

"Despite periodic rain the [Thursday] program of heats and finals finished right on time and the first 13 medals of the 1986 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta were awarded." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1986, p.23]

Prior to 1985, the women's events were grouped together on the programme to minimize moving the 1,000 metre starting gate in to and out of position for those events. Although the women began rowing 2,000 metres in 1985, and no longer required that gate, the same, grouped programme was followed that year. However, in 1986, the programme was shuffled so that the men's and women's events were mixed together. Nevertheless, the first final of the Regatta remained the Junior Women's Singles, now renamed the Intermediate Women's Singles. That had been event #1 since 1979.

The winner of that first final was Gabriele Mehl sculling for Ruderklub am Baldeneysee in Essen, West Germany. Coming second in the race was Martina Kubicki from Kölner Ruderverein von 1877 in Köln, West Germany.

Detroit B.C.'s Tim O'Hara made it through the heats and semifinals to win the Intermediate Singles. He was the best of the 62 scullers who entered the event.

Based on a Henley Island count he conducted Henley Thursday, [Chief Marshal of the Float, Jim] Minards showed 42 out-of-town boat trailers parked there with visiting club racking totals running at 63 eights, 103 fours, 58 pairs, 29 quads, 52 doubles and 158 singles, not to mention 172 tents occupied by competitors who chose to camp on the island regatta week. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, September 30, 1986, p.19]

Thursday was a good day for Johanne Mainville. The Montreal R.C. sculler took the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Singles early in the afternoon, and finished the day with a win in the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Quads with Sylvie Dansereau, Catherine Deluze, and Julie Drolet.

On Friday afternoon, 26 heats for Saturday's dashes were held. In an effort to speed up the process and give the grandstand crowd some extra excitement, the races were not held at 10-minute intervals, as was usual, but at five-minute intervals.

Montreal R.C's Johanne Mainville got her third Henley medal, and Julie Drolet her second on Friday in the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Doubles.

Getting the first ever Henley medals for their club, were brothers Phil and Pat Power, Kevin Ort, and Todd Hinks from the South Niagara R.C.. Their coach was Kathy Lichty, who had been in the Canadian women's eight that finished fourth at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. As a reminder of how long it can take to win a Henley medal, the South Niagara four had a combined total of 24 years of rowing experience. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1986, p.27]

The penultimate final of the day was the first eights race of the Regatta, event #26, the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Eights, which was won by the Riverside B.C..

The last scheduled race of the day was a new event: Intermediate 155-lb. Quads. The winners of the inaugural final was a University Barge Club crew.

However, because a large number of shells for several races were mixed together at the starting line waiting for the finals to start at 4:30, a few shells were damaged when boats bumped into each other. The Intermediate Women's Doubles was moved from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to allow the Riverside B.C. shell to be repaired. It was, and they won. And, the Intermediate 155-lb. Doubles was rescheduled from 4:50 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. to allow a hole to be patched in the Leander B.C. shell. They came fourth; St. Catharines R.C. won.

An eight from Duisburg, West Germany was the star of Saturday's finals. The Nordrhein-Westfälischer Ruder-Verband crew took the 500 Metre Dash, Women's Eights, and 65 minutes later, won the Open Women's Eights. The crew included Martina Kubicki who had placed second in the first final of the Regatta, Intermediate Women's' Singles.

The sculler who won the Intermediate Women's Singles, Gabriele Mehl, from Ruderklub am Baldeneysee in Essen, West Germany, won her second Henley medal, taking the 500 Metre Dash, Women's Singles. That race was so close that the judges first declared Simard Oeurek, from the Laval R.C., the winner only to reverse that decision.

Of the 31 finals on Sunday, the St. Catharines R.C. won five, making 10 for the week.

In the photo, Johanne Mainville wears her fourth Henley medal, and hoists the Sandra Kirby Perpetual Trophy after winning the Senior Lightweight Women's Singles for the Montreal R.C.. She had also won the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Singles, Doubles, and Quads—a sweep of the Lightweight class. Mainville made one more trip to the medal podium later in the afternoon to collect her fifth medal, when she and Julie Drolet took the Senior Lightweight Women's Doubles. That was Drolet's third medal.



Stan Lapinski photo.

Simard Oeurek, from the Laval R.C., took the premier women's sculling event, the Senior Women's Singles.



Claude Saunders collection.

New York A.C.'s Larry Klecatsky won the Senior 145-lb. Singles for the 10th, and last time. It was his 53rd Henley medal.

The winner of the Association Singles, Chris Richard, from the Detroit B.C., took the premier men's sculling event, the Championship Singles. Initially, his only opponent was to be St. Catharines R.C.'s Brian Thorne, who had won the Championship Singles in 1976, however, Richard asked officials if club mate Greg Walker, who had won the Intermediate Singles, and placed second in the Association Singles, could be allowed into the Championship event. Officials consented and in the three-boat final, Walker was second, Thorne third.

A medical drama unfolded in front of the grandstand after the Senior 155-lb. Eights. The stroke-man of the winning St. Catharines R.C. crew had to be helped out of the boat; he was pale and weak.

> His body temperature had soared to an incredible 105 degrees (F) [40.6 °C]. Dizzy, disoriented and nausceous [sic], he was suffering from exertional [sic] heat injury, according to St. Catharines physician and CARA medical director Dr. Fraser MacKay. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 11, 1986, p.25]

At the direction of Doctors Robert Wilson and J.P. McMillan, who were stationed at the grandstand to provide emergency medical assistance to rowers, the young man was lifted into a folding chair, and immersed up to his neck in the cool water in front of the grandstand.

After five minutes in the water, his temperature had dropped to 38.9 °C, and after 20 minutes in the water his condition had stabilized and he was taken by ambulance to Hotel Dieu Hospital. He was released two hours later.

Jack Gatecliff: "It was one of those moments when the crowd was hushed and you realize that winning may be everyone's aim but it is of little importance when an athlete's life appears to be on the line." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 12, 1986, p. 17]

A new protocol for recognizing and responding to exertional heat injury in rowers had been put in place by Dr. MacKay. It not only helped—and according to one eyewitness—it saved the life of the St. Catharines oarsman. Medical personnel had also helped another athlete who had collapsed after his race earlier in the day. He was treated at the medical centre on Henley Island.

Vancouver R.C. took the Senior Women's Eights for the third time in four years.

Vancouver R.C. might have won the Senior Eights too. They were leading with 250 metres to go, when one of the crew caught a crab which stopped the boat, and by the time the problem was fixed, they had been passed by crews from the Argonaut R.C. and University of Wisconsin. It was the first time since 1929, that an Argonaut R.C. crew won the Senior Eights. They had also won the Intermediate Eights on Saturday, and four of the crew had won the Intermediate Fours on Friday.

The St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award was won by the Detroit B.C. with a 68.387% efficiency.

All the winners and times for the 1986 Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

Chapter 6: 1964 to 1999: 2,000 metres

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Below is a list of 94 of the 95 clubs that competed at the 1986 Regatta. In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club. [*Entries in Wednesday's heats are not included. I don't have the programme insert, and the press did not report the results of the heats. That's why at least one club may be missing from the list; it was in Wednesday heats only.*]

Also excluded from the list are entries in the Masters, which were run on Sunday morning, and the seven Special/Open races which might have composite and national team crews.

There were 71 regular Henley finals plus the Special/Open events making a total of 78.

Argonaut R.C.	(35/4)	Toronto, Ontario
Boucherville R.C.	(10/0)	Boucherville, Quebec
Brockville R.C.	(5/2)	Brockville, Ontario
Calgary R.C.	(17/0)	Calgary, Alberta
Don R.C.	(14/0)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(22/1)	Edmonton, Alberta
Fredericton R.C.	(13/1)	Federicton, New Brunswick
Hanlan B.C.	(8/1)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(6/2)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(18/0)	Kingston, Ontario
Laval R.C.	(10/3)	Laval, Quebec
Leander B.C.	(22/1)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(14/1)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(1/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Montreal R.C.	(26/6)	Montreal, Quebec
North Star R.C.	(5/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(22/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(20/0)	Peterborough, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(5/0)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(16/0)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(84/10)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Lawrence R.C.	(2/0)	Montreal, Quebec
Saskatoon R.C.	(3/0)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(15/1)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(7/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Tillsonburg R.C.	(2/0)	Tillsonburg, Ontario
University of Victoria	(6/3)	Victoria, British Columbia
Vancouver R.C.	(29/7)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(6/0)	Victoria, British Columbia

Western R.C.	(10/0)	London, Ontario
Windsor Crew	(1/0)	Windsor, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(10/0)	Winnipeg, Manitoba

American entries:

Atlanta R.C.	(2/0)	Atlanta, Georgia
Atlantic City R.C.	(2/0)	Atlantic City, New Jersy
Bachelors Barge Club	(7/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Blood Street Sculls	(8/0)	Old Lyme, Connecticut
Boston University	(3/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Carnegie Lake R.A.	(1/0)	Princeton, New Jersey
Cascadilla B.C.	(2/0)	Ithaca, New York
Chicago River Rowing & Paddling Center	(1/0)	Chicago, Illinois
Cincinnati R.C.	(10/1)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Cornell University	(1/0)	Ithaca, New York
Crescent B.C.	(3/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dartmouth R.C.	(12/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(25/6)	Detroit, Michigan
Duluth R.C.	(4/0)	Duluth, Minnesota
Durham B.C.	(7/1)	Durham, New Hampshire
Ecorse B.C.	(6/0)	Ecorse, Michigan
Empire State R.A	(2/0)	New York, New York
Harbor City R.C.	(2/1)	Melbourne, Florida
Harvard University	(2/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Indianapolis Rowing Center	(4/0)	Indianapolis, Indiana
King’s Crown R.A.	(5/1)	New York, New York
Lake Natoma R.A.	(1/0)	Rancho Cordova, California
Lightweight Development Camp	(1/0)	
Los Gatos R.C.	(4/0)	Los Gatos, California
Malta B.C.	(7/2)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	(1/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Mendota R.C.	(3/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Merrimac River R.A.	(1/0)	Lowell, Massachusetts
Milwaukee R.C.	(2/0)	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Minneapolis R.C.	(1/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(10/1)	St. Paul, Minnesota
New York A.C.	(22/2)	New York, New York
Narragansett B.C.	(1/0)	Providence, Rhode Island
O.A.R.S. [Oakland Athletic Rowing Society]	(6/0)	Oakland, California

Occoquan B.C.	(3/0)	Burke, Virginia
Ohio State University	(1/0)	Columbus, Ohio
Penn A.C.	(12/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pioneer Valley R.A.	(2/0)	Hadley, Massachusetts
Portland R.C.	(1/0)	Portland, Oregon
Potomac B.C.	(18/0)	Washington, District of Columbia
Princeton University	(4/0)	Princeton, New Jersey
Riverside B.C.	(22/4)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
San Diego R.C.	(6/0)	San Diego, California
Santa Barbara R.C.	(1/0)	Santa Barbara, California
Seattle R.C.	(1/0)	Seattle Washington
Trinity College	(1/0)	Hartford, Connecticut
Undine Barge Club	(4/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Union B.C.	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
University Barge Club	(4/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University of Minnesota	(1/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
University of Rochester	(3/0)	Rochester, New York
University of Wisconsin	(8/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Upper Merion B.C.	(2/0)	Bridgeport, Pennsylvania
Vesper B.C.	(19/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Viking R.C.	(2/0)	Ventnor City, New Jersey
West Side R.C.	(12/0)	Buffalo, New York
Wyandotte B.C.	(13/1)	Wyandotte, Michigan

West German entries:

Kölner Ruderverein von 1877	(3/0)	Köln, West Germany
Nordrhein-Westfälischer Ruder-Verband	(1/1)	Duisburg, West Germany
Ruderclub Hamm	(1/0)	Hamm, West Germany
Ruderclub Hansa	(2/0)	Dortmund, West Germany
Ruderklub am Baldeneysee	(3/2)	Essen, West German

At a meeting of CARA's Regatta Committee held in Hamilton, a good deal of time was spent discussing the continued inclusion of Masters events at Henley.

Strong support came from the regatta committee members for a suggestion that the veterans should be removed from Henley, a five-day regatta which is growing on its own each year without the addition of these special events. It was felt the over-age men and women who row these races have ample opportunity for competition at preliminary regattas and in their own masters championships held at Toronto the weekend following Henley.

Problems dealing with masters races at past Henleys were cited. They ranged from last-minute scratches resulting in row-overs, the boating of mixed crews in which athletes from

several clubs raced together and the entry of individual crews or scullers in several age categories.

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The whole question of races for veterans was left with Regatta Chairman [Claude] Saunders who will meet with CARA President [Bob] Ellard next month. . . . [The St. Catharines *Standard*, September 30, 1986, p.19]

In other business, the meeting also learned that the 1986 Henley was a profitable one for CARA. Entry fees plus scratch fines totalled $33,849, which was $10,000 more than 1985. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, September 30, 1986, p.19]

Related to CARA's strong financial position was the recommendation that the quality of the Henley medals should be upgraded. Competitors and officials had complained about them in recent years.

One safety issue was discussed: it was recommended that CARA ban boats with laced shoes, which were deemed a hazard in the event that a rower had to be removed quickly from a shell. Quick-release shoes should replace the laced shoes.

CARA's annual meeting was not covered in the press. Here are the Officers for 1987 as published in the 1987 programme:

Past-President: Don Hornby, Winnipeg
President: Bob Ellard, Regina
1st Vice-President: Pat Hughes, St. Catharines
2nd Vice-President: Tim Rigby, St. Catharines
3rd Vice-President: Guylaine Bernier, Laval
Secretary: Bud Malmo, Kenora
Treasurer: Nat Findlay, Quebec City

Regatta Co-Ordinator: Claude Saunders, Hamilton
With the death of Rodger Sellars, the position of Executive Director was vacant.

1986

The 105th
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Arguably, the 1987 Henley programme cover was the most beautiful one ever produced.

Noticeably prominent is the sponsor's name at the top. Noticeably missing are the names Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation and Canadian Amateur Rowing Association, or, as it was now calling itself, Rowing Canada Aviron.

Perry Ellis did not confine its association with rowing to donating money directly to the Henley as the sponsor. Another campaign involving a poster version of the cover design was also used by the company:

Promotions have been held in all major department stores featuring a new broader approach to rowing. Rowing Clubs from all over Canada have participated by selling the 1987 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta poster as a purchase with purchase with Perry Ellis Ladies and Men's fragrance

products, to defray travel costs for the clubs to attend Henley. [Hugh Winters, "Parfums Stern [President's message]," Souvenir Programme 105th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, 1987, p.7]

The five-day annual Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, which starts Wednesday and continues through Sunday, has attracted a record entry of 2,040 competitors from 103 rowing clubs and universities scattered across North America. Last year, 1,542 competitors from 94 clubs were on hand for the Henley. [The Ottawa *Citizen*, August 5, 1987, p.C3]

Four clubs each brought more than 100 competitors to the 105th Regatta: St. Catharines R.C. (201); Argonaut R.C. (136); West Side R.C. (121); and Riverside B.C. (107). [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 4, 1987, p.21]

The income from entry fees for Rowing Canada Aviron—formerly known as Canadian Amateur Rowing Association—had been growing for many years. In 1987, those fees were:

- singles - $25
- doubles and pairs - $30
- fours and quads - $35
- eights - $40

And so, for example, the Intermediate Women's Fours (Coxswain) had 38 entries, which means that Rowing Canada Aviron collected $1,330 in entry fees for that one event.

Wednesday was the longest day of the Regatta. Starting at 8:30 a.m., 60 heats and six semifinals were rowed every 10 minutes until 7:20 p.m..

One accident marred the programme. In a heat for the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Fours, a London-Middlesex R.C. boat ran into a St. Catharines R.C. boat at the 600 metre mark. The St. Catharines shell was punctured and they and the London-Middlesex crew stopped rowing. St. Catharines lodged a protest on the grounds that they were in contention when the incident happened (they were tied with Calgary R.C. for second) and the Referee, whose boat had run out of gas, did not caution the London-Middlesex crew. Regatta Chairman, Claude Saunders, whose guiding principle in situations such as this was, "do what is best for the rowers," organized a re-row between the two crews, with the winner to advance to the final. London-Middlesex won, which made them the seventh boat in the final where thy came fifth.

Thursday's winner of the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Fours, was the Fredericton R.C.. The crew was made up of three sisters, Jill, and twins Jackie and Joanne Blois, and not a sister, Leslie Eglington.

It was a good day for the Fredericton R.C.. The Intermediate 155-lb. Pairs was won by another Fredericton crew: Tim Prince and Lewis Hancock. Prince was a 29-year-old medical doctor who was about to relocate from Fredericton to St. Catharines. Hancock was a 32-year-old unemployed actor, born in Toronto, educated at Choate School in Connecticut, rowed for Wales, and currently living in Kirk Ireton in Darbyshire, England. The two had met at a regatta in Welland, Ontario. [The *Standard*, August 7, 1987, p.17]

They made three more trips to the podium to collect medals. They won the Intermediate Pairs on Friday, and on Sunday they performed a herculean task of winning the Senior 155-lb. Pairs, and 20 minutes later, the Senior 155-lb. Doubles.

The first final on Friday, the Intermediate Women's Doubles, was won by Ridley Graduate B.C.'s Cheryl Ruller and Vanessa Wakil. It was Wakil's second medal; she had also won the first final of the Regatta on Thursday, the Intermediate Women's Singles.

The Intermediate Lightweight Women's Doubles was won by Club nautique de Montréal. The Canadian Amateur Rowing Association had moved to a more bilingual name: Rowing Canada Aviron. As part of its new bilingual format, clubs from Quebec were now referred to by their French names. And so, what had been the Montreal Rowing Club was now Club nautique de Montréal, which was a shortened version of the club's full name: Club nautique et plein air de Montréal. Later in the year, it would adopt its final name: Club d'aviron de Montréal.

The Blois sisters Jill, and twins Jackie and Joanne, and Leslie Eglington, returned to the podium with coxie Michelle Jones after taking the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Fours (Coxswain) for the Fredericton R.C..

On Saturday, the 500 Metre Dash, Women's Singles was won by Terry Smythe from the Tampa R.C.. Placing fourth, was the only competitor at the 1987 Regatta from outside North America: Sylvie Matthews, who competed for Association Nautique Fontainebleau-Avon in Valvins, France.

Frank Murphy from the St. Catharines R.C. won the 500 Metre Dash, Open Singles, and 25 minutes later, the 500 Metre Dash, 155-lb. Singles, in almost identical times: 1:37.88 for the Open, and 1:37.34 for the lightweight.

On Sunday, the rain

> [d]riven by gusting east winds, . . . almost blew out the morning's Masters program and thoroughly soaked the opening stages of the afternoon's regatta windup. But as wet and as cold as everyone was . . . , every race went off on time, a tribute to Regatta Chairman Claude Saunders and his hardy band of regatta officials. [[The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, Souvenir Program, 1988, p.59]

> It was torrent-time on the course, a typical [?] stormy Sunday afternoon of senior championship races to wrap up this year's version of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.
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> And the crews were freezing.
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> After a week of warmth the temperature barely approached the 16 degree mark (60F), the sky had opened and let loose its fury on the rowers praying for respite. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 10, 1987, p.20]

The winners of the first final on Sunday, the Senior Women's Fours (Coxswain), was a St. Catharines R.C. lightweight crew.


Stan Lapinski photo.

Readers may not be able to see the goose flesh on the arms and legs of the crew, but their body language tells us how cold and wet they were. Every other person in the photo is wearing rain gear with long pants. Note that the grandstand crowd has moved back to the shelter provided by the roof. The crew, with clattering teeth, was made up of —from the left—coxie Whitney Sedgwick, Ann Drost, Tanya Phillips, Wendy Wiebe and Brenda Colby. They were shivering while volunteers emptied their shell—deemed unsafe to row—of accumulated water. Two hours and 40 minutes later, Drost, Phillips, Wiebe and Colby returned to collect medals for the Senior Lightweight Women's Eights—the same crew that had won the Open Lightweight Women's Eights on Saturday. An hour and 40 minutes after that, they were back as a coxed four again, having won the Senior Lightweight Women's Four (Coxswain). Three medals in two hours and 20 minutes!

A Fredericton R.C. four won the Senior Lightweight Women's Fours. The same crew had won the Intermediate on Thursday, and the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Fours (Coxswain) on Friday, with coxie Michelle Jones.



Pictured with their third plaque and third set of medals are, from the left, Leslie Eglington, twins Joanne and Jackie Blois, and their younger sister, Jill.

The Fredericton four were just leaving the podium when club mates Tim Prince and Lewis Hancock crossed the finish line first in the Senior 155-lb. Pairs. They immediately turned around, and went back to Henley Island where they switched boats, returned to the starting line, and rowed their second race in 20 minutes, winning the Senior 155-lb. Doubles. They had also won the Intermediate 155-lb. Pairs on Thursday, and the Intermediate Pairs on Friday.


Stan Lapinski photo.

The pair are pictured after their win in the Senior 155-lb. Doubles with the Stuart H. Fleming Memorial Trophy. Hancock holds one plaque overhead, while Prince holds the other. They each have two hard-earned medals around their necks to go with the two they won on Thursday and Friday. There are several indications that it is raining: the course is flat; the boat-holder has his hood over his head; the oarsmen are glistening, and the whitish streaks on the left in the photo are rain drops reflecting the photographer's flash.

The Blois sisters from the Fredericton R.C. weren't the only family act that achieved success at the 105th Regatta. Two brothers from the Durham B.C. also visited the medal podium on Sunday. First, Mike Dreher won the 135-lb. Singles. An hour later, he teamed with older brother Bob to win the Senior 140-lb. Doubles. Bob returned an hour and 20 minutes later to collect the medal for the Senior 145-lb. Singles. And the Laumann sisters, Silken and Danielle, sculling for the Don R.C., won the Senior Women's Quads on Saturday, with Janice Mason and Heather Hattin. The latter two also won the Senior Women's Doubles on Sunday.

Laura Peck from the Vesper B.C. took the premier women's sculling event, the Senior Women's Singles.

The premier men's sculling event, Championship Singles, was taken by Burt Apfelbaum from Thames River Sculls.

A Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club crew took the Senior Women's Eights, and Penn A.C. won the men's Senior Eights. They were the only crew to break 6 minutes for the 2,000 metres on Sunday with a time of 5:55.14.

The St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award was won by Penn A.C., with a 67.6% efficiency, edging the Don R.C. who had a 66.6% efficiency.

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Excluded from the list are entries in the Masters, which were run on Sunday morning, and the seven Special/Open races which might have composite and national team crews.

There were 72 regular Henley finals plus the Special/Open events making a total of 79.

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Brentwood College	(2/0)	Mill Bay, British Columbia
Burnaby Lake Aquatic Club	(12/3)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(17/1)	Calgary, Alberta
Club d'aviron de Boucherville	(10/0)	Boucherville, Quebec
Club d'aviron de Laval	(14/0)	Laval, Quebec
Club nautique de Montréal	(21/1)	Montreal, Quebec
Don R.C.	(9/3)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(5/0)	Edmonton, Alberta
Fredericton R.C.	(14/7)	Federicton, New Brunswick
Hanlan B.C.	(6/0)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(1/0)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(8/0)	Kingston, Ontario
Leander B.C.	(24/5)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(11/0)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(1/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Middlesex-Wester R.C.	(15/0)	London, Ontario
Nepean R.C.	(3/0)	Nepean, Ontario
North Star R.C.	(4/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(19/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Ottawa-Carleton Rowing School	(2/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(15/0)	Peterborough, Ontario

Quinte R.C.	(2/0)	Belleville, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(6/0)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(8/3)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(106/12)	St. Catharines, Ontario
Saskatoon R.C.	(3/1)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(14/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(2/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Tillsonburg R.C.	(4/0)	Tillsonburg, Ontario
University of Victoria	(17/1)	Victoria, British Columbia
Vancouver R.C.	(9/1)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(4/0)	Victoria, British Columbia
Western R.C.	(6/0)	London, Ontario
Windsor Crew	(3/0)	Windsor, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(10/0)	Winnipeg, Manitoba

American entries:

Alabama Crew	(1/0)	Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Alumni B.C.	(1/0)	Gainesville, Florida [?]
Bachelors Barge Club	(11/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Boston Rowing Center	(4/1)	Boston, Massachusetts
Boston University	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Buckeye R.A.	(1/0)	Powell, Ohio
Bucknell University	(2/0)	Lewisburg, Pennsylvania
Cambridge B.C.	(4/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Cascadilla B.C.	(3/1)	Ithaca, New York
Cincinnati R.C.	(10/0)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Cornell University	(1/0)	Ithaca, New York
Crescent B.C.	(7/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dartmouth R.C.	(12/1)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(13/2)	Detroit, Michigan
Duluth R.C.	(4/0)	Duluth, Minnesota
Durham B.C.	(5/3)	Durham, New Hampshire
Ecorse B.C.	(4/0)	Ecorse, Michigan
Empire State R.A	(1/0)	New York, New York
Independence R.C.	(3/0)	Nashua, Hew Hampshire
Interlachen R.C.	(1/0)	Corning, New York
King’s Crown R.A.	(4/0)	New York, New York
Los Gatos R.C.	(1/0)	Los Gatos, California
Malta B.C.	(12/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	(1/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Mendota R.C.	(3/0)	Madison, Wisconsin

Merrimac River R.A.	(2/0)	Lowell, Massachusetts
Michigan Crew	(3/0)	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Minneapolis R.C.	(7/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
New York A.C.	(23/5)	New York, New York
O.A.R.S. [Oakland Athletic Rowing Society]	(2/0)	Oakland, California
Occoquan B.C.	(3/0)	Burke, Virginia
Palm Beach R.A.	(2/0)	West Palm Beach, Florida
Penn A.C.	(16/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Potomac B.C.	(18/1)	Washington, District of Columbia
Princeton University	(2/0)	Princeton, New Jersey
Riverside B.C.	(43/1)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Sagamore R.A.	(3/0)	Oyster Bay, New York
Tampa R.C.	(3/1)	Tampa, Florida
Thames River Sculls	(11/2)	New London, Connecticut
Toledo R.C.	(2/0)	Toledo, Ohio
Undine Barge Club	(4/2)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Union B.C.	(4/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
University of Central Florida	(1/0)	Orlando, Florida
University of Florida	(1/0)	Gainesville, Florida
University of Minnesota	(3/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Vesper B.C.	(18/2)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Viking R.C.	(1/0)	Ventnor City, New Jersey
Warren R.C.	(1/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
West Side R.C.	(16/0)	Buffalo, New York
Wyandotte B.C.	(15/1)	Wyandotte, Michigan

French entries:

Association Nautique Fontainebleau-Avon	(2/0)	Valvins, France

In addition to the clubs listed above, a couple of independent scullers are listed in the programme as "C" Another B.C., and "D" Another B.C.. Presumably there was also an "A" Another and "B" Another who were in heats on Wednesday. I don't have the programme insert for that day, so I can't confirm that.

It's fairly common for unaffiliated scullers to make up a club name to put on their entry form, but it's not often that we get the story behind the name. When I had no luck finding the location of the Warren R.C., I was able to find Lewis Acampora who was one of the scullers in that club's entry in the Intermediate 155-lb. Doubles. In reply to my query, he wrote:

Warren Rowing Club is the Alumni Rowing Club for former Harvard Lightweights. The club is named for Mrs. Warren, who runs the B&B that the Harvard Lights stayed in those years when the crew would compete at the Henley Royal Regatta. It's also the rowing club that is used to enter regattas. . . . As you might guess, there is no physical building, or boats. [Acampora, Lewis. "Re: 1987 Canadian Henley." Message to Stan Lapinski. January 18, 2024. Email.]

The Canadian Amateur Rowing Association had a new name and a new logo.

ROWING CANADA AVIRON

The annual meeting of Rowing Canada Aviron is not reported in the press.
The RCA Officers for 1988, as published in the 1988 programme, were:
Past-President: Bob Ellard, Regina
President: Tim Rigby, St. Catharines
Vice-President (Domestic): Guylaine Bernier, Nun's Island
Vice-President (Technical): Keith Ratcliff, Terra Cota
Vice-President (Administration): Peter Copland, Toronto
Vice-President (Marketing): Cameron Millikin, Calgary
Secretary: Betty Norris, Oromocto
The position which had been called "Honorary Treasurer" in 1880, then "Treasurer," was now "Vice-President (Administration)".

Regatta Co-Ordinator: Claude Saunders, Hamilton

Although the governing body of amateur rowing in Canada is now commonly referred to as Rowing Canada Aviron, or RCA, its legal name remains Canadian Amateur Rowing Association, and the monogram on the plaques presented at the Henley remains "CARA."

1987

The 106th
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
August 3 to 7, 1988

The numbers for the 1988 Henley were down compared to 1987. North America's best Lightweights and Juniors were at the FISA World Lightweight Championships and FISA Junior Championships in Milan, Italy, and national team open weight scullers and sweep rowers were in training for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

This year 1,920 competitors from 113 rowing clubs and universities across the continent will boat 1,296 entries. Last year 2,038 athletes from 101 clubs descended on Henley Island, boating 1,070 entries. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 2, 1988, p.19]

For the first time since 1966, there was national television coverage of the Henley. It was not the CBC, but a four-year-old "pay-tv" company that tried its hand: The Sports Network. TSN brought a team of 17 technical and eight production staff. It had a camera and microphones at the start, three cameras at the finish, a portable one for interviews, and two microwave-linked cameras in boats following the races. Peter Watts called the races, Teresa Hergert did the interviews, and Greg Rokosh did the analysis. The broadcasts were from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday (after the last final) and 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Live and previously recorded segments were used to fill the two-hour slots. In typical TSN style, the programmes were re-broadcast later at an odd time: 4:30 a.m. the next day. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1988, p.13] [The Toronto *Star*, August 5, 1988, p.B6]

Other media mentioned in the Henley programme include the St. Catharines *Standard*, and radio stations CHOW (Welland, with Pete Morena reporting), CHSC (St. Catharines, with Karl Edmands reporting), CJRN (Niagara Falls, with Phil Lester reporting), and CKTB (St. Catharines, with Doug Hobbs reporting).

The programme contains only one mention of Perry Ellis: the Perry Ellis Trophy is included on the list of events and their trophies. Obviously, the sponsorship had ended.

Wednesday was the longest day of the Regatta: 12 ½ hours. The programme consisted of 70 heats and 12 semifinals running at 10-minute intervals from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Competitors and officials had to endure an extreme temperature of 34 °C which local meteorologists converted to a humidex of 42 °C, i.e. it felt like 42 °C. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 4, 1988, p.23] The heat was especially challenging for competitors—like those from British Columbia—who had been training in 15 °C temperatures before coming to St. Catharines. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 4, 1988, p.24] The only comfortable competitor was the sculler who caught a crab and was thrown out of her shell into the cool water.

To reduce the 40 entries to a field of six for the final of the Intermediate Women's Fours (Coxswain), seven heats were required on Thursday morning, followed by three semifinals on Thursday evening. A St. Catharines R.C. crew were the winners of the final on Friday.

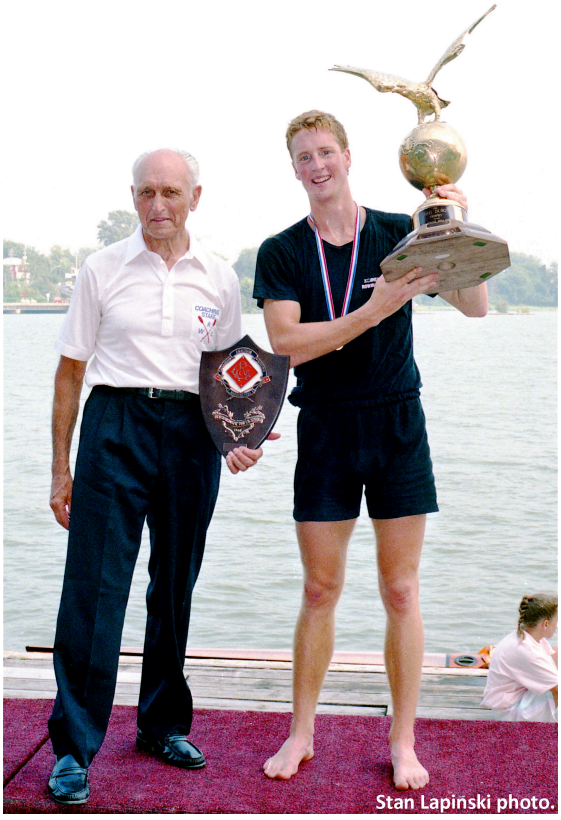
The winner of the first final of the Regatta on Thursday, the Intermediate Women's Singles, was Kelly Mahon [pictured], sculling for the University of Victoria. In the years ahead, she would win numerous Henley medals in sculling and sweep events.


Stan Lapinski photo.

Jack Gatecliff, Executive Sports Editor of the St. Catharines *Standard*, had this to say about Mahon's win:

> Kelly Mahon, of the University of Victoria, the 19-year-old winner of the the intermediate women's heavy singles, also won the Schoolboy [i.e. CSSRA Championship] singles here in 1986 and 1987 but missed last year's Henley while rowing for Canada in the world junior championships in West Germany . . . [sic] Kelly is a six-foot, 155pound [sic] knockout . . . [sic] With her blonde hair tied back with red ribbons she was scarcely perspiring after her easy victory in the oppressive heat. [St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1988, p.27]

The third final of the Regatta, the Intermediate 155-lb. Singles, was won by Chris Flood from the Kennebecasis R.C.. Normally, the winners came to the medal platform and were the centre of attention during the medal presentation. However, this ceremony was different. First, a beautiful new trophy was presented. Second, the person for whom the trophy was named, performed the inaugural presentation: Theo Dubois.


Stan Lapinski photo.

From 1931 to 1955, Theo Dubois won more races at the Northwestern Regatta in Winnipeg than any other oarsman, including a string of five consecutive wins in the Championship Single. At the Canadian Henley, sculling for the Winnipeg R.C., he won the Junior Single in 1938, the Association Single and Senior Double with Ab Riley in 1939, the Championship Single in 1941 and again in 1942, rowing for the Ottawa R.C..

He twice qualified for the Olympics—in 1940 with Ab Riley in the double, and again in 1948 in the single—but he was twice denied competing for Canada in the Games. The 1940 Games were cancelled because of World War II, and the second, denial—a highly controversial one—was by the selection committee of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, although he had won the Canadian trials beating four other scullers.

In 1941, having won both the American and Canadian Championship Singles, Dubois was co-named, along with Bill Cowley of the Boston Bruins hockey club, the Canadian Press outstanding male athlete of 1941.

Also in 1941, he was named Canada's Outstanding Athlete of the Year and was awarded the Lou Marsh Trophy.

He was a longtime member and coach at the Winnipeg R.C., and in 1978 he was made Honorary President. He was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in 1981.

In 1988, a striking trophy bearing his name, was, as the inscription on it says, "donated to C.A.R.A. by friends of Theo Dubois," and he made the inaugural presentation to Chris Flood. [pictured]

On Sunday, Flood returned to the medal platform for a simpler medal presentation when he and Wayne Macfarlane won the Senior 155-lb. Pairs.

After 25 small boat finals, the penultimate final on Friday, event #26, was the first for eights: the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Eights. The winners were a Leander B.C. crew. It was the first women's event won by a Leander crew at the Canadian Henley. It was also notable for being an all-Canadian field. Following Leanders across the finish line were: Vancouver R.C./University of British Columbia, Argonaut R.C., St. Catharines R.C., Calgary R.C., and Club d'aviron de Laval.


Stan Lapinski photo.

On Saturday, the winning New York A.C. crew in the Senior 155-lb. Quads contained a familiar face in bow seat: Larry Klecatsky. It was Henley medal number 54 for Dr. Klecatsky.

The Dreher brothers from the Durham B.C. were busy on Sunday. First Mike won the Senior 135-lb. Singles, then he combined with Bob to win the Senior 140-lb. Doubles, and finally, Bob won the Senior 145-lb. Singles. If that wasn't notable enough, it should be pointed out that they did exactly the same thing at the 1987 Regatta.

In the photo, Mike Dreher holds the Tank Trophy, while Bob holds the CARA plaque for the Senior 140-lb. Doubles.

The Senior 155-lb. Doubles was won by a duo who had also been in a winning quad on Saturday, Larry Klecatsky and Kiernan Quinn from the New York A.C.. Klecatsky, three days shy of his 48th birthday, was more than twice the age of Quinn, who was 23. It was Klecatsky's 55th and last Henley

gold. For the record, the other members of the Senior 155-lb. quad were 19-year-old Joe Caminiti, and 27-year-old Chuck Windeknecht. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1988, p.19]



In the photo, Quinn, (left) and Klecatsky pose with the Stuart H. Fleming Memorial Trophy.

On Sunday, Johanne Mainville, wearing Club d'aviron de Boucherville colours, won the Senior Lightweight Women's Singles. In 1986, she had won the event while sculling for the Montreal R.C..

Sisters Silken and Danielle Laumann, with Heather Hattin and Sandra Stephenson combined to win the Senior women's Quad for the Don R.C. on Saturday. On Sunday, Silken won her second medal of the 1988 Regatta, taking the Senior Women's Singles, by 10 lengths of open water, an event she had also won in 1985. Later in the afternoon, she combined with Heather Hattin to win her third medal of the 1988 Regatta, taking the Senior Women's Doubles.

The premier men's sculling event, the Championship Singles, was won by Detroit B.C.'s Greg Walker. He had won the Association Singles on Saturday, and the Intermediate Singles in 1986.

Sunday's final in the Senior 140-lb. Eights was won by Club d'aviron de Laval. They beat three St. Catharines R.C. crews.

The last two races, the premier sweep oar events, the Senior Women's Eights and the Senior Eights were won by the University of Victoria and Penn A.C. respectively. Penn A.C.'s 5:27.05 for the 2,000 metres was the best time of the 106th Regatta.

Penn A.C. won the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award with a 78% score. Placing second, was the best Canadian club, Brockville R.C. with a 72% score.

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Kenora R.C.	(2/0)	Kenora, Ontario
Kingston R.C.	(8/0)	Kingston, Ontario
Leander B.C.	(22/2)	Hamilton, Ontario
McGill University	(7/1)	Montreal, Quebec
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Ridley Graduate B.C.	(10/0)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(85/10)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. John's R.C.	(3/0)	St. John's, Newfoundland
Saskatoon R.C.	(11/2)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(7/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(5/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
Trillium R.C.	(1/0)	Jordan, Ontario
University of Victoria	(29/5)	Victoria, British Columbia
University of Waterloo	(1/0)	Waterloo, Ontario
Vancouver R.C./University of British Columbia	(20/1)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(12/1)	Victoria, British Columbia
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Barnstable R.A.	(1/0)	Centerville, Massachusetts
Boston Rowing Center	(3/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Brookline Rowing	(1/0)	Brookline, Massachusetts
Brown University	(1/0)	Providence, Rhode Island
Cal Poly	(1/0)	San Luis Obispo, California
Cascadilla B.C.	(5/0)	Ithaca, New York
Cincinnati R.C.	(15/1)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleveland R.C.	(4/0)	Cleveland, Ohio
Cornell University	(1/0)	Ithaca, New York
Craftsbury Sculling Center	(1/0)	Craftsbury Common, Vermont
Crescent B.C.	(4/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dartmouth R.C.	(13/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(20/3)	Detroit, Michigan
Duluth R.C.	(7/0)	Duluth, Minnesota
Durham B.C.	(7/3)	Durham, New Hampshire
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Independence R.C.	(4/1)	Nashua, Hew Hampshire
Indianapolis Rowing Center	(1/0)	Indianapolis, Indiana
Interlachen R.C.	(1/0)	Corning, New York
King’s Crown R.A.	(4/0)	New York, New York
Lowell B.C. [University of Massachusetts Lowell]	(4/0)	Lowell, Massachusetts
Magic Lantern	(4/0)	
Malta B.C.	(12/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	(3/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Merrimac River R.A.	(3/0)	Lowell, Massachusetts
Minneapolis R.C.	(6/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(11/0)	St. Paul, Minnesota
Mission Bay R.A.	(7/0)	San Diego, California
Narragansett B.C.	(4/1)	Providence, Rhode Island
New Haven R.C.	(2/0)	New Haven, Connecticut
New York A.C.	(38/4)	New York, New York

O.A.R.S. [Oakland Athletic Rowing Society]	(1/0)	Oakland, California
Occoquan B.C.	(4/1)	Burke, Virginia
Ohio State University	(1/0)	Columbus, Ohio
Palm Beach R.A.	(3/0)	West Palm Beach, Florida
Penn A.C.	(27/7)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(4/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pioneer Valley R.A.	(9/1)	Hadley, Massachusetts
Portland R.C.	(3/0)	Portland, Oregon
Potomac B.C.	(20/1)	Washington, District of Columbia
Riverside B.C.	(33/1)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Salisbury School	(1/0)	Salisbury, Connecticut
St. Mary's College	(6/1)	St. Mary's City, Maryland
Thames River Sculls	(15/1)	New London, Connecticut
Undine Barge Club	(16/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Union B.C.	(4/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
University of Minnesota	(1/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
University of Tampa	(1/0)	Tampa, Florida
Vesper B.C.	(14/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Side R.C.	(11/1)	Buffalo, New York
Wyandotte B.C.	(16/0)	Wyandotte, Michigan

Mexican entries:

Club de Guardias Presidenciales	(2/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
Club España	(10/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
National Autonomous University of Mexico [Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México]	(1/0)	Mexico City, Mexico

In addition to the clubs listed above, an unaffiliated sculler is listed in the programme as competing for "A" Another B.C..

According to CARA's financial statement dated March, 1989, the 1988 Henley took in $28,048. [*Rowing Canada Aviron*, February, 1990, p.7]

The annual meeting of Rowing Canada Aviron is not reported in the press.

The RCA Officers for 1989, as published in the 1989 programme, were the same as 1988:

Past-President: Bob Ellard, Regina
President: Tim Rigby, St. Catharines
Vice-President (Domestic): Guylaine Bernier, Nun's Island
Vice-President (Technical): Keith Ratcliff, Terra Cota
Vice-President (Administration): Peter Copland, Toronto
Vice-President (Marketing): Cameron Millikin, Calgary

Secretary: Betty Norris, Oromocto

Regatta Co-Ordinator: Claude Saunders, Hamilton
General Manager: Mark Lowry

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A topic that was much discussed in rowing circles was the subject of a feature article by Beverley Smith in the *Globe and Mail*: exertional heat injury, or more simply, heat exertion.

Dr. [Kathleen] Swayze and Dr. [Robert] Wilson dealt with 32 heat exertion cases — with one serious enough to be sent to hospital — at the Henley and at the Canadian scholastics rowing championships between 1986 and 1988.

Rowing has its own peculiarities that contribute to the problem: the lightweight rower who strives to shed even more to stay in the appropriate weight category, and the dangers of a hot, humid day of work.

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[D]eliberate pre-race dehydration was the most common [predisposing factor].

"Lightweight rowers have a stupid way of losing weight," Dr. Wilson said. "You might have a 170-pound individual who is trying to get in the 150-pound category. They start the race really ill. When you start with an empty radiator, you have problems."

Some of the methods of weight reduction seem designed to fell even a robust athlete. "These people tend to go running in plastic bags," Dr. Swayze said. "If they don't make weight, they keep running, or sit where it's hot until they make weight. They sometimes lose 4½ kilos this way.

. . . .

Many oarsmen spend eight to 10 hours in the sun while waiting for their heats. It is not surprising, Dr. Wilson says, that most of the heat exertion cases occur at the end of the day.

Dr. Wilson then refers to an incident that happened at the 1986 Henley.

"Several minutes after the photos were taken (after a race), one [oarsman] collapsed. He couldn't say his name, and was very hot to the touch. After five minutes of immersion (in cold water), his temperature was still 104 degrees Fahrenheit." [He remained in the water until his temperature came down, and he was transported to hospital.]

. . . .

Both Dr. Wilson and Dr. Swayze recommend: education for coaches, only one weigh-in on race day [as opposed to weighing-in after each run]; denying any athlete the ability to race if unfit; wearing hats during warmup and stowing one to three water bottles on [sic] the boat. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, April 28, 1989, p.A22]

[*Every competitor now carries a water bottle in the boat, and hats are becoming more common. Switching from experience and weight-based categories to FISA age categories has minimized the need for competitors to lose weight. Exertional heat injury still occurs, but it is not as common as it once was*.]

Something which had not been tried before, a newspaper advertisement promoting the sale of box seats in the grandstand was published in the *Standard*. Reserved seats were offered for $15.00 per seat for four days, "a savings of $4.00 off the regular gate admission of box seats purchased separately." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 2, 1989, p.29] The ad is not as clear as it could be. It seems to mean that if a box seat was purchased for four days, the cost would be $15.00 for each day—$60.00 total—not $16.00 if the seat were purchased separately for each day—$64.00 total.

The "1989 Henley has attracted more than 1,700 competitors from 110 rowing clubs and universities across Canada and the United Staes. Included among the entries are contingents from Great Britain, Guatemala and Mexico." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1989, p.25]. Those numbers probably include Masters, which were rowed on Sunday morning.

The St. Catharines R.C. had the most competitors: 196. It was followed by the Leander B.C. with 61, Hanlan B.C. with 51, New York A.C. with 48, and Penn A.C. with 46. Mexico's Club España brought more than 60 athletes and supporters, its largest contingent ever. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1989, p.25]

"Women's entries have increased by about 10 per cent each year since first introduced at Henley in 1972. They now make up half the competitors crowding Henley Island where more than $5 million worth of rowing equipment is racked this week." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1989, p.25]

While the number of female competitors may have equalled the number of male competitors, only 33 of the 86 events (including the Special/Open events) were women's events, that's 38.4%.

The largest entry was in the Intermediate Singles. On Wednesday, it required 10 heats to reduce the 58 entrants to 20, who then rowed in four semifinals to decide the six to advance to the final on Thursday. The best of the 58 was Ridley Graduate B.C.'s Bruce Adams.

The most heavily subscribed women's event was the Intermediate Women's Singles with 40 entries. The first seven heats on Wednesday sent 21 scullers to the three semifinals later in the day, which pared the number down to six for the first final of the Regatta on Thursday. That was won by Marnie McBean from the Western R.C..

Heats on Wednesday began at 8:32 a.m., and in an effort to speed up the programme, they ran every eight minutes, not 10 as had been the practice before. The last semifinal went off at 6:56 p.m..

As mentioned earlier, lightweights were faced with the problem of keeping their weight below the maximum allowable. Here's how two Fredericton R.C. scullers controlled their weight with a spartan regimen. On Wednesday, they both qualified for the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Singles.

Jill Blois and Sharon Cronin of the Fredericton Rowing Club toasted their success at the 107th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta on Wednesday with tumblers of water.

There was nothing for dinner, not even a post-race snack. Just plain old water. That's all they would allow themselves.

Lightweight rowers are like that. They've disciplined themselves to maintain a strict physical-mental code to retain an exact body weight.

"You have to tone down your eating habits considerably to make it through weigh-ins," says Blois, 23. "And because of nerves when you're racing you lose some of your appetite anyway."

A spare, carbohydrate diet enables Blois and Cronin to hold their weight below the 130-pound maximum for lightweights. [women]

Pasta or rice, vegetables and fruits — and plenty of water — keeps them lean. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 10, 1989, p.23]

We might worry that the women were candidates for eating disorders, but since both were mature women, with a thought-out diet and plan, that danger was probably minimal. For the record, the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Singles was won by Mary Fox from the University of Tampa. Blois finished third and Cronin, fourth.

On Thursday, a "strong tailwind helped the boats down the 2,000-metre course." [The Toronto *Star*, August 11, 1989, p.D5]

The first final of the Regatta, the Intermediate Women's Singles, had a thrilling finish. Marnie McBean of the Western R.C. beat Lisa Kunze from the Riverside B.C. by 14/100 of a second.

Lisa Kunze would team up with Ann Mayer to win the first final on Friday, the Intermediate Women's Doubles. Later in the day, she would collect her second medal in the Intermediate Women's Quads.

The Henley eligibility rule had to be enforced on Thursday. Although Marnie McBean was on the Canadian national team, she was in the women's four, so she was eligible to scull at the Henley.

However, in the Intermediate Singles—won by Bruce Adams from the Ridley Graduate B.C.—"Rob Marland of the Dons [sic] Rowing Club of Mississauga, who had the fastest qualifying time, was ruled ineligible. Marland sculls on the national team and Henley rules dictate national team members can only row Henley in their specialty in special open races." [The Toronto *Star*, August 11, 1989, p.D5]

While Fridays's finals, semifinals and most heats returned to 10-minute intervals, the heats for Saturday's dashes were run at blistering five-minute intervals.

Heat #4 of six for the 500 Metre Dash, 155-lb. Singles, included a sculler celebrating his 48th birthday: Larry Klecatsky from the New York A.C.. It would make a better story if he had won, but he was second and did not qualify for the Saturday final which was won by John Murphy from the St. Catharines R.C.. Klecatsky went home with no Henley medals. Indeed, except for the 500 Metre Dash, 145-lb. Singles which was won by Todd Green, New York A.C. was held winless at the 1989 Regatta.

In an amazing example of parity, at the end of Friday's races, 27 finals had been run, and the medals had been shared among 22 clubs. Only three clubs had won more

than one event: Western R.C. had taken four, Riverside B.C. and the St. Catharines R.C. two each.

Competitors had to contend with “a slight headwind” [The Toronto *Sunday Star*, August 13, 1989, p.H6] on Saturday.

The Intermediate Eights final was won by the West Side R.C.. While on the podium, the coxie and four members of the crew were given a second medal. They had come second to a Penn A.C. crew in the Intermediate Fours (Coxswain) on Thursday. After West Side R.C. and New York A.C. representatives submitted a protest to Regatta officials, it was determined that the Penn A.C. crew contained an ineligible oarsman—someone who had won an Intermediate and a Senior event at the U.S. Nationals in 1985—so the Penn A.C. crew was stripped of their medals which were then presented to the Buffalo crew on Saturday. The West Side coxie in the coxed four and eight was Robert Spampata. “Spampata, 42, won Henley gold 25 years ago and after rejoining the West Sides club in 1981, had been trying in vain to add a second gold. Yesterday, he got two.” [The Toronto *Sunday Star*, August 13, 1989, p.H6]

The Senior Women’s Quads was won for the third year in a row by the Don R.C.. Although the crew was made up of different women in each of those years, Silken Launmann was in all three crews. It was her only win in 1989. Kay Worthington was also in that crew and she won the Senior Women’s Singles on Sunday. Those were the only wins for the Don R.C..

The intermediate Women’s Eights final was an all Canadian race. The Argonaut R.C. won, followed by Winnipeg R.C, University of Victoria, London R.C., Calgary R.C., and St. Catharines R.C.. It speaks to the strength of the Canadian women’s programmes across the country, that the three preliminary heats on Friday produced six strong Canadian crews for the final.

Saturday’s Open events attracted large contingents of national crews from Canada, the United States, and Mexico, as well as crews from the Penn A.C. and Boston Rowing Center development camps. The 14 events were evenly split, with Canada, the United States, and Penn A.C., each winning four.

The Masters events were run on Sunday morning at eight-minute intervals from 8:00 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.. There were still 21 categories, and there were still only three for women. The regular finals began at 12:30 p.m..



Racing conditions on Sunday were ideal, as the above photo illustrates. The flags are limp and the water is flat. The less-than-capacity crowd saw 31 exciting Senior races.

There's something new on the right. That space had been occupied by the beer garden in recent years, much to the chagrin of the Regatta officials, public address announcers, and press and radio reporters who worked on the front apron of the grandstand. Jack Gatecliff, Sports Editor of the St. Catharines *Standard,* probably summed up the feelings of many when the drinkers were relocated: "The officials who moved the beer tent from the front of the grandstand to the back must be commended. . . [sic] The suds were still available but the commotion on the waterfront during awards presentations was avoided." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 14, 1989, p.20]

So, what is that blue structure under the canopy where the beer garden used to be? It's a first aid tent. Competitors who required medical attention could be treated in privacy. In addition to the usual first aid supplies, there was a cot, and a tub that could be filled with water in the event a competitor was suffering from heat exertion and needed his/her body temperature lowered quickly. The man standing next to the fence, wearing grey slacks, white shirt, and a blue and white ball cap is Dr. Robert Wilson, the physician on duty on Sunday.

It was a good Regatta for Teresa Zarzeczny from the Fairmont R.A.. On Saturday, she took the 500 Metre Dash, Women's Singles, and on Sunday, the Senior Lightweight Women's Singles, and two hours and 10 minutes later, the Senior Lightweight Women's Doubles with Marjorie Riemer.

But it was Durham B.C. scullers—led for the third year in a row by the Dreher brothers, Bob and Mike—who put on a clinic Sunday afternoon.



The crew in the photo, taken Saturday after they won the Senior 155-lb. Quads, is the *entire* Durham B.C. team. From the left, they are: Bob Dreher, Pieter Beckman, Mike Dreher, and Neil Fitch.

On Sunday, at 1:10 p.m., Mike won the Senior 135-lb. Singles for the third year in a row. In the next final, at 1:20 p.m., Bob teamed up with Pieter Beckman to win the Senior 155-lb. Doubles, and 50 minutes later, Mike and Bob won the Senior 140-lb. Doubles for the fourth year in a row.

Beckman had won the Intermediate 155-lb. Singles on Thursday, so, like the Dreher brothers, he went home with three Henley medals.

Frank Rowe from the Undine Barge Club won the Championship Singles. He had also won the Association Singles on Saturday.

Don R.C.'s Kay Worthington took the Senior Women's Singles, beating Lisa Kunze from the Riverside B.C. who had also come second in the Intermediate Women's Singles.

Inspiration comes in different forms. For Tim Prince in the Senior 155-lb. Singles, it was his son who had been born on Friday. The St. Catharines R.C. sculler beat Tim O'Hara from the Detroit B.C. by half a length. "'I was thinking about my new little boy and that's what drove me on in the final 500,' Prince said." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 14, 1989, p.19] Prince had now won Henley medals competing for three different clubs. He began in 1980 at the North Star R.C. (for whom he did not win a medal), won the Senior 145-lb. Singles for the University of New Brunswick in 1985, and in 1987, he

won four medals wearing Fredericton R.C. colours: Intermediate and Senior 155-lb. Pairs, Intermediate Pairs, and Senior 155-lb. Doubles.

Two races after Prince's win, the Senior 155-lb. Eights final, the inspiration came from the announcement at the starting gate by 20-year veteran, Tom Kent, that he was retiring after the race.

At the 1989 Henley I had decided I was going to retire after the Senior Lwt 8+ which is arguably the race that St Catharines Rowing Club cherished. After the warm up I got everyone's attention. I said to the crew made up of close friends like Scott Anderson and Ryan Tierney plus a few first year kids, that after rowing in the St. Catharines R.C. Senior Lwt. all these years the most important thing I learned is to row every race like it's your last race. AND THIS IS MY LAST RACE!
There was dead silence. I thought I blew it. I think I heard sniffles.
Well these guys were so pumped to get to the finish line first, we had open water at the first 500 m on the 6 boat field. The last 500 m was challenging but the crew was not going to lose. They presented me with the plaque. [Kent, Tom. "Re: Henley wins." Message to Stan Lapinski. September 13, 2024. Email.]

"'We dedicated the second five to Tommy, and really put our heads down to get the win,' [said stroke-man Steve Smith]." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 14, 1989, p.19]

After his retirement from his long and successful career as a sweep oarsman and sculler—this was his 19th Henley win—Kent went on to have a long and successful career as a coach at St. Catharines high schools, the St. Catharines R.C. and Brock University.


Stan Lapinski photo.

The Kelly Mahon-stroked University of Victoria crew that took the 500 Metre Dash, Women's Eights on Saturday, won the Senior Women's Eights on Sunday. They are pictured above with the Henley Island Helpers President's Cup.

Penn A.C., who had three of the five boats in the Senior Eights, took that event. "The stern four . . . won the silver [medals] in the heavy eights at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 14, 1989, p.19] The winning crew pose below with the Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy.



Penn A.C. won the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award for the third year in a row. In addition to PAC's five wins in the regular Henley events, they also won four of the Special/Open events which did not count towards points. They were *the* powerhouse of the 1989 Regatta.

Penn A.C. achieved their success with a team of 46.

Honourable mention should be given to the Durham B.C.. With a team of four lightweights, they filed 10 entries, and won five of them.

All the winners and times for the 1989 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Below is a list of the 107 clubs that competed at the 1989 Regatta. In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club.

Excluded from the list are entries in the Masters, and the 14 Special/Open races which might include composite and national team crews.

Chapter 6: 1964 to 1999: 2,000 metres

There were 72 regular Henley finals plus the Special/Open events making a total of 86.

Argonaut R.C.	(32/5)	Toronto, Ontario
Brockville R.C.	(11/3)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake R.C.	(3/0)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(18/1)	Calgary, Alberta
Club d'aviron de Boucherville	(8/0)	Boucherville, Quebec
Club d'aviron de Laval	(18/1)	Laval, Quebec
Club nautique de Montréal	(12/0)	Montreal, Quebec
Don R.C.	(31/2)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(18/0)	Edmonton, Alberta
Fredericton R.C.	(13/0)	Federicton, New Brunswick
Georgian Bay R.C.	(1/0)	Midland, Ontario
Hanlan B.C.	(26/2)	Toronto, Ontario
Kelowna R.C.	(2/0)	Kelowna, British Columbia
Kennebecasis R.C.	(1/0)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(17/2)	Kingston, Ontario
Kitchener-Waterloo R.C.	(2/0)	Kitchener, Ontario
Leander B.C.	(30/3)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(23/0)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(17/1)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(15/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(21/0)	Peterborough, Ontario
Queen's University	(2/0)	Kingston, Ontario
Quinte R.C.	(5/0)	Belleville, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(8/0)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(9/1)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(109/6)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. John's R.C.	(8/0)	St. John's, Newfoundland
Saskatoon R.C.	(2/0)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(7/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(11/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
University of Victoria	(31/3)	Victoria, British Columbia
Vancouver R.C.	(19/3)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(14/1)	Victoria, British Columbia
Western R.C.	(23/4)	London, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(17/0)	Winnipeg, Manitoba

American entries:

Bachelors Barge Club	(22/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Barnstable R.A.	(2/0)	Centerville, Massachusetts

Beaumont H.S.	(1/0)	Cleveland Heights, Ohio
Belmont R.C.	(1/0)	Belmont, Massachusetts
Better Motion R.C.	(16/0)	South Hadley, Massachusetts
Boston Rowing Center	(11/1)	Boston, Massachusetts
Boston University	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Cambridge B.C.	(2/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Capital R.C.	(3/0)	Washington, District of Columbia
Cascadilla B.C.	(3/0)	Ithaca, New York
Chicago River R.A	(11/0)	Chicago, Illinois
Cincinnati R.C.	(9/0)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Community Rowing, Inc.	(10/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Craftsbury Sculling Center	(2/0)	Craftsbury Common, Vermont
Cuyahoga R.A.	(1/0)	Cleveland, Ohio
Dartmouth R.C.	(7/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(23/2)	Detroit, Michigan
Durham B.C.	(10/5)	Durham, New Hampshire
Ecorse B.C.	(8/0)	Ecorse, Michigan
Empire State R.A	(3/0)	New York, New York
Fairmount R.A.	(7/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Flint R.C.	(1/0)	Flint, Michigan
Fremont Area Rowing Team	(6/0)	Seattle, Washington
Genesee R.C.	(1/0)	Rochester, New York
Grand Rapids R.C.	(2/0)	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Harvard University	(1/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Ithaca College	(2/0)	Ithaca, New York
King’s Crown R.A.	(8/0)	New York, New York
Lehigh Valley R.A.	(3/0)	Easton, Pennsylvania
Lowell Community Rowing	(3/0)	Lowell, Massachusetts
Malta B.C.	(7/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	(1/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Mercyhurst College	(1/0)	Erie, Pennsylvania
Merrimac River R.A.	(10/0)	Lowell, Massachusetts
Minneapolis R.C.	(12/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(5/1)	St. Paul, Minnesota
Narragansett B.C.	(8/0)	Providence, Rhode Island
Navesink River R.C.	(5/0)	Red Bank, New Jersey
New Haven R.C.	(2/0)	New Haven, Connecticut
New York A.C.	(55/1)	New York, New York
Northeastern University	(2/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Norwalk River R.C.	(1/0)	Norwalk, Connecticut
Oakland Strokes	(1/1)	Oakland, California
Occoquan B.C.	(7/0)	Burke, Virginia

Ohio State University	(3/0)	Columbus, Ohio
Palm Beach R.A.	(5/0)	West Palm Beach, Florida
Penn A.C.	(21/5)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(5/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pioneer Valley R.A.	(12/0)	Hadley, Massachusetts
Potomac B.C.	(16/1)	Washington, District of Columbia
Quinsigamond R.A.	(2/0)	Shrewsbury, Massachusett
Riverside B.C.	(49/2)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Rochester R.C.	(1/0)	Rochester, New York
Schuylkill Navy	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Slo Oar R.C.	(1/0)	San Luis Obisco, California
St. Mary's College	(2/0)	St. Mary's City, Maryland
Stanford R.C.	(3/0)	Palo Alto, California
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(1/0)	Syracuse, New York
Thames River Sculls	(11/2)	New London, Connecticut
Topeka R.A.	(1/0)	Topeka, Kansas
Undine Barge Club	(26/4)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Union B.C.	(4/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
University of Alabama-Huntsville	(1/0)	Huntsville, Alabama
University of Tampa	(4/1)	Tampa, Florida
Vesper B.C.	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Side R.C.	(26/2)	Buffalo, New York
Wyandotte B.C.	(25/0)	Wyandotte, Michigan

British entries:

First and Third Trinity B.C.	(2/0)	Trinity College, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Guatemalan entries:

Club Aurora	(5/0)	Guatamala City, Guatemala

Mexican entries:

Club España	(13/2)	Mexico City, Mexico
UNAM [*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*] [National Autonomous University of Mexico]	(4/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
UPIICSA-IPN [*La Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería y Ciencias Sociales y Administrativas - Instituto Politécnico Nacional*]	(5/0)	Mexico City, Mexico

In addition to the clubs listed above, one unaffiliated sculler is listed in the programme as competing for "A" Another B.C., and a women's pair is listed as competing for "C" Another. Neither won a final.

The annual general meeting of Rowing Canada Aviron was held in Laval, Quebec, December 1 to 3.

There was a large turnover of executives; five from 1989 left, to be replaced by five new faces. Of the elected members only Peter Copland retained his position. The term of office had been two years for decades, however, beginning in 1990, it would be three years. The RCA Officers for 1990 were:

Past-President: Tim Rigby, St. Catharines
President: Michael Murphy, London
Vice-President (Domestic): Greg Gilks, Regina
Vice-President (High Performance): Doug Hamilton, Toronto
Vice-President (Administration): Peter Copland, Victoria
Vice-President (Marketing): Bill Saunderson, Toronto
Secretary: Des Smith, Calgary

The 1990 Board of Directors seems to have been made up of regional representatives. Their duties are not specified. They were:

Ron Basarab, Winnipeg
Guylaine Bernier, Nun's Island
Greg Gilks, Regina
Joe Grey, Shawnigan Lake
Jim McKenna, Rothesay
Jeff Reitberger, Thunder Bay
Bob Sawler, Dartmouth
Mic Somerwil, Edmonton

General Manager: Mark Lowry

In addition, there were 10 committees. One of those was the Regatta Committee, of which the Henley Regatta Committee was one of five sub-committees. Claude Saunders was its chairman.

Finances were on the agenda, and RCA was both solvent and in debt. "For perhaps the first time in a decade, the Association as a whole is solvent." [*Rowing Canada Aviron*, February, 1990, p.8] However, the financial statement shows a deficit of $150, 332 on March 31, 1989, an improvement over the 1988 deficit of $238, 082. [*Rowing Canada Aviron*, February, 1990, p.7]

In the *Rowing Canada Aviron* coverage of the annual general meeting, the Canadian Henley receives very little ink, in part, because it was well run, and required little or no change by RCA. As the report says, It "is a regatta with a long tradition and very high prestige. It's only problem is its popularity: it now takes five full days, and

further expansion should not be encouraged at this time." [*Rowing Canada Aviron*, February, 1990, p.24]

Henley-related items included the announcement that the Special/Open class for national teams would now be called the Elite class, and Canadian national team members should compete in those events as members of the Canadian team, and "should not row under club colours in any event at the regatta." [*Rowing Canada Aviron*, February, 1990, p.24]

Two new Henley events were announced: a flyweight 115-pound women's coxed four, and a men's lightweight eight dash.

The five other recommendations regarding the Canadian Henley can be summed up in four words: "continue as at present." [*Rowing Canada Aviron*, February, 1990, p.24]

1989

The 108th
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
August 8 to 12, 1990

The current 10-year agreement between the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association and Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation pertaining to the holding of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta on the Henley course in St. Catharines was signed on May 18, 1983, so it still had three years to run until a new one had to be negotiated. However, Jack Gatecliff, Executive Sports Editor of the St. Catharines *Standard* had this to report in his "Through the Sports Gate" column:

Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation (CHRC) president Hap Lafferty of this city said yesterday that a new agreement has been reached with CARA for the regatta to remain here virtually in perpetuity.

10-year pacakages [sic]

"The contract between CARA and the CHRC is in 10-year packages," explained Lafferty. "We're guaranteed to be the host the next 10 years and we have to give notice that we will continue for another decade 60 days before this segment runs out. If the previous regattas have been successful or CARA hasn't replied within 30 days it's an automatic 10-year extension. It will be here at least another 30 years." [*I don't follow the math, but that's the way it appears in print.*]

"The pact stipulates that the CHRC keeps the course, grandstand and concession in good condition, provides accommodation for the boats, oarsmen and officials and other items such as programs and first aid . . . . In brief we'll continue exactly what we've been doing for all these years.

"CARA will provide the sanction, all officials (most from St. Catharines) and trophies.

"After costs, the two organizations will split the profit or losses which means we have to work hard together to provide a good partnership. On a year-to-year basis it was difficult to make long-range plans. Now we know where we are going."

The confirmation that the Henley is staying here also affords the CHRC, a non-profit organization which owns the facilities, the opportunity to get on with the job of updating the course to full international standards. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1990, p.23]

The 1990 Henley attracted 1,855 competitors from 112 clubs. Included in those numbers were 21 competitors from Guatemala. Three clubs from Mexico were also on hand: Club España with 25 competitors, UPIICSA-IPN [*La Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería y Ciencias Sociales y Administrativas - Instituto Politécnico Nacional*] had 18 rowers, and Club de Remo Antares brought eight. Two clubs from the United Kingdom were represented: Thames Tradesmen's R.C. from London had five competitors. They had sent two—who won the Junior and Senior Women's Doubles—in 1983. Newcomer to the Canadian Henley was the Kingston R.C. from Kingston upon Thames which had an entry in the Intermediate Women's Pairs. And, Australia's national

crew was entered in the Elite Lightweight Women's Fours. The St. Catharines R.C. had the largest team with 186 competitors, followed by the Argonaut R.C with 81. The largest non-Canadian team was Penn A.C. with 62 rowers. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1990, p.22]

The press usually expresses the size of the Regatta in terms of the numbers of participating clubs, competitors, and entries.

Another way to gauge the size of the Regatta, is to look at the number of volunteers under Regatta Chairman, Claude Saunders.

His 1990 executive committee was composed of eight men.

Under them there were:

Starters and referees: 38 men and three women.

Marshals of the float: 24 men.

Clerks of the course: 13 men.

Finish judges: 10 men.

Registration: five men and one woman.

Clerks of the scales: four men and four women.

Daily racing results: five men and three women.

Medical staff: five men and one woman.

Medical support staff: 18 women.

Grandstand: seven men.

Regatta launches: three men.

Medical boats: 10 men and one woman.

Ticket office: two men and 12 women.

Announcers: eight men and one woman.

Publicity and promotion: 10 men.

Trophy custodians: four men.

Catamaran crew: 13 men.

Boat holders (start): Five men and 10 women.

Pylon reporters: Five men and three women.

Bow markers: Five men.

Boat holders (grandstand): Two men.

Medal ceremonies: Two women. [source: *The Tradition Continues: The 1990 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta (Souvenir Program)*, 1990, p.11]

That's 236 hands-on volunteers, plus eight executive, plus Saunders, making a total of 245. The number is only a good approximation, because some people worked at more than one task, and some volunteers are not listed in the 1990 programme; they volunteered after the programme was printed.

A new event started the 1990 Regatta: Open 115-lb. Women's Four (Coxswain). The word "Open" meant what it used to mean before the Special/Open events were added to the programme; for club competitors, but neither Junior nor Senior, as opposed to national team and composite crews, who now competed in the new Elite class. The first winners of the event were a crew from Club d'aviron de Laval. They were

dubbed the flyweights, and officials and photographers at the medal presentation ceremony had fun trying to pick out the coxie from the crew who averaged 52.2 kg.

A familiar face came in for a medal after he won the Intermediate 145-lb. Singles: Mike Dreher from the Durham B.C.. After winning the Senior 135-lb. Singles in the previous three years, he took advantage of the CARA rule which said that that was a non-qualifying event, which meant that scullers winning that race could still compete as an Intermediate in a higher weight class. It wouldn't be his last trip to the medal podium at the 1990 Regatta.

Todd Hallett, from the Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club was the best of the 54 scullers entered in the Intermediate Singles. He had to go through heats and semifinals just to get to the six-man final.

Regular Henley attendees often got to see post-race dunking. It was common to see, the crew toss the coxie. Sometimes the crew dove in together. But a variant made its debut on **Friday**. The St. Catharines R.C. won the Intermediate 140-lb. Doubles, and after the medal presentation and press interviews, Gord Ray got onto Kevin Boyce's shoulders, and Boyce dove into Martindale Pond.

The results of heats were not published in the press, and stories related to heats rarely made it into print. However, one story from the Friday's heats got a lot of ink:

Rowing veterans
holding their own

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Seasoned eight has best time in heats

By Lauro Palomba
The Globe and Mail

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — An eight-man crew averaging 42 years of age mocked time yesterday by qualifying for today's final in the 500-metre dash at the 108th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta.

Disdaining the Masters class, the eight donned the red-and-blue stripes of the St. Catharines Rowing Club and posted the fastest time in yesterday's qualifying heats on the Old Welland Canal, one minute 25.03 seconds.

Under Henley rules, a Master must be 27 years old and out of competitive rowing for one year. But anyone competing in that category forfeits the right to enter other events.

Two months ago, John McIntyre, 48, a member of Canada's 1968 Olympic eights [sic] and now a community college teacher, proposed the the eight row in the regular section of the Henley.

"There are probably some strong egos in the boat who want to prove they can still hold their own against younger guys," was the explanation offered by Phil Monckton.

Monckton, 38, who now runs a Toronto event marketing business was a singles sculler in 1980 and a sure bet to make the finals at the Moscow Olympics before Canada boycotted the Games.

Conflicting work schedules kept training for the eight down to four sessions in eight weeks.

"We intend not to be embarrassed," Paul Little vowed. Like his friends, Little, 47, a Toronto chartered accountant, had won Henley events in his salad days.

Monckton had predicted a fast 44-stroke start lengthening to 40 with no time for strategy: "Get in the most number of powerful strokes in (a minute and a half)."

But in rough waters and against a headwind, the crew — averaging 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds — scooted into the lead at 46 strokes and rowed to the finishing gun without serious challenge in the second heat.

"We did our start and then settled," said Rick Crooker, 42, McIntyre's cremate in 1968 and now a vice-president of American Express Canada.

St. Catharines high school teacher Rich Symsyk, 46, an Olympian in 1968 and 1972, said, "It feels exactly the same way it felt 20 years ago," referring to butterflies at the starting line.

His crew won the eights on the same course in 1968.

Mike Neary, a 41-year-old Torontonian was happy, almost disbelieving: "Our time doesn't mean anything. Maybe the others were holding back."

The 1972 and 1976 Olympian and pairs silver medalist at the 1975 Pan-Am Games, said elatedly, "We thought we'd be competitive but . . . [sic] I don't want to say too much."

Other members of the crew are Paul Douma, 28, world champion in the quads in 1985 and Wayne Philbrick, 43, a St. Catharines contractor but formerly an international competitor and a Canadian Football League player for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 11, 1990, p.A11]

The story had something of a bitter-sweet ending. The St. Catharines R.C. eight did win the final of 500 Metre Dash, Eights on Saturday. "Cheers erupted from the spectators and for the only time in the five days of the 108th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, the grandstand paid tribute with a prolonged standing ovation." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 13, 1990, p.C7] However, Wayne Philbrick was not on the podium with the crew. He had injured his back in Friday's heat and had to be replaced by Bill Nazar, a current member of the StCRC team. High school student, Lisa Tamburrino, was the ninth member of the crew.

Phil Monctkon, in addition to being in the St. Catharines eight, was also a member of the Argonaut R.C., and wearing the double blue, he teamed with Bob Blunt in the Senior Doubles. They did not qualify for Sunday's final.

On Saturday, when early-morning fog delayed starting for an hour and a half before afternoon rain set things back another hour, regatta organizers still managed to have everybody off the water by 8 p.m., just one-half hour behind schedule. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 15, 1990, p.27]

Durham B.C. won the Senior 155-lb. Quads for the second year in a row with the same crew: Mike and Bob Dreher, Pieter Beckman and Neil Fitch. It was Mike's second medal, having won the Intermediate 145-lb. Singles on Thursday. Beckman got his second medal for 1990 later in the afternoon when he won the 500 Metre Dash, 155-lb. Singles.

Not to be outdone by the Dreher brothers, the Laumann sisters, Silken and Danielle, along with Brenda Colby and Heather Hattin, combined to win the Senior Women's Quads for the Don R.C..

The final races on Saturday had been called Special/Open in recent years. This had caused some confusion. Such events had been meant for national, camp, and composite crews, however, the term Open also referred to club events that had no distinction between Intermediate and Senior. Beginning in 1990, the term Elite replaced Special/Open, and Open continued to refer to events which were neither Intermediate nor Senior.

The 1990 programme included an exceptionally large number of Elite events: 16. Of those, two were not contested because of scratches, and two were run together when scratches threatened to cancel both events, meaning 13 races were held.



It was a near-capacity crowd—perhaps 3,100 to 3,200 spectators—on hand for Sunday's 31 finals.

The Senior Lightweight Women's Fours was a distinctly international event. It was decisively won by Melbourne University B.C. from Australia. (There was a 13 second gap between first and second. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 13, 1990, p.C7]) Canadian crews Club d'aviron de Laval and Burnaby Lake R.C. were second and third. Vesper B.C from the United States were fourth and fifth, and Thames Tradesmen's R.C. from London, England were sixth.

No CARA official or opposing club seems to have questioned the club status of the Melbourne University crew, even though they were clearly identified in the press as an Australia national crew. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1990, p.22] The same crew—with one substitute—had also won the Elite Lightweight Women's Fours on Saturday wearing Australia colours.

A Melbourne University B.C. crew had won the Women's Lightweight Four at the 1990 Women's National Championships on Lake Barrington, Tasmania in March, but the women who collected Henley medals on Sunday had all competed for other clubs at the Australian National Championship. However, on Saturday, the crew that had won the Elite Lightweight Women's Fours, contained a substitute—or a "reserve" as the Australians called her: Kathy Lloyd. She had been in the crew that won in Australia. That made her the only legitimate member of the Melbourne University B.C.. Ironically, she did not row in the crew on Sunday.

The Sunday crew won a silver medal for Australia at the 1990 World Championships at Lake Barrington three months later.


Stan Lapinski photo.

Mike Dreher was back to claim the Senior 135-lb. Singles for the Durham B.C. for the fourth year in a row. His 1990 medal total now stood at three.

The event immediately following Mike's was the Senior 155-lb. Doubles and it was won by his brother Bob and Steven Peterson. Bob's medal total stood at two.

Fifty minutes later, Bob was back with Mike to claim the medals for the Senior 140-lb. Doubles. It was the fifth year in a row that the brothers had won that event. It was Mike's fourth 1990 medal and Bob's third. In the photo, Bob holds the Tank Trophy, and Mike holds the CARA plaque presented for that event.

To this point in their Henley careers, Bob had won 13 Henley medals, and Mike had won 12.

Bob got 14th Henley medal, his fourth for 1990—his third in two hours and 10 minutes

—when he won the Senior 145-lb. Singles for the third time in four years. It was a herculean feat reminiscent of Jim "Chick" Hewson and Larry Klecatsky. Since Mike had won the Intermediate 145-lb. Singles, he was automatically entered in the Senior, setting up a potential brother versus brother race, but Mike scratched.

In an interview, Bob succinctly expressed the Dreher/Durham racing philosophy: "We're here to win them all—we don't come to lose." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 13, 1990, p.21]

Don R.C.'s Brenda Colby was another repeat winner, taking the Senior Lightweight Women's Singles. She had won the Senior Women's Quads on Saturday. She later combined with Heather Hattin, also from the quad, to take the Senior Lightweight Women's Doubles.

Colby and Hattin's crew mate from the quad, Silken Laumann, took the Senior Women's Singles for the third time, beating Cora McCloy from the St. John's R.C. by 12 seconds. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 13, 1990, p.C7] Silken then joined her sister, Danielle, the fourth member of the quad, to take the Senior Women's Doubles. That potent pair had won the bronze medal in the Double Sculls at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Although Silken had sculled on some of the best courses in the world, she had some complimentary things to say about the Regatta: "Henley is excellent, the best. The best people, great racing and a nice international flavour." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 13, 1990, p.17]

Russ Cone from Thames River Sculls won the Senior Singles. It was his third medal; he had also won the Association Singles and Elite Singles on Saturday.


Stan Lapinski photo.

The premier women's sweep event, the Senior Women's Eights, was won by a Vesper B.C. crew.

The premier men's sweep event, the Senior Eights, was taken by a University of Victoria crew that beat three Penn A.C. and one Vancouver R.C. crews.

The St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award went to the Don R.C.. Five of the DRC's six wins were accomplished by the four women pictured here with the Margaret Gare Trophy after winning the Senior Women's Quads on Saturday.

From the left:

Heather Hattin: Senior Women's Quads; Senior Lightweight Women's Doubles

Silken Laumann: Senior Women's Quads; Senior Women's Singles; Senior Women's Doubles

Danielle Laumann: Senior Women's

Quads; Senior Women's Doubles

Brenda Colby: Senior Women's Quads; Senior Lightweight Women's Singles; Senior Lightweight Women's Doubles

The sixth Dons win was also achieved by a women's crew: Intermediate Lightweight Women's Quads.

All the winners and times for the 1990 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Below is a list of 105 of the 112 clubs that competed at the 1990 Regatta. [*I don't have the programme insert for Wednesday, so some clubs are missing from this list because they only competed in Wednesday's heats. Also missing are clubs that competed only in the Elite races.*] In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club.

Excluded from the list are entries in the Sunday morning Masters, and the 13 Elite races which might include composite, camp, or national team competitors.

There were 75 regular Henley finals plus the Elite events making a total of 88.

Argonaut R.C.	(34/2)	Toronto, Ontario
Brockville R.C.	(8/0)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake R.C.	(13/0)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Bytown R.C.	(1/0)	Ottawa, Ontario [?]
Calgary R.C.	(9/0)	Calgary, Alberta
Club d'aviron de Boucherville	(6/1)	Boucherville, Quebec
Club d'aviron de Laval	(27/2)	Laval, Quebec
Club d'aviron de Montréal	(2/0)	Montreal, Quebec
Don R.C.	(21/6)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(16/0)	Edmonton, Alberta
Fredericton R.C.	(8/1)	Federicton, New Brunswick
Hanlan B.C.	(14/1)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(3/0)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(26/1)	Kingston, Ontario
Kitchener-Waterloo R.C.	(2/0)	Kitchener, Ontario
Leander B.C.	(25/4)	Hamilton, Ontario
Lloydminster R.C.	(2/0)	Lloydminster, Alberta
London R.C.	(1/0)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(7/1)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(8/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Ottawa-Carleton Rowing School	(7/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(9/0)	Peterborough, Ontario
Quinte R.C.	(6/1)	Belleville, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(4/0)	Regina, Saskatchewan

Ridley Graduate B.C.	(16/2)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(76/6)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. John's R.C.	(19/1)	St. John's, Newfoundland
Saskatoon R.C.	(13/0)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(3/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(4/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
University of Victoria	(17/3)	Victoria, British Columbia
Vancouver R.C.	(21/5)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(9/0)	Victoria, British Columbia
Western R.C.	(19/2)	London, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(13/2)	Winnipeg, Manitoba

American entries:

Amoskeag R.C.	(1/0)	Manchester, New Hampshire
Bachelors Barge Club	(26/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Baltimore R.C.	(2/0)	Baltimore, Maryland
Barnstable R.A.	(2/0)	Centerville, Massachusetts
Better Motion R.C.	(2/0)	South Hadley, Massachusetts
Boston Rowing Center	(4/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Bulldog R.C.	(4/1)	Darien, Connecticut
Cambridge B.C.	(3/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Capital R.C.	(5/0)	Washington, District of Columbia
Cincinnati R.C.	(1/0)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleveland A.C.	(2/0)	Cleveland, Ohio
Community Rowing, Inc.	(2/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Craftsbury Sculling Center	(1/0)	Craftsbury Common, Vermont
Crescent B.C.	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dartmouth R.C.	(9/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(14/0)	Detroit, Michigan
Duluth R.C.	(1/0)	Duluth, Minnesota
Durham B.C.	(14/7)	Durham, New Hampshire
Ecorse B.C.	(4/0)	Ecorse, Michigan
Empire State R.A	(7/0)	New York, New York
Fairmount R.A.	(5/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Harvard Sculling Club	(2/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
King's Crown R.A.	(4/0)	New York, New York
Lawrence University	(1/0)	Appleton, Wisconsin
Lehigh Valley R.A.	(1/0)	Easton, Pennsylvania
Malta B.C.	(2/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Minneapolis R.C.	(9/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(2/0)	St. Paul, Minnesota
Narragansett B.C.	(1/0)	Providence, Rhode Island

New York A.C.	(26/3)	New York, New York
Northeastern University	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Penn A.C.	(24/6)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(7/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Pioneer Valley R.A.	(4/0)	Hadley, Massachusetts
Portland R.C.	(1/0)	Portland, Oregon
Potomac B.C.	(20/0)	Washington, District of Columbia
Riverside B.C.	(27/2)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Rollins College	(2/0)	Winter Park, Florida
Sagamore R.A.	(1/0)	Huntington, New York
Seattle R.C.	(2/0)	Seattle, Washington
St. Mary's College	(2/0)	St. Mary's City, Maryland
Syracuse Alumni	(1/0)	Syracuse, New York
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(1/0)	Syracuse, New York
Thames River Sculls	(22/3)	New London, Connecticut
Three Rivers R.A.	(4/0)	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
22nd Street Sculls	(2/0)	
Undine Barge Club	(18/2)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Union B.C.	(3/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
United Colors	(1/0)	
University of Chicago	(1/0)	Chicago, Illinois
University of Tampa	(3/0)	Tampa, Florida
University of Wisconsin	(2/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Upper Merion B.C.	(1/0)	Bridgeport, Pennsylvania
Vesper B.C.	(12/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Side R.C.	(11/0)	Buffalo, New York
Western Reserve R.A.	(5/0)	Cleveland, Ohio
Wyandotte B.C.	(15/3)	Wyandotte, Michigan

Australian entries:

Melbourne University B.C.	(3/1)	Melbourne, Australia

Brazilian entries:

Clube de Regatas do Flamengo	(6/0)	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

British entries:

Kingston R.C.	(1/0)	Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom
Thames Tradesmen's R.C.	(3/0)	London, United Kingdom

Guatemalan entries:

Aviateca [Aviation Technical School]	(15/1)	Guatamala City, Guatemala

Mexican entries:

Club de Remo Antares	(4/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
Club España	(16/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
UNAM [*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*] [National Autonomous University of Mexico]	(2/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
UPIICSA-IPN [*La Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería y Ciencias Sociales y Administrativas - Instituto Politécnico Nacional*]	(6/2)	Mexico City, Mexico

In addition to the clubs listed above, some unaffiliated competitors are listed in the programs belonging to the following. It's probable, but not certain, that they are all from the United States:

"A" Another	(2/0)
"C" Another	(2/0)
"E" Another	(1/0)
"F" Another	(3/0)

The cost of equipment doesn't get mentioned in print very often, but the February, 1990 edition of *Rowing Canada Aviro*n has three ads from private sellers for *used* singles:

- 1984 Hudson sigle - $3,200
- 1987 Kaschper single - $3,000
- 1988 Fitness Shell single- $1,400

Rowing Canada Aviron was also reducing the size of the Canadian national team fleet by selling two of its eights and four of its quads:

- 1986 Empacher eight - $18,000
- 1988 Empacher eight - $20,000
- 1984 2 Stampfli quads - $7,000 each
- 1986 2 Stampfli quads - $7,000 each

To put those prices in perspective, in 1990, a person could buy a 1984 Dodge 600 in excellent condition for $3,200, or a 1988 Accura Integra, four door with full options for $13,900. [St. Catharines *Standard*, August 31, 1990, p.29]

The Rowing Canada Aviron annual general meeting was held in Thunder Bay, Ontario, November 30 to December 2.

In the second of their three year terms, the RCA Officers for 1991 were the same as 1990:

Past-President: Tim Rigby, St. Catharines
President: Michael Murphy, London
Vice-President (Domestic): Greg Gilks, Regina
Vice-President (High Performance): Doug Hamilton, Toronto
Vice-President (Administration): Peter Copland, Victoria
Vice-President (Marketing): Bill Saunderson, Toronto
Secretary: Des Smith, Calgary

General Manager: Mark Lowry

Although no record of the meeting appeared in the press, two changes at the 1991 Henley can probably be traced back to the 1990 annual meeting.

The Intermediate 140-lb. events were removed from the 1991 programme, although they returned in 1992.

And a strange rule was attempted to be enforced in 1991: competitors were prohibited from wearing hats or headbands.

1990

The 109th
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
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The 1991 Henley had two sponsors: Xerox, which got prime space on the front cover of the programme, and Pacific Brewery, which got the entire back cover.

In an interview with *Standard* reporter Bill Potrecz, Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation President Tim Rigby announced the sponsorships, and spoke of the financial importance of them:

"We try to turn a profit thanks to our sponsors, Rigby said. "Our budget to operate is about $92,000 and our income is about $120,000. That's from entry fees, programs and people coming in."

Rigby says the profits are divided between the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association and the Canadian Henley Corporation. [sic]

Entry fees range from $35 for singles to $55 for the eights. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, July 26, 1991, p.23]

The number of entries for this year's Royal Canadian Henley Regatta is down slightly from last year.

The 109th Henley has attracted 1,700 competitors (including masters) from more than 100 clubs compared to 1,855 last year.

"The number of entries are down a bit from last year and I put that down to economic conditions," said Claude Saunders, who is chairing the regatta for the 39th consecutive year. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1991, p.19]

Those 1,700 competitors came from Canada, Australia, Mexico, the Soviet Union, and the United States.

The St. Catharines R.C. and Argonaut R.C. had the two biggest Canadian teams with 185 and 111 rowers, respectively. Riverside B.C. led the American clubs with 70 rowers, and Mexico's Club España had 31.

The Soviet Union was supposed to have a team of 20, but only half that number arrived.

Ten female rowers were supposed to join the 10 Soviet men but the airline overbooked and [team manager Victor] Sedov was forced to leave them at home in Krasnodar, a city of 800,000 on the Black Sea coast.

"The guys are stronger. They have more possibility to win," he explained. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1991, p.9]



The above photo was taken early Wednesday morning. There are no boats on the water, and the launching wharf and staging area are empty; this is the calm before the storm. The first heat was scheduled for 8:32, so, by 7:30, there would be activity everywhere.

Standard reporter Deborah McNorgan gives us a glimpse of what was going on behind the scenes.

> Quin Gradek wanted to row so badly he let a nurse cut his hair with bandage scissors.
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> Mr. Gradek, a 20-year-old rower from Kentucky, ran to the first aid station for a last-minute hair cut yesterday when he learned he wasn't allowed to wear a hat or hairband on the course.
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> "My hair was in my eyes. I couldn't see." he said . . . . [St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1991, p.9]

It must have been a slow day at Rowing Canada Aviron headquarters when they decided to ban hats and headbands. Some of the greatest oarsmen who ever competed at the Canadian Henley were known for their head gear. Hilton Belyea wore a blue cap with a long peak. John B. Kelley, Jr. was known for his green cap, and Jim "Chick" Hewson

usually wore a white gob hat whether he was sculling or pulling a sweep oar. One has to wonder how they would have reacted if a Marshall of the Float had asked them to remove their head gear.

The injunction seems not to have been universally enforced. A glance at photos of the winners at the 1991 Regatta shows many competitors wearing hats or headbands.

Reporter McNorgan also tells us what goes on at the starting line.

Vanessa Thorne agreed to lie face down on a wooden plank for five hours in the blazing sun.

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At the starting line, Vanessa was one of six volunteer "boat holders" sprawled on their stomachs with arms outstretched to hold the rowers in place before the starting horn.

"You get a good tan, but there've been times I felt I almost went in the water because they pull so strong," said the 15-year-old Port Dalhousie girl. [St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1991, p.9]

McNorgan also reminds us that visiting competitors needed places to stay while at Henley, and that they might need medical attention.

In addition to the Soviet rowers, St. Catharines residents have opened their homes to competitors from the U.S., Mexico, Australia and elsewhere in Canada. Some of the rowers are staying in church halls, hotels or Brock University residences, and about two dozen tents have sprung up in a nearby farmer's field.

As for medical care, two doctors, two nurses and two ambulance attendants are set to hand out bandages for blisters and deal with rowers who may frantically try to lose a few pounds to meet weight requirements.

"Some of these kids don't eat anything for a couple of days days before their race, or don't drink anything the day they race. Then they get sick," said Bob Kuhns of St. John's [sic] Ambulance. [St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1991, p.9]

The big story on Wednesday was the wind. Deborah McNorgan writes that competitors had to contend with

a strong headwind that churned up the 2,000-metre course.

"The start was really swelly. I just thought about not tipping over," said Cheri Moore, a 24-year-old rower from Fredericton who emerged wet but grinning after winning the women's intermediate single sculling heat. [St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1991, p.9]

Another *Standard* reporter, Mark Jeanneret, led his article with the wind.

A breeze across the start line on the Henley Rowing Course created some choppy water in the morning, which made starting a bit tricky for some of the competitors. That, in turn slowed, [sic] the races which were scheduled to run every eight minutes.

"We're finishing 20 minutes late, which is not too bad for the first day with all heats," regatta chairman Claude Saunders said. [St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1991, p.19]

The wind played havoc with some races yesterday and was especially tough on boats assigned to Lane 1 [the lane on the east side of the course, farthest away from the grandstand].

Henley officials said Lane 1 runs over the shallowest water and, consequently, produces the largest waves when the breeze picks up. [St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1991, p.19]

The largest entry at the 1991 Regatta was in the Intermediate Singles with 58 entries. Nine heats and three semifinals were needed on Wednesday to reduce the field to six for the final on Thursday. The ultimate winner was Tony Biernacki, Jr. from the Ridley Graduate B.C..

For the second year in a row, Club d'aviron de Laval took the first final of the Regatta, the Open 115-lb. Women's Fours (Coxswain).

Either by accident or design—it's not clear which—there were no Intermediate 140-lb. class events in 1991. Missing from the programme were the Intermediate 140-lb. Doubles, Fours, Fours (Coxswain), and Eights.

The second final on Friday, the Intermediate Pairs, involved a protest. The race was won by Penn A.C., however, Peterborough R.C., who placed a close second, charged that Penn A.C. had encroached on their lane causing oars from the two boats to touch. "After a lengthy deliberation, regatta chairman Claude Saunders ruled in favour of Peterborough, meaning the race will be rowed again, . . ." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 10, 1991, p.21] The race was re-rowed on Saturday morning; Penn A.C. won again.

The finish of the 500 Metre Dash, Women's Eights was so close, that officials had to rely on the photo to determine that the St. Catharines R.C. crew beat the Cincinnati R.C. eight.

There were nine Elite races on Saturday, and two of those were row-overs

The Masters events were rowed on Sunday morning.

A part of Henley history was in the grandstand on Sunday, in the person of F.W. "Fred" Burns.

One of the few people older than the grandstand at the 109th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta yesterday was Fred Burns.

The Toronto native hasn't missed a Henley since 1919, when he won his first medal in this particular regatta. [*The reporter is confused. Burns probably meant that he first competed in 1919. He won his first medal in 1923*.]

"I started out with the Don (Mississauga) [sic] Rowing Club eights after the (First World) War," the 91-year-old former rower said. [*The Don R.C. was located on Ashbridge's Bay on Toronto's eastern waterfront from 1912 to 1931. The City of Toronto built its main waste disposal works on the property adjacent to the clubhouse, and the air and water in the area became toxic.*]

"But the water there was so bad I was infested with boils and went to the Argos."

It was there he rowed as a single and won the 140-pound singles championship. [*Again, the reporter is confused. Burns won the 140-lb. Singles (Primary) once, and the 140-lb. Singles (Special) four times while still a member of the Don R.C.*.]

"I won 10 Henley medals, but I don't have one now," he said. Everything was stolen, so . . .[sic]"

Burns doesn't feel times have improved greatly since his days in rowing, but equipment is much different and much better.

"And when I started, women weren't even allowed near the clubhouse — only at Regatta time. Now it's nice to see them competing."

While it is always dangerous to contradict the memory of the person who was there, records show that Fred Burns won 11 Henley medals, not 10.

While a member of the Don R.C.:

1923 - 140 lb. Singles (Primary) [Junior]
1923 to 1926 - 140 lb. Singles (Special) [Senior]
1925 - Junior Singles

While a member of the Argonaut R.C.:

1927 - 140 lb. Singles (Special) [Senior]
1928 - Association Singles
1928 - Championship Singles
1930 and 1931 - Senior 140 lb. Singles

"Primary" was later called "Junior", and "Special" was later called "Senior".

Like some outstanding lightweights who followed him, Fred Burns competed in—and won—heavy weight events.

Speaking of outstanding lightweights, the Durham B.C's. Mike and Bob Dreher, once again put on a sculling clinic Sunday afternoon.

First Mike won the Senior 135-lb. Singles for the fifth year in a row.

Immediately following Mike's race, Bob and Jay Feenan won the Senior 155-lb. Doubles. It was Bob's third medal in that event.

Fifty minutes later, the brothers combined to win the Senior 140-lb. Doubles, for the sixth year in a row.

Fifty minutes after that win, Bob was back with Steve Peterson to receive medals for the Senior Doubles. This was the pair who won the Men's Lightweight Double at the 1990 World Rowing Championships on Lake Barrington in Tasmania, Australia.

Mike made one more appearance on the medal podium after the Senior Quads. The race was won by a Soviet crew, Kuban-Sedin. They received Elite medals, while the second place crew from the Durham B.C. took home traditional Henley medals. Since Kuban-Sedin was an elite crew, they were not presented with the winners' plaque; Durham was. Nevertheless, Kuban-Sedin is in the record books as the winner although second place counts as a win for DBC.

For those keeping track, at the end of the 1991 Regatta, Bob's Henley medal count stood at 17, and Mike's at 15, including the Senior Quads, for which he received a medal in the dual medal ceremony.

We move from winning brothers to winning sisters. Diane and Susie Lueck, sisters from the Cincinnati R.C. won the Senior Women's Pairs.

Lisa Carey won the Senior Lightweight Singles for Club d'aviron de Montréal, and later in the afternoon, she combined with Michelle Murphy to take the Senior Lightweight Women's Doubles. That event had an international field, with crews from Canada, the United States, Mexico, and Australia.

The Senior 155-lb. Singles was won by Kevin Bedell from the Occoquan B.C.. He had also won the Elite Lightweight Singles on Saturday. However, *Standard* reporter, Jim Wallace, did not write an article about him. Instead, he opted to write an article about the sculler who place fifth in the Senior 155-lb. Singles; the sculler who had won that event 11 times between 1969 and 1984; the sculler who was celebrating his 50th birthday; the sculler to whom the grandstand crowd sang "Happy Birthday"; the sculler who had won 55 Henley medals; the sculler who was wearing his normal red, white and blue headband in contravention of the Rowing Canada Aviron rule: Larry Klecatsky. [Reporter Wallace generously gives Klecatsky 10 more medals than he actually won.]

His time was respectable, within a few seconds of winner Kevin Bedell, . . . although he didn't feel he ran his best race.

"I didn't do well today; it wasn't one of my better efforts. More rowers now are able to train full-time, year round. I train a lot, but I always had my family and career as a physician to think about.

"But, you know, you get close to these kids when you race against them and they kind of suck you into the competition with them.

"But maybe it's time for me to join the veterans," he added with a grin.

By the way, Klecatsky wasn't bothered by the warm conditions on the final day of this year's event.

"I love the warm weather. It's good for my arthritis." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 12, 1991, p.23]

He also finished fourth in the 500 Metre Dash, 155-lb. Singles on Saturday. It was an anti-climactic ending to Dr. Klekatsky's long and outstanding career at the Canadian Henley. Except for the occasional Masters event, he would not compete on the Henley course again.

The premier women's sculling event, the Senior Women's Singles, was won by Kay Worthington from the Don R.C.. She had also won it in 1989.

Leander B.C.'s Mel Laforme took the Championship Singles.



For the third time in four years, a University of Victoria crew won the Senior Women's Eights and Henley Island Helpers President's Cup. Note that five of the nine women are wearing banned headgear. Perhaps Rowing Canada Aviron officials saw the error of their ways and did not enforce their rule, especially since the 29 °C temperature would have made sweat in competitors' eyes a serious issue. Five races earlier, Meagan Andrews and Paula Hale from the eight also won the Senior Women's Doubles.



Calgary R.C. beat Penn A.C. in the Senior Eights by 0.53 seconds, and won the Hanlan Memorial Challenge Trophy. It was supposed to be a five boat race, but the St. Catharines R.C. crew, and two Penn A.C. crews scratched, so it was two powerful crews that pounded down the course, head to head, both producing sub-six-minute times (5:59.1 and 5:59.63). It was Calgary's first—and to date, only—time winning that event. Four members of the crew also won the second event of the day, the Senior Fours. In that one they had to beat six other crews, including two Penn A.C. fours.

Western R.C. won the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award with an 81.93 score, meaning that that club was able to accumulate 81.93% of the points it was eligible to win. Thames River Sculls was second with 60.75%.

All the winners and times for the 1991 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Below is a list of 89 clubs that competed at the 1991 Regatta. [Not included *are clubs that competed only in the Elite races.*] In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club.

Excluded from the list are entries in the Sunday morning Masters, and the nine Elite races which might include composite, camp, or national team competitors.

There were 71 regular Henley finals plus the Elite events making a total of 80.

Argonaut R.C.	(39/4)	Toronto, Ontario
Brockville R.C.	(4/0)	Brockville, Ontario
Calgary R.C.	(20/2)	Calgary, Alberta
Club d'aviron de Boucherville	(1/0)	Boucherville, Quebec
Club d'aviron de Laval	(6/2)	Laval, Quebec
Club d'aviron de Montréal	(17/2)	Montreal, Quebec
Don R.C.	(27/1)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(16/1)	Edmonton, Alberta
Fredericton R.C.	(10/0)	Federicton, New Brunswick
Hanlan B.C.	(7/0)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(2/0)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(33/1)	Kingston, Ontario
Kitchener-Waterloo R.C.	(8/0)	Kitchener, Ontario
Leander B.C.	(30/3)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(11/0)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(7/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
North Star R.C.	(3/0)	Datmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(16/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Ottawa-Carleton Rowing School	(4/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Ottawa Valley R.C.	(3/0)	Arnprior, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(18/1)	Peterborough, Ontario

Quinte R.C.	(11/0)	Belleville, Ontario
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(12/1)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(91/11)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. John's R.C.	(6/1)	St. John's, Newfoundland
Saskatoon R.C.	(7/1)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(15/0)	Welland, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(4/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
University of British Columbia	(1/0)	Vancouver, British Columbia
University of Victoria	(12/3)	Victoria, British Columbia
Vancouver R.C.	(23/3)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(9/1)	Victoria, British Columbia
Western R.C.	(8/2)	London, Ontario
Windsor Crew	(3/0)	Windsor, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(7/1)	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Woodstock R.C.	(1/0)	Woodstock, Ontario

American entries:

Albany Rowing Center	(4/0)	Albany, New York
Ann Arbor R.C.	(3/0)	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Bachelors Barge Club	(19/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Baltimore R.C.	(6/0)	Baltimore, Maryland
Barnstable R.A.	(3/0)	Centerville, Massachusetts
Better Motion R.C.	(4/0)	South Hadley, Massachusetts
Cambridge B.C.	(4/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Cincinnati R.C.	(18/4)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Cleveland A.C.	(3/0)	Cleveland, Ohio
Cornell University	(2/0)	Ithaca, New York
Dallas R.C.	(3/0)	Dallas, Texas
Dartmouth R.C.	(12/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(6/0)	Detroit, Michigan
Durham B.C.	(14/5*)	Durham, New Hampshire
Ecorse B.C.	(1/0)	Ecorse, Michigan
Empire State R.A	(5/0)	New York, New York
Fairmount R.A.	(1/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Fox Valley R.C.	(1/0)	Neenah, Wisconsin
Hobart College	(1/0)	Geneva, New York
Lake Washington R.C.	(2/0)	Seattle, Washington
Mercyhurst College	(7/0)	Erie, Pennsylvania
Merrimac River R.A.	(5/0)	Lowell, Massachusetts
Minneapolis R.C.	(2/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(2/0)	St. Paul, Minnesota
Narragansett B.C.	(1/0)	Providence, Rhode Island

New York A.C.	(19/3)	New York, New York
Northeastern University	(2/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Occoquan B.C.	(7/1)	Fairfax Station, Virginia
Ohio State University	(6/0)	Columbus, Ohio
Penn A.C.	(25/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(9/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Potomac B.C.	(9/0)	Washington, District of Columbia
Riverside B.C.	(45/5)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Sagamore R.A.	(2/0)	Huntington, New York
Seattle R.C.	(2/0)	Seattle, Washington
Stanford University	(2/0)	Stanford, California
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(1/0)	Syracuse, New York
Thames River Sculls	(24/4)	New London, Connecticut
Undine Barge Club	(30/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University of Alabama-Huntsville	(2/0)	Huntsville, Alabama
University of New Hampshire	(10/0)	Nashua, New Hampshire
University of San Francisco	(1/0)	San Francisco, California
University of Wisconsin	(3/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Vesper B.C.	(14/2)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Side R.C.	(14/0)	Buffalo, New York
Western Reserve R.A.	(4/0)	Cleveland, Ohio
Wyandotte B.C.	(24/0)	Wyandotte, Michigan

Australian entries:

Australian National Team	(1/0)	Melbourne, Australia
South Australian Sports Institute [S.A.S.I.]	(1/0)	West Lakes Shore, South Australia

Mexican entries:

Club España	(16/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
UNAM [*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*] [National Autonomous University of Mexico]	(3/0)	Mexico City, Mexico

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics entry:

Kuban-Sedin	(1/1*)	Ordzhonikidze [?] U.S.S.R.

*Although they were a national, elite crew, Kuban-Sedin were allowed to compete in the Senior Quads, which they won. Although Durham B.C. placed second, they received the traditional Henley medals and plaque, and were declared the winners.

In the third of their three year terms, the Rowing Canada Aviron Officers for 1992 were the same as 1991:

Past-President: Tim Rigby, St. Catharines
President: Michael Murphy, London
Vice-President (Domestic): Greg Gilks, Regina
Vice-President (High Performance): Doug Hamilton, Toronto
Vice-President (Administration): Peter Copland, Victoria
Vice-President (Marketing): Bill Saunderson, Toronto
Secretary: Des Smith, Calgary

General Manager: Mark Lowry

The bridge to Henley Island became the focus of attention in the winter of 1991/92.

Since the bridge was moved from Lakeshore Road where it had crossed the Four Mile Creek, and installed at Henley Island in November 1958, it had undergone regular safety checks.

The structure was strengthened in 1966: timber bulkheads were replaced with concrete abutments and steel pilings, and the wood deck was paved.

In 1981, another engineering survey resulted in a major refurbishing of the bridge. It involved removal of the asphalt paving, replacement of the deck timbers, painting all exposed steel, casting new concrete beams on top of concrete abutments and repairs to all horizontal bracing. [Souvenir Program, 110th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, p.45, 1992]

Since then, aside from minor repairs and safety checks, nothing had been done to the bridge. However, by 1991, it was obvious that the bridge had deteriorated to the point of becoming dangerous.

Before the 1991 Henley, *Standard* reporter Scott Lewis interviewed a daily user of the bridge.

[A] north St. Catharines woman is ashamed people visiting the city for the 109th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta starting tomorrow will see the bridge.

Thelma Ongcango . . . drives her son to and from his daily work-outs at the St. Catharines Rowing Club. Each time, she crosses the 20-metre, steel frame bridge that has a roadway made of wooden beams.

"It's a disgrace. Every time I pass by there the tires of my car get stuck in the holes in the wooden bridge," Mrs. Ongcango said in an interview.

Two of the wooden beams appear close to rotting through, and some metal work under the bridge appears corroded. On top, two metal strips down the middle of the bridge are missing a number of bolts that secure them to the roadway. The end of one strip pokes slightly into the air. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1991, p.9]

Subsequently, an examination of the bridge by engineers confirmed the observations of Mrs. Ongcango and reporter Lewis.

As a result of some minor problems late last year [1991], the St. Catharines engineering firm of Sandwell Inc. was hired to conduct a thorough inspection of the structure. And it is because of these findings that the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation decided to replace the bridge surface and strengthen supporting structures before the 1992 rowing season. [Souvenir Program, 110th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, p.45, 1992]

Organizations housed on Henley Island paid for the project:

St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association - $30,000
St. Catharines R.C. - $20,000
Henley Island Helpers - $10,000
III Worlds fund - $10,000
Ridley College - $5,000
Ridley Graduate B.C. - $5,000

Conspicuously missing from the list is Brock University, and the two school boards whose high schools used Henley Island facilities.

Silken Laumann, frequent competitor for the Don R.C. at the Canadian Henley, 1991 world champion in single sculls, and World Cup winner was named Canada's Female Athlete of the Year by Canadian Press, and received the Bobby Rosenfeld Award. She was the first oarswoman to receive the award.

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Granton Industrial Maintenance performed a refit of the bridge to Henley Island in the spring of 1992.

Portions of the wooden deck had rotted away and the steel columns supporting them were corroded.

"It wasn't safe," said Adrian VanSchouwen, project manager for Sandwell Inc., the St. Catharines engineering firm in charge of renovating the bridge.

The surface was replaced with steel grading [sic. griding?]and the support structures were strengthened in time for the upcoming rowing season.

The project is estimated to cost about $90,000. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, March 28, 1992, p.9]

At a press conference on the Wednesday before the official Henley draw, Regatta Chairman Claude Saunders announced that the Regatta would again have international participants, with teams coming from Australia, England, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Switzerland, and the United States.

Saunders noted an increase in the number of women rowers. "That's something I can attribute to the success of some of our national teams and to Silken Laumann." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, July 30, 1992, p.C4]

At last year's world championships in Vienna, Canadian women finished first in four of six events. Saunders, who rowed for Canada at the 1936 and 1948 Olympics, believes those results are responsible for a large increase in women's entries, which are up 20 per cent from last year.

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Laumann's story is destined for a place in Canadian and Olympic lore. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 13, 1992, p.C6]

Last May 16, she suffered a broken right leg and severed calf muscle in a prerace collision with a pairs boat at a regatta in Essen, Germany. Doctors told her to forget about the Olympics.

On Aug. 2, Laumann, after undergoing five operations and requiring a cane to get around, won the bronze medal in the singles sculls final on Lake Banyoles outside Barcelona.

The Canadian team was so inspired by her determined effort that she was asked to carry the flag in the Games' closing ceremonies. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, December 22, 1992, p.C8]

In addition to the Olympic Games Rowing Regatta being held from July 27 to August 2 in Barcelona, Spain, the World Rowing Championships were being held in Montreal from August 13 to 16. As a result, some familiar faces were missing at the 1992 Canadian Henley Regatta.

Nevertheless, after Sunday's draw, Claude Saunders provided some positive numbers for the press: "This year we have 225 heats and 92 finals with over 1,600 competitors and almost 1,000 (994) entrees [sic]." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 4, 1992, p.C1] The St. Catharines R.C. had the most competitors of the 110 clubs participating in 1992 Regatta: 180.

Reporter Jean Carter wrote a feature article about a Clerk of the Scales, Judith Cline, in which she mentions some of the behind-the-scenes issues which competitors—especially lightweight competitors—faced. The article's title nicely summarizes its focus: "When they're desperate to row they lose pounds any way at all". [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 1, 1992, p.F1]

Cline explains how women got to be Clerks of the Scales: "At the Henley in '82, [sic. It was 1981.] the Australian lightweight women couldn't make the weight. So they just stripped down to the buff and stood there, nothing else to take off. That's when the men decided women should weigh in the female crews." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 1, 1992, p.F1]

Lightweight competitors trying to make weight could go to extremes.

"You'd be amazed at what comes off when the scale is reading higher than it should. They're pulling off earrings, watches, scarves, drying their hair with towels. I mean, those scales go up in increments of two pounds. Can you imagine what difference a pair of earrings is going to make?

"Then there are those who spend an hour peeing in the bathroom just before weigh-in, trying to get rid of any water that's left in their bodies. They come out looking haggard and totally dehydrated. I mean, come on guys, this is supposed to be fun."

. . . .

"When they have to get down to sweating it out in the early mornings in garbage bags and spend ages in the sauna you know they're in trouble." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 1, 1992, p.F1]

Cline and her husband, Wes, also billeted visiting rowers.

For the last couple of years she's mothered members of the Australian lightweight women's crews as well as the coaches. And she's been privy to the mysteries of what lightweights eat.

"Nothing, if they can get away with it. I had one gal who lived on watermelon for the whole two weeks. Then we have those who eat just pasta and rice — that's it, pasta and rice. I throw a piece of parsley on to make it look better." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 1, 1992, pp.F1-2]

And what of the instruments that are the focus of a lightweight's life?

The Toledo Scales that wreak such havoc on rowers' lives are housed in a small room next to the snack bar on Henley Island, says Cline. "They're guarded very carefully all year long, then the Toledo people come and check them out and balance them before the regatta.

"I thought it was priceless when the B.C. and east coast crews all came in with their bathroom scales under their arms to check them out against the official ones. But those scales rule your life when you're a lightweight . . . ." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 1, 1992, p.F2]

Cline, who had no connection to rowing until her husband became an Associate Director for the St. Catharines R.C., has some high praise for the sport.

Not being a rower and not even wanting to try, Cline says it's a sport she has plenty of respect for . . . "because it's not a blood sport. I like it because people don't hit each other. I treat [*Cline was a physiotherapist.*] a lot of those 16 year olds whose backs are destroyed from playing hockey and football. And while rowing can be hard on your back, it's not the same way. Rowing seems to attract the more academic types: it takes endurance and discipline. It's a race and like any race is very straightforward — whoever gets over the finish line first wins.

"Let's face it, anyone who rows 48 km a day every day in order to race for six or seven minutes, has got to be disciplined. It's the epitome of teamwork — they have to meld eight people into one. You've got to admire that." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 1, 1992, p.F2]

John Nicol was not a sports reporter for the *Standard*. He focussed on brief vignettes for his "bystander" column. While every athlete had a story to tell about being a competitor at the 1992 Regatta, strolling around Henley Island, Nicol came across this one:

One crew from the Viking Rowing Club in Absecon, N.J., split sleeping arrangements between a tent and a 1971, fluorescent green Volkswagen van. It was decorated with large yellow 'happy faces,' but what really stood out was a "Nixon/Agnew" bumper sticker.

Standing behind the van was Tim Baker, 17, a coxswain for an intermediate four.

"We had to sleep in this van, all five of us, the first night — we managed," said Tim.

. . . .

"It's got pull-out beds and a hammock up top that ripped last night. One of the guys sleeping on it fell through it.

"I guess it's fun," he said, unconvincingly. "We're getting weird looks from passerbyers [sic]." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1992, p.B1]

It was common for people associated with the Regatta to sing its praises; that was to be expected. However, Sports Reporter, Mike Hamilton, interviewed a couple of coaches who provided visitors' perspectives of the facilities.

Some people at the 110th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta think they've died — and gone to rowers' heaven.

"We drove 20 hours to get here and it's worth every minute of that drive. Compared to most places we've rowed, this is almost like heaven," said Jill Cooper, head coach of the Minneapolis Rowing club from Minneapolis, Minnesota, which has a contingent of 15 at the regatta.

. . . .

"You've got everything here — showers, toilets, food, racks (for the boats) — everything," said Cooper who won four medals at the Henley in her rowing career. "If even one of our rowers wanted to come here, I'd be willing to drive the trailer."

Barb Kirch, coach of the Dartmouth Rowing Club from Hanover, New Hampshire, which has more than 30 at the event, agreed wholeheartedly.

"It's just a world class facility, one of best certainly in North America. . . ." said Kirch.

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But nothing is perfect and both American coaches had at least one thing that could be improved, but they have to do with the regatta, not the facilities.

"They should give the time for every boat instead of just for the winner and then just listing the order of finish. For a coach, I think it would be beneficial to know how far behind you were," said Kirch.

"I think the participants should be allowed into the grandstand area without having to pay admission," said Cooper. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1992, p.C1] [*Note: Both suggestions have since been implemented.*]

In an effort to reduce parking issues in Port Dalhousie, the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation provided "a bus shuttle service running back and forth from Henley Island, the grandstand and downtown Port Dalhousie. Buses [ran] every 15 minutes with people encouraged to park on the Island to help alleviate parking problems." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, July 30, 1992, p.C4]

The shuttle bus initiative was an attempt to provide relief for the residents of Port Dalhousie who were often inconvenienced by cars belonging to Henley visitors parked on their lawns, blocking their driveways, or creating traffic problems.

To encourage residents to attend the Regatta, free grandstand tickets for weekday heats and races were sent to Port Dalhousie business owners by the CHRC. One volunteer noted that while most residents know about the Regatta, they don't go to see it. It was hoped that the free tickets would change that. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1992, p.1]

"[T]he 110th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta began on Henley Island under ideal weather conditions." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1992, p.C1]

The weather was something tangible. However, *Globe and Mail* reporter, Steve Keating, in an article about the recent successes of Canada's women at international regattas, describes something intangible that was felt by Canadian competitors at the 1992 Regatta.

Already Canadian rowing is riding the wave of success created from the wake of an inspiring performance at the Barcelona Olympics.

The first signs of that success manifested itself . . . at the 110th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in Port Dalhousie where rowers cruised the shoreline with a confident swagger, the air thick with enthusiasm and talk of Silken Laumann and Canada's four gold-medal crews.

"What happened in Barcelona is the biggest thing to happen to rowing in the 60 years I've been involved in the sport," said Claude Saunders, chairman of the Henley regatta since 1958. "Our team in Barcelona has given our sport a tremendous boost.

"There's a different atmosphere here this year among the competitors and everyone's bursting with pride." [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, August 13, 1992, p.C6]

Fourteen of the 15 finals on Thursday required heats and semifinals to reduce the field to six. They were run every eight minutes on **Wednesday**.

Forty-nine heats, six semifinals, and 15 finals were rowed on **Thursday** under, what the press called, "perfect conditions." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1992, p.C1] Preliminary heats for the Intermediate Women's Four (Coxswain) were among those contested. There were 37 entries which necessitated seven heats and three semifinals to reduce the field to six. The winner on Friday—the best of the 37—was a crew from the Cincinnati R.C..

Kirsten Campbell and Angela Bate won the Intermediate Women's Pairs for the Kennebacasis R.C.. It was a rare all-Canadian final, with pairs from Club d'aviron de Montréal, Don R.C., Calgary R.C., Western R.C., and another Don R.C. following the winners across the finish line in that order.

Continuing the Henley tradition of siblings rowing together and winning, three brothers—Ryan, Randy, and Rob Vanderwoude—combined with Mark TeKamp to take the Intermediate 140-lb. Fours for the Brockville R.C..

Thursday's programme concluded with a new event: Intermediate Women's Fours. A St. Catharines R.C. crew won the inaugural final. It was the sixth St. Catharines win of the afternoon.

Of the 15 finals, the St. Catharines R.C. won an unprecedented six. Making that statistic even more impressive, was the fact that St. Catharines was in only nine finals. "'It's excellent, six golds out of nine races. I was hoping we'd get two or three but six our [sic] of nine is just unbelievable,' [StCRC Assistant Captain Jamie] Wilson said." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 7, 1992, p.C3]

However, the St. Catharines R.C. juggernaut stalled. After winning six races on Thursday, all the local club could manage was one win on **Friday**: Intermediate 155-lb. Doubles.

The Intermediate Lightweight Women's Eight had some behind the scenes drama. The Vesper B.C.

managed the win despite almost arriving late for the race due to a minor automobile mishap.

"We came through a lot of adversity to get here — we had a car accident on the way here — but everybody came here relaxed and went out and won the race," coxie Moselle Farhi explained. "Two of our crew members (Ceci Flinn, Krista Richter) were in an accident and I had to go pick them up about half-an-hour before the race.

This is our first medal here and it feels great." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 8, 1992, p.C1]

It would not be their last medal.

Thirty-five Masters races were held **Sunday** morning, with the Leander B.C. having the best showing of the 20 participating clubs. Instead of heats, multiple races were held for some events, with the winner with the fastest time being declared the overall winner and receiving the medal. It was still overwhelmingly a men's regatta, with five events for women. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 10, 1992, p.C4]

The grandstand was only about three-quarters full on Sunday. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 10, 1992, p.C4] That translates to about 2,600 spectators.

Twin brothers Tom and Robb Blacquiere won the Senior 140-lb. Pairs for the South Niagara R.C.. It was Tom's first of eight, and Robb's first of seven Henley golds.

However, The Dreher brothers, Bob and Mike, were absent. As a result, the Durham B.C. managed only one win, the Intermediate 155-lb. Quads on Friday.


Stan Lapinski photo.

The nine women pictured above contributed to four of the six first place finishes achieved by the Vesper B.C.. Here, they were the winners of the Senior Lightweight Women's Eights, and the People of Port Dalhousie Trophy.

The crew is listed in the programme—incorrectly, I think—from left to right: Britta Mauskopf, Jenny Suter, Emily Ford, Allison Bidlack, Krista Richter, Jen Olbrich, Lisa Schneider, Ceci Flinn, and Moselle Farhi.

Richter and Flinn won the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Pairs on Thursday, and were in the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Eights on Friday, after experiencing a minor car accident on the way to the course..

According to the programme, that eight also included Schneider, Ford, Bidlack, and Olbrich, plus Naomi Shecter and Charity Uman. Moselle Farhi was the coxie, although the programme says otherwise.

Earlier on Sunday, Ford, Bidlack, Suter, and Mauskopf won the Senior Lightweight Women's Fours.

In summary: Bidlack, Flinn, Ford, and Richter each took home three Henley gold medals. Farhi, Mauskopf, Olbrich, Schneider, and Suter won two. Shecter and Uman won one each.

Although it detracts somewhat from their achievement, it should be noted that few, if any members of the crew were permanent Philadelphia residents. They were participants in a lightweight development camp hosted by Vesper.

The other two Vesper medal-winers were Angie Herron in the Senior Lightweight Women's Singles, and Ingrid Klich who took the Senior Women's Singles.

Riverside B.C. took five of the 31 finals on Sunday. However, although there were three Riverside crews in the four-boat Senior 155-lb. Eights, it was the lone St. Catharines R.C. crew that won in the blistering time of 5:51.93.

Jed Dietrich, sculling for the South Niagara R.C., accomplished something that had been done only three times before, he swept the three premier singles: Intermediate on Thursday, Association on Saturday, and the Championship on Sunday. Dietrich, a native of Buffalo, New York, had won sweep oar medals in the Intermediate Fours (Coxswain) and Intermediate Eights for the West Side R.C. in 1989, and Senior Pairs and Elite Eights for Penn A.C. in 1991.



Stan Lapinski photo.

Dietrich is pictured after the Championship Singles with the George F. Galt Memorial Trophy.

The three other scullers who had accomplished the sculling sweep were two Argonauts—Chuck Campbell in 1934, and Herb Miller in 1936—and Riverside B.C.'s Seymour Cromwell in 1960.

For the fourth time in five years, the Senior Women's Eights was taken by a University of Victoria crew.

The premier men's sweep event, the Senior Eights, was won by the winners of the Intermediate Eights, a St. Catharines R.C. crew. Five members of the crew also won the Intermediate Fours (Coxswain) on Thursday.

Club España received the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award with a 76.13% score. Penn A.C. was second with a score of 68.28%. The best Canadian club was Brockville R.C. with a score of 67.83%, which was good for third place. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 10, 1992, p.C4]

One of the clubs listed below has an interesting background.

Barbara Sanchez Salazar explained that the Backsplash R.C.. was a tenuously connected group of women from Florida in the St. Petersburg, Orlando, and Jacksonville areas "that got together for the Regatta. . . . At the time of the Regatta we used Backsplash for our uni vendor. That is probably where the name came from." [Sanchez Salazar, Barbara. "Re: 1992 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta." Message to Stan Lapinski. January 15, 2025. Email.] They had no clubhouse, just a name borrowed from the company they purchased their unisuits from.

All the winners and times for the 1992 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Clubs brought 1,630 competitors and filed 994 entries.

Below is a list of 95 clubs that competed at the 1992 Regatta. [Not included are clubs that competed only in the Elite races.] In the parentheses are the number of entries, which gives an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club.

Excluded from the list are entries in the Sunday morning Masters, and the 13 Elite races some entries of which included composite, camp, or national team competitors.

There were 75 regular Henley finals plus the Elite events making a total of 88.

Argonaut R.C.	(35/0)	Toronto, Ontario
Barrie R.C.	(3/0)	Barrie, Ontario
Brockville R.C.	(6/2)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake R.C.	(5/2)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(14/0)	Calgary, Alberta
Club d'aviron de Boucherville	(4/0)	Boucherville, Quebec
Club d'aviron de Laval	(6/0)	Laval, Quebec
Club d'aviron de Montréal	(24/1)	Montreal, Quebec

Don R.C.	(26/1)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(20/1)	Edmonton, Alberta
Fredericton R.C.	(2/0)	Federicton, New Brunswick
Hanlan B.C.	(4/0)	Toronto, Ontario
Kennebecasis R.C.	(2/2)	Rothesay, New Brunswick
Kingston R.C.	(18/2)	Kingston, Ontario
Kitchener-Waterloo R.C.	(4/0)	Kitchener, Ontario
Leander B.C.	(20/1)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(10/0)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(3/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
North Star R.C.	(2/0)	Datmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(21/0)	Ottawa, Ontario
Ottawa Valley R.C.	(3/0)	Arnprior, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(19/1)	Peterborough, Ontario
Quinte R.C.	(6/0)	Belleville, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(1/0)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(17/0)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(95/15)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. John's R.C.	(2/0)	St. John's, Newfoundland
Saskatoon R.C.	(3/0)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(15/4)	Welland, Ontario
Sudbury R.C.	(2/0)	Sudbury, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(12/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
University of British Columbia	(5/0)	Vancouver, British Columbia
University of Victoria	(12/4)	Victoria, British Columbia
Vancouver R.C.	(13/0)	Vancouver, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(5/0)	Victoria, British Columbia
Western R.C.	(10/0)	London, Ontario
Windsor Crew	(2/0)	Windsor, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(10/2)	Winnipeg, Manitoba

American entries:

Bachelors Barge Club	(17/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Backsplash R.C.	(8/0)	Jacksonville, Florida
Baltimore R.C.	(2/0)	Baltimore, Maryland
Berkeley H.S. Crew	(1/0)	Berkeley, California
Better Motion R.C.	(5/0)	South Hadley, Massachusetts
Cascadilla B.C.	(2/0)	Ithaca, New York
Chicago River Aquatic Center	(4/0)	Chicago, Illinois
Cincinnati R.C.	(9/1)	Cincinnati, Ohio
Community Rowing, Inc.	(1/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Cornell University	(1/0)	Ithaca, New York

Dartmouth R.C.	(16/3)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(8/0)	Detroit, Michigan
Durham B.C.	(11/1)	Durham, New Hampshire
Ecorse B.C.	(4/0)	Ecorse, Michigan
Fairmount R.A.	(4/1)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Greater Columbus R.A.	(13/0)	Columbus, Ohio
Harvard Sculling Club	(1/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Hobart College	(2/0)	Geneva, New York
Hollywood R.C.	(1/0)	Fort Lauderdale. Florida
Ivy Club	(1/0)	Princeton, New Jersey
Lake Washington R.C.	(3/0)	Seattle, Washington
Lawrence University	(1/0)	Appleton, Wisconsin
Long Beach R.A.	(1/0)	Long Beach, California
Minneapolis R.C.	(11/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
New York A.C.	(6/0)	New York, New York
Norwalk River R.C.	(1/0)	Norwalk, Connecticut
Osprey R.C.	(4/1)	Wakefield, Rhode Island
Penn A.C.	(17/3)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(10/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Potomac B.C.	(19/3)	Washington, District of Columbia
Riverside B.C.	(31/5)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Sagamore R.A.	(1/0)	Huntington, New York
St. Ignatius College Preparatory School	(2/0)	San Francisco, California
Stanford University	(4/0)	Stanford, California
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(2/0)	Syracuse, New York
Thames River Sculls	(21/4)	New London, Connecticut
Three Rivers R.A.	(3/0)	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Undine Barge Club	(28/2)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburg	(1/0)	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
University of Washington	(6/1)	Seattle, Washington
University of Wisconsin	(3/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Vesper B.C.	(23/6)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Viking R.C.	(1/0)	Ventnor, New Jersey
West Side R.C.	(9/0)	Buffalo, New York
Wide Load B.C.	(3/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Wyandotte B.C.	(19/1)	Wyandotte, Michigan
Yale University	(2/0)	New Haven, Connecticut
Yankee R.C.	(1/0)	Northampton, Massachusetts

Australian entries:

Australian National Institute [formal name: Australian National Railways Institute R. C.]	(3/0)	Adelaide, Australia
Australian National Team	(2/0)	Melbourne, Australia

British entries:

Walton R.C.	(2/0)	Walton on Thames, Surrey

Irish entries:

Waterford B.C.	(2/0)	Waterford, Ireland

Japanese entries:

Meiji University	(2/0)	Tokyo, Japan
Toyota R.C.	(1/0)	Toyota, Japan

Mexican entries:

Club España	(12/5)	Mexico City, Mexico
UNAM [*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*] [National Autonomous University of Mexico]	(4/0)	Mexico City, Mexico

Swiss entry:

Seeclub Sursee	(1/0)	Sursee, Switzerland

Unaffiliated:

“A” Another	(1/0)

Starting their first year of their three-year term, the Rowing Canada Aviron Officers for 1993 were:

Past-President: Michael Murphy, London
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On December 21, for the second year in a row, Silken Laumann was voted the Canadian Press Female Athlete of the Year and recipient of the Bobby Rosenfeld Award. Her Olympic story captured the imagination of the world, and put rowing on the front pages of newspapers across Canada. To date, no other oarswoman has won the award.

1992

The 111th
Royal Canadian Henley Regatta
August 4 to 8, 1993

Although the World University Games were hosted by Buffalo, New York, from July 8 to 18, the Henley course was the venue for the Games rowing regatta. The Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation hosted the regatta and was able to tap into Games money and make some improvements to the facilities.

The legacy of the Games to CHRC is a shell aligner at the starting line, a lighted parking lot on the island, and the completion of general repairs to buildings and the grandstand which might have been put off for several years. In addition, CHRC was given the opportunity to showcase its organizational skills before a worldwide audience. Rowing was one of the few events at the Games which was well-run and did not drown in a sea of red ink. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 13, 1993, p.C1]


Stan Lapinski photo.

The 400 to 500 rowing competitors plus officials from 40 countries were able to see the facilities and experience the efficient organization. This could only help the CHRC if it decided to bid on a World Regatta. Above, the new shell aligner at work at the World University Games regatta.

The numbers compiled from the draw tell how large the 1993 Canadian Henley Regatta was: 108 clubs brought 1,995 competitors (compared to 1,630 in 1992) and filed 1,342 entries (compared to 994 in 1992). Competitors came from Canada, Argentina, Australia, England, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Switzerland, and the United States. It could legitimately be called the biggest Canadian Henley ever.

With family and friends, that can bring an influx of 3,000 people for the week and pump more than a quarter-million dollars into the local economy. It should more than offset the $100,000 cost of running the regatta. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, July 31, 1993, p.A18]

Claude (Sandy) Saunders, 81, chairman of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta since 1952, “said the success of Canada’s crews at the 1992 Olympics have boosted interest in rowing and helped increase the Henley registrations.” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 3, 1993, p.C1] “Before Canada’s four gold medals and [Silken] Laumann’s bronze at the 1992 Olympics, there were 3,200 people registered in rowing

clubs across the country. As of the beginning of last month [July], 5,425 Canadians were members." [The Toronto *Star*, August 5, 1993, p.E8] That was an increase of 69.5%.

Saunders also had some comments about women's participation at the Henley.

Women were first allowed into the event in 1972. By 1983, they comprised a third of the field, and now they're in the majority, accounting for 60 per cent of the athletes, he notes.

"They're tremendous competitors. Just look at what they accomplished for Canada in the Olympics," said Saunders. [The Toronto *Globe and Mail*, July 31, 1993, p.A18]

After the draw was completed and published,

more than 200 additional competitors have shown up at the doorstep of regatta chairman Claude Saunders.

"We charge them a late entry fee, but we'll accommodate anyone if we have room," he said." It complicates things a little, but we try not to turn anyone away. If they want to spend the money, that's okay with us."

Registration fees are $55 for eights, $45 for quads and fours, $40 for pairs and doubles, $35 for singles. Latecomers pay a penalty equal to 50 per cent of the normal registration fee. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1993, p.C3]

Standard reporter, Peter Conradi, gives us a rare glimpse into the financial partnership of the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association and the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation.

With the huge number of competitors, Henley organizers are naturally anticipating a large profit.

Henley is a cash-cow for the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association (CARA), a fact which irks some members of the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation (CHRC).

CHRC is the local group which owns Henley Island and is responsible for the organization and operation of most regattas on the Henley course — the Henley Regatta being one of them.

Although Henley is jointly sanctioned and sponsored by CARA and CHRC, in reality CHRC does most of the work.

"They (CARA) don't have much input, but they still take a chunk of the money," said one CHRC member. "It's something you just have to live with, but you don't have to like it."

It costs about $70,000 to stage the Henley, including an annual $5,000 sanctioning fee to CARA. CARA and CHRC then split the profits, which the last few years have been close to $30,000.

While that arrangement may not seem fair to some CHRC people, it's the most favourable deal the group has had in many years.

Prior to the 1992 Henley, CARA took all the registration fees, then split the remaining profits with CHRC. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 5, 1993, p,C3]

What exactly goes on at the start and at the finish tower? The *Standard*'s Mike Hamilton gives us a glimpse into the routines followed for each race.

With races every eight minutes, the starter's tower is a confusing place at the best of times as officials get the boats lined up. Mid-afternoon on the opening day of the 111th Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, Ron Kerr, Joe Frezell and Andy Binda are in charge.

It's Kerr's turn as the official starter (they do four races per turn) and on the mike, and several times he warns rowers to watch out for other boats, or yells at a boat that has wandered from the warm-up area.

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In the midst of the confusion, quietly, almost unnoticed even at the tower and certainly unknown to the casual fans, six teenage boat holders lie for hours in the hot sun, holding the boats for the start.

"The toughest part of that job is, it's boring and I guess you have to make sure you go to the bathroom before you come out here," says Kerr.

For each race, the starter issues the instructions and checks each boat to make sure it's "got a course." Then: "Sit up in all boats please. . .ready. . ." The horn sounds and they're off.

About seven minutes away by shell, six judges sit on the steps in front of the finish tower, casually talking, joking. It's calm. They press buttons as the boat in their designated lane crosses the line; the timer stops and a horn sounds.

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The judges, with Harry Edmondstone organizing and handling the phone in the background, are experienced; almost all have been at 20 or more Henleys.

Above them, Bill Johnstone, one of the timing officials, is working alone. He gets calls from spotters on the 500, 1,000, and 1,500 meter towers and, by flipping a switch for the appropriate lane, records the times along the way.

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[Johnstone] lowers his result sheet to Edmondstone, who checks it against the judges'.

"That's correct. It's official," says Edmondstone.

It's over and the judges can relax — for another eight minutes. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1993, p.B1]



Stan Lapinski photo.

Although the photo was taken at the World University Games (the Omega banner was removed at Henley), it illustrates Hamilton's article. Harry Edmondstone would have been at the lower window, and Bill Johnstone at the upper one. The man standing on the steps collected the sheets from the judges and passed them to Edmondstone.

Lest readers get the impression that the starters, boat holders and finish judges worked the entire day, it should be noted that there were shifts, and depending on how many personnel were available, one volunteer might only work two or three shifts during the Regatta.

Wednesday's programme consisted of 62 heats and 11 semifinals run at eight-minute intervals starting at 8:28 a.m.. The Intermediate Singles—with 60 entries—was the most challenging event in which to get to the final. There were 10 heats and four semifinals which advanced the winners and the next two fastest times. Brad Layton from the Potomac B.C. was the ultimate winner on Thursday.

Coming second in the final was Darren Barber from the University of Victoria who had won gold for Canada in the Men's Eight at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. However, it was the sculler who placed last that endeared himself to the grandstand crowd.

The "class act of the day award" went to Phil Graham of the Victoria City Rowing Club, who was challenging Barber and Layton in their final when he flipped in front of the grandstand a few meters from the finish line. He righted and re-entered his shell without aid, and stroked across the finish line last, but with head high to an ovation from the grandstand. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1993, p.C1]

The most heavily subscribed women's event was the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Singles with 37 entries. Getting to the final required six heats and two semifinals on Wednesday. Rachel Starr from the Western R.C. took the final on Thursday. It was her first of three Henley medals—four if we count her win in the Elite Lightweight Women's Fours.

While Thursday heats were rowed at eight minute intervals, the finals came down every 10 minutes. The extra two minutes allowed the medal presentations to be performed without rushing.

The word "Junior" appeared in the Henley programme for the first time since 1985. Until 1985, "Junior" designated a rower who had not won a Junior race—or, put another way, someone who was not a Senior. In 1986, that use of the word "Junior" was replaced by the word "Intermediate", to avoid confusion with the FISA Junior class which referred to rowers under the age of 19.

Standard reporter, Peter Conradi, gives us the story.

Junior races were added to Henley this year at the request of the Canadian Amateur Rowing Association, which is seeking to make the sport more attractive to younger people.

In the past, high school crews had few age group regattas in which to compete once the Canadian championships in May had passed — certainly nothing of Henley's stature. Select junior races have in the past been inserted into the Henley draw, but never on a permanent basis. That could be about to change.

"We haven't paid enough attention to the juniors in the last few years and we're making a conscious effort to address that," CARA president Joe Grey said. "Junior rowing is the future of our sport."

The junior experiment was carried out at Henley this year because the national junior championships were cancelled.

"The juniors were going to be in B.C. this year, but it was going to be too expensive for crews from the east to come west for them, go home, then come back for the Summer Games (this week in Kamloops)," said Grey.

Grey said there are no plans to eliminate the national junior championships, but added that the age group should be maintained at Henley.

To make room for the juniors, Henley dropped its 10 least-popular elite events. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1993, p.C1]

Ten FISA Junior class events were added to the Henley programme: five for women and five for men.

The big story on Thursday was the two wins by pair of women from the University of Victoria. Anna Van der Kamp and Kim Wilson won the fifth final of the 1993 Regatta, the Intermediate Women's Pairs, and an hour and forty minutes later, they were joined by Silvia Kallen and Trish Chapman and took the last final of the day, the Intermediate Women's Fours.

Siblings competing at a Canadian Henley was a fairly common occurrence. However, in 1993, one brother and sister pair stood out: Oliver and Jane Bogorad. First, their ages set them apart from other pairs of siblings. Oliver was 15, and Jane 14, which probably made them the youngest competitors at the 1993 Regatta. In addition, they were Swiss—from Zurich—and came to St. Catharines with no equipment. Fortunately, their parents had made arrangements with Nancy Storrs and Jack Nicholson to borrow singles from the Ridley Graduate B.C.. Oliver, sculling for the all-male Seeclub, was entered in the Junior Singles [under 19] but did not qualify for the final. Jane, a member of the mostly-female Belvoir Ruderclub, was one of seven entrants in the new Junior Women's Singles [under 19] event, and placed sixth.

The University of Victoria crew that had won the Intermediate Women's Fours on Thursday, Anna Van der Kamp, Kim Wilson, Silvia Kallen, and Trish Chapman, added coxie Jennifer Burton to the crew and took the Intermediate Fours (Coxswain) on Friday. It was the third medal for Van der Camp and Wilson.

However, Friday belonged to Argentine crews who took four of the 15 finals. They are listed in the programme as a rowing club— "Argentina R.C."—which seems to be how they got around the fact that they were members of the Argentine national team. Indeed, all of the the Latin American competitors were national team members.

[Ricardo] Ibarra is the coaching co-ordinator for all of Latin America.

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His current focus is on preparing the Latins for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, which accounts for their considerable presence at Henley — 48 rowers from Mexico, six from El Salvador, 14 from Guatemala, and 32 from Argentina. Ibarra said all competitors are members of their respective national teams. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 6, 1993, p.C1]

In response to complaints about the Argentine crews winning five Intermediate events, Regatta Chairman, Claude Saunders, chastised the Argentines for not following the Henley rules. “The Argentines claimed they misunderstood the rules.” [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1993, p.C4] Despite calls for taking back the medals and giving them to the second-place finishers, nothing was done, and the Argentines went home with six wins, five of which were in the Intermediate class.

Alastair McLachlan from Australia’s Adelaide R.C. had a two-medal day on Saturday. First he took the Association Singles which made him eligible to compete in the Championship Singles on Sunday, and then he won the 500 Metre Dash, Open Singles.

McLachlan had represented Australia at the World University Games rowing competition on the Henley course in July—where he came fifth in the Men’s Single—and stayed for the Henley.

Seven Elite finals, eight Junior finals, and eight 500-metre dashes filled the bulk of the 32-event Saturday programme which concluded with a Junior Men’s Eights exhibition race.



These two University of Victoria women won a total of nine medals. Anna Van der Kamp, left, and Kim Wilson together won the Intermediate Women’s Pairs (pictured), Intermediate Women’s Fours, Intermediate Women’s Fours (Coxswain), and 500 Metre Dash, Women’s Eights. Wilson’s fifth medal came in the Senior Women's Fours. Her five medals were the most won by any competitor at the 1993 Henley.



The Dreher brothers—Bob and Mike from the Durham B.C.—were back after a year's absence, and attempted a Herculean feat on Sunday: four races each in one afternoon.

At 1:00, Mike won the Senior 135-lb. Singles for the sixth time in seven years..

At 1:30, he and Bob won the Senior 140-lb. Pairs.

At 2:20, they switched boats and won the Senior 140-lb. Doubles for the seventh time in eight years.

At 2:50, the pace caught up with them as they finished fourth in the Senior 140-lb. Fours (Coxswain).

At 3:30, Bob gave it one last try but finished second in the 145-lb. Singles, behind Barry Klein from the Mount Clemens R.C..

"It was a challenge," said Mike. "We knew the chances of getting five wins were slim, but we had to try. It was fun." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1993, p.C4]

For those keeping track, their Henley medal totals were now: Bob 19 and Mike 18.

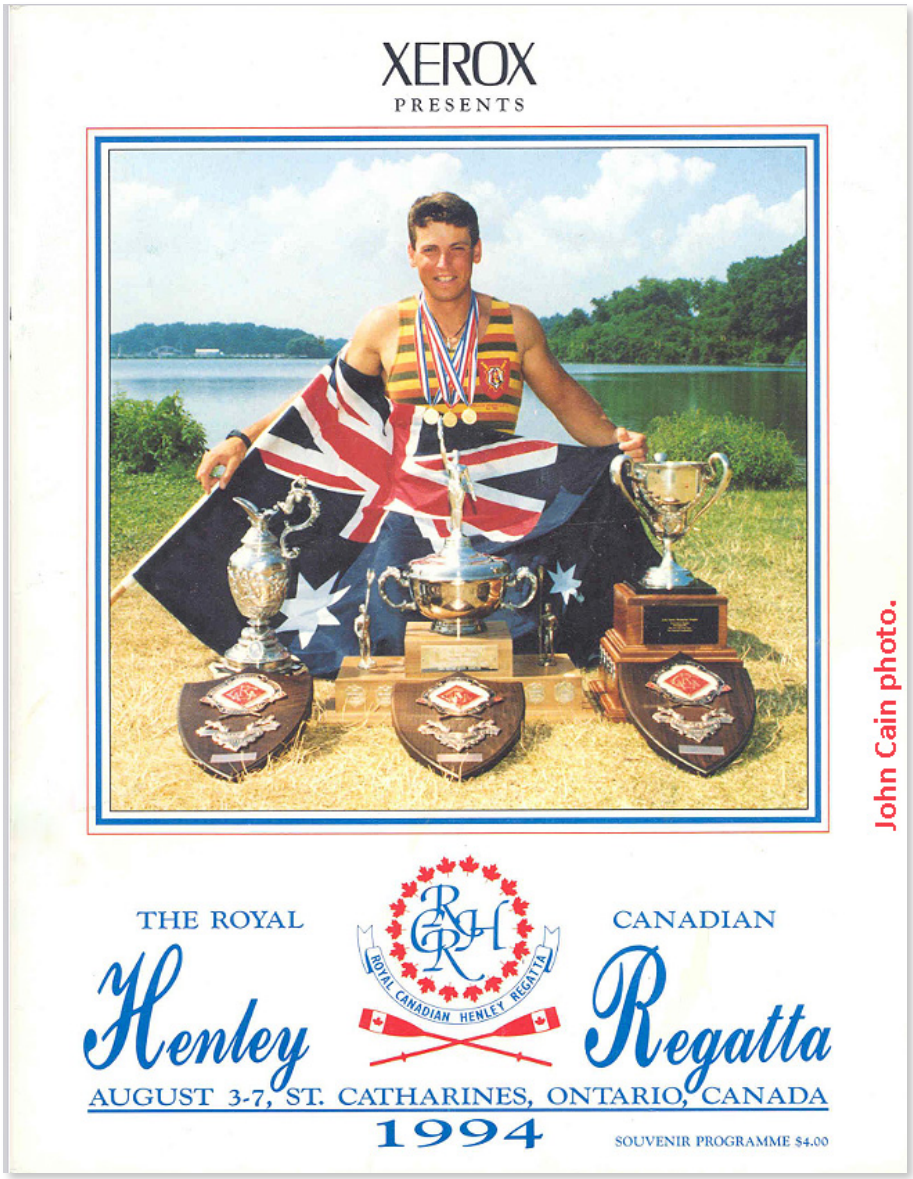

Stan Lapinski photo.

Because their races were so close together, the Drehers didn't come in for their medals and plaques until late in the afternoon when their races were done and their shells were back on the racks.

In the photo, Bob holds the plaques for the Senior 140-lb. Pairs and Doubles, while Mike holds the plaque for the Senior 135-lb. Singles.

In front are the three trophies they received: from the left, Tank Trophy for the Senior 140-lb. Doubles; Thomas G. Gannon Memorial Trophy for the Senior 140-lb. Pairs; and John H. Dorr Memorial Trophy for the Senior 135-lb. Singles.

Michelle Darville from the Don R.C. won the premier women's sculling event, the Senior Women's Singles. She had also won the Elite Women's Singles on Saturday.



John Cain photo.

John Cain was the Advertising Manager of the Henley souvenir programme, and was responsible for increasing its advertising revenue after assuming the position in 1983. He was also a freelance photographer whose photos were occasionally used in the programmes. None is more memorable than the one that appears on the cover of the 1994 programme. Cain was an Australian expat who went out of his way to befriend every Australian competitor, coach and official who came to the Canadian Henley. When Alastair McLachlan from the Adelaide R.C. won his third event at the 1993 Henley—Championship Singles—Cain was arguably the proudest person in the grandstand. To commemorate McLachlan's feat, Cain organized a photoshoot on the Monday after Henley, and the striking cover photo was the result.

From left to right, the trophies McLachlan won are: George F. Galt Memorial Trophy for the Championship Singles; Murphy Bros. Trophy for the 500 Metre Dash, Open Singles; Jack Guest Memorial Trophy for the Association Singles.

A Western R.C. crew won the premier women's sweep event: the Senior Women's Eights. It was the club's fourth win of the afternoon, and ninth of the Regatta—the most of any club.



Rachel Starr was in that eight. It was her third medal. She had won the Intermediate Lightweight Women's Singles on Thursday, and the Senior earlier Sunday afternoon. Wearing Rowing Canada colours on Saturday, she also won a medal in the Elite Lightweight Women's Fours. In the photo, she holds the Sandra Kirby Perpetual Trophy for the Senior Lightweight Women's Singles.

A University of Victoria crew took the premier men's sweep event, the Senior Eights. They beat five other crew, including one from Liverpool University in the United Kingdom.

"Organizers said attendance was about normal for Henley. The grandstand appeared to be a little more than three-quarters full on Sunday." [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1993, p.C4] That would be around 2,600 spectators in the grandstand on Sunday.

The 22-member University of Victoria team won the St. Catharines Rowing Alumni Association Efficiency Award with an 82.96 per cent score, which meant that they won 82.96 per cent of the points they were eligible to win. Riverside B.C. was second with a 61.07 per cent score.

Of the eight wins by St. Catharines R.C. entries, six were in the Junior events. Since those events were for competitors under 19 years of age, i.e. high school age, this speaks to the strength of the high school programme at the St. Catharines club. The St. Catharines R.C. had 596 high school rowers. [The St. Catharines *Standard*, August 9, 1993, p.C1] That's a big pool to draw from.

All the winners and times for the 1993 Royal Canadian Henley Regatta can be found in tabular form at: http://goldmedalphotos.com/records.html

All the results from all the races in all the Regattas from 1964 to 1999 are available in an appendix at the end of Chapter 6.

Below is a list of the 113 clubs that competed at the 1993 Regatta. That number includes eight post-entry clubs added to the original list after the draw. Not included are clubs that competed only in the Elite races. The numbers do not include entries in the Sunday morning Masters, and the seven Elite races some entries of which included composite, camp, or national team competitors. Also not included is the Junior Men's Eights (Exhibition).

In the parentheses are the number of entries, then the number of competitors as given in the master draw, which give an idea of the relative size of the club, followed by the number of wins, which suggests the relative strength of the club.

There were 85 regular Henley finals plus the Elite events, and an exhibition race making a total of 93.

To recap, the numbers below are: (# of entries(# of competitors)/# of wins). So, Argos had **42** entries, they had **102** competitors, and they won **5** finals.

Argonaut R.C.	(42(102)/5)	Toronto, Ontario
Barrie R.C.	(4(11)/0)	Barrie, Ontario
Brockville R.C.	(8(?)/0)	Brockville, Ontario
Burnaby Lake R.C.	(4(?)/0)	Burnaby, British Columbia
Calgary R.C.	(17(26)/0)	Calgary, Alberta
Club d'aviron de Montréal	(34(58)/1)	Montreal, Quebec
Don R.C.	(47(108)/3)	Port Credit, Ontario
Edmonton R.C.	(14(28)/0)	Edmonton, Alberta
Hanlan B.C.	(9(18)/0)	Toronto, Ontario
Kingston R.C.	(32(51)/0)	Kingston, Ontario
Kitchener-Waterloo R.C.	(4(12)/0)	Kitchener, Ontario
Leander B.C.	(31(70)/0)	Hamilton, Ontario
London R.C.	(14(38)/1)	London, Ontario
Mic Mac Amateur Aquatic Club	(7(?)/0)	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
Ottawa R.C.	(43(72)/2)	Ottawa, Ontario
Ottawa Valley R.C.	(3(1)/0)	Arnprior, Ontario
Peterborough R.C.	(19(43)/0)	Peterborough, Ontario
Pinawa R.C.	(1(1)/0)	Pinawa, Manitoba
Quinte R.C.	(12(27)/0)	Belleville, Ontario
Regina R.C.	(6(2)/0)	Regina, Saskatchewan
Ridley Graduate B.C.	(12(13)/0)	St. Catharines, Ontario
St. Catharines R.C.	(114(170)/8)	St. Catharines, Ontario
Saskatoon R.C.	(9(5)/0)	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
South Niagara R.C.	(13(18)/0)	Welland, Ontario

Sudbury R.C.	(2(10)/0)	Sudbury, Ontario
Thunder Bay R.C.	(3(1)/0)	Thunder Bay, Ontario
University of British Columbia	(16(22)/1)	Vancouver, British Columbia
University of Victoria	(17(22)/7)	Victoria, British Columbia
Victoria City R.C.	(9(10)/3)	Victoria, British Columbia
Western R.C.	(42(78)/9)	London, Ontario
Windsor Crew	(8(21)/0)	Windsor, Ontario
Winnipeg R.C.	(8(6)/0)	Winnipeg, Manitoba

American entries: (# of entries(# of competitors)/# of wins)

Albany R.C.	(15(34)/0)	Albany, New York
Atlanta R.C.	(3(1)/0)	Atlanta, Georgia
Augusta R.C.	(5(8)/0)	Augusta, Georgia
Bachelors Barge Club	(9(2)/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Baltimore R.C.	(1(5)/0)	Baltimore, Maryland
Barnstable R.A.	(1(5)/0)	Centerville, Maine
Better Motion R.C.	(6(2)/0)	South Hadley, Massachusetts
Boston Rowing Center	(5(2)/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Cascadilla B.C.	(2(?)/0)	Ithaca, New York
Chicago River Aquatic Center	(4(2)/0)	Chicago, Illinois
College B.C.	(4(9)/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Community Rowing, Inc.	(14(40)/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Cornell University	(6(7)/0)	Ithaca, New York
Dartmouth R.C.	(5(31)/0)	Hanover, New Hampshire
Detroit B.C.	(8(8)/0)	Detroit, Michigan
Durham B.C.	(33(26)/5)	Durham, New Hampshire
Erie Canal Athletic Club	(11(14)/0)	Schnectady, New York
Fairmount R.A.	(4(5)/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Greater Columbus R.A.	(3(?)/0)	Columbus, Ohio
Hampton Roads R.C.	(1(1)/0)	Norfolk, Virginia
Harvard Sculling Club	(1(1)/0)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Hobart College	(2(2)/1)	Geneva, New York
Indianapolis Rowing Center	(1(5)/0)	Indianapolis, Indiana
King's Crown R.A.	(2(5)/0)	New York, New York
Lancing Oar and Paddle Club	(1(1)/0)	East Lansing, Michigan
Malta B.C.	(6(6)/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Mendota R.C.	(1(?)/0)	Madison, Wisconsin
Mercyhurst College	(6(6)/0)	Erie, Pennsylvania
Minneapolis R.C.	(2(?)/0)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Minnesota B.C.	(7(1)/1)	St. Paul, Minnesota
Mount Clemens R.A.	(4(1)/1)	Macomb, Michigan
Narragansett B.C.	(2(2)/0)	Providence, Rhode Island

Hew Haven R.C.	(2(2)/0)	Oxford, Connecticut
New York A.C.	(38(68)/1)	New York, New York
Newport Aquatic Center	(3(3)/0)	Newport Beach, California
Niskayuna H.S. Crew	(4(10)/0)	Alpaus, New York
Norwalk River R.C.	(4(2)/0)	Norwalk, Connecticut
Occoquan B.C.	(29(42)/1)	Fairfax Station, Virginia
Oregon State University	(2(5)/0)	Corvallis, Oregon
Penn A.C.	(19(26)/2)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Girls' R.C.	(12(13)/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Portland B.C.	(1(1)/0)	Lake Oswego, Oregon
Potomac B.C.	(38(48)/3)	Washington, District of Columbia
Quinsigamond R.A.	(8(8)/0)	Shrewsbury, Massachusetts
Riverside B.C.	(51(81)/8)	Cambridge, Massachusetts
Sagamore R.A.	(3(1)/0)	Huntington, New York
St. Ignatius College Preparatory School	(3(13)/0)	San Francisco, California
Santa Clara University	(2(2)/0)	Santa Clara, California
Saugatuck R.A	(2(1)/0)	Westport, Connecticut
Seattle R.C.	(2(9)/0)	Seattle, Washington
Serengeti Rowing Team	(1(1)/0)	Bedford, Massachusetts
Syracuse Chargers R.C.	(1(1)/0)	Syracuse, New York
Tampa R.C.	(3(7)/0)	Tampa, Florida
Thames River Sculls	(15(14)/1)	New London, Connecticut
Three Rivers R.A.	(1(6)/0)	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Undine Barge Club	(33(58)/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University Barge Club	(6(1)/0)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
University of Kansas	(2(?)/0)	Lawrence, Kansas
University of Pittsburg	(5(10)/0)	Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
University of Wisconsin	(10(10)/1)	Madison, Wisconsin
Vesper B.C.	(38(78)/4)	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Side R.C.	(21(23)/0)	Buffalo, New York
Western Reserve R.A.	(3(11)/0)	Cleveland, Ohio
Wide Load B.C.	(8(22)/0)	Boston, Massachusetts
Wyandotte B.C.	(45(63)/1)	Wyandotte, Michigan

The Serengeti Rowing Team consisted of one person: Patrick Sweeney. It was a "made up club. . . . Serengeti [Eyewear] was my primary sponsor for my Olympic journey." [Sweeney, Patrick. "Re: Canadian Henley." Message to Stan Lapinski. January 21, 2025. Email.]

As discussed above, many entries from Latin America were national team scullers and crews. Adding "R.C." to the country name seems to have satisfied CARA officials, so those "clubs" are included here.

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(# of entries(# of competitors)/# of wins)

Argentine entries:

Argentina R.C.	(21(32)/6)	Buenos Aires, Argentina

Australian entries:

Adelaide R.C.	(3(1)/3)	Adelaide, Australia
Corio Bay R.C.	(2(1)/0)	South Geelong, Australia
Spinnaker Island R.C.	(2(1)/0)	Canberra, Australia

British entries:

Liverpool University B.C.	(3(9)/0)	Liverpool, United Kingdom
University of London	(2(1)/0)	London, United Kingdom

El Salvadoran entries:

Club Salvadoreño of Lago Ilopango	(6(4)/0)	San Salvador, El Salvador

Guatemalan entries:

Alirora aka Aurora R.C.	(15(14)/0)	Guatemala City, Guatemala

Mexican entries:

Club España	(21(20)/2)	Mexico City, Mexico
Mexico R.C.	(24(28)/4)	Mexico City, Mexico
UNAM [*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*] [National Autonomous University of Mexico]	(4(2)/0)	Mexico City, Mexico
UPIICSA-IPN [*La Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria de Ingeniería y Ciencias Sociales y Administrativas - Instituto Politécnico Nacional*]	(1(?)/0)	Mexico City, Mexico

Swiss entries:

Belvoir Ruderclub	(1(1)/0)	Zürich, Switzerland
Seeclub Zürich	(1(1)/0)	Zürich, Switzerland

Unaffiliated:

“B” Another	(1(1)/0)

Unknown:

Schwarzpun R.K. [Ruder Klub?] (2(2)/0)

The Rowing Canada Aviron Officers for 1994 were, with one exception, (Jeff Reitberger took over for Greg Gilks) the same as they had been for 1993:

Past-President: Michael Murphy, London
President: Joe Grey, Shawnigan Lake
Vice-President (Domestic): Jeff Reitberger, Winnipeg
Vice-President (High Performance): Doug Hamilton, Toronto
Vice-President (Administration): Justin Fryer, Duncan
Vice-President (Marketing): Carl Zanon, Regina
Secretary: Betty Dermer-Norris, Saint John

General Manager: Conrad Mineault

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