

Ottawa Rowing Club Umpires Report for 2011

Ottawa Rowing Club is fortunate to have a fairly substantial number of RCA licensed umpires who along with a group of enthusiastic associates were able in 2011 to provide exclusive service to the following regattas:

- a) Ottawa HS regatta, in May.
- b) The P.D. Ross regatta, in September
- c) the Head of Rideau regatta in September and
- d) the Burnstown regatta, in September

all of which were sanctioned RCA regattas.

In addition, ORC umpires and associates were present on ARL races nights (July) and were also available for the Recreational regatta (July) which was cancelled due to a lack of entries. Ottawa umpires and associates were present at both ERA regattas in Montreal, (May and July). Most of the Ottawa umpires and associates umpiring activities have been within the Ottawa – Montreal regatta corridor, however three umpires and three associates attended and participated in numerous major RCA regattas held in the Niagara region, (CSSRA regatta, Junior trials, RowOntario Championships, Henley, Ontario Universities Championships and National Championship regatta as well as the Head of the Trent and the Laval regatta).

This past season the following sessions were held:

- a) Refresher clinic for all umpires to review the new RCA rules of racing;
- b) an end of the season wrap-up session for umpires and associates which was well attended and a separate report will be forthcoming outlining issues which should improve future regattas;
- c) a clinic for new associates and
- d) a tutorial session for associates who will be writing and taking their practical exam before the 2012 season begins.

All these sessions were held at Ashbury College and many thanks goes to Brian Storosko in arranging these the facilities for umpire education, free of charge.

Another feature which Ottawa RC is fortunate to have is that Brian Storosko and Wes Kuran are certified RCA umpire instructors and Brian Storosko is also a mentor and a member of the RowOntario Umpires committee.

It is a pleasure to state that each of the ORC umpires and associates listed below took part in at least one regatta whereas a substantial group participated in several.

In closing, one note of caution, in order to maintain a cadre of umpires, umpires have to maintain their licence and with the advent of the new RCA rules governing RCA umpires re-licensing, it is essential for umpires to attend several regattas and participate in at least three different stations at a regatta which maybe difficult to achieve at Ottawa based regattas and participation in Montreal would be a must and possibly in the Niagara region, where the majority of major regattas are held, in either case an expense to umpires who are volunteers !

RCA Umpires (13)

Randy Allen

Rano Basu Ray

Andre Binda

David Blakey

Melanie Bryce
recently)

Julia Fournier

Penny Harfield

Kurt Herman

Peter King (presently out of the country)

Wes Kuran

Brian Storosko

Clementine Van Veen

Chris Young

Associates Umpires (10)

Lynn Alberta

Andre Berube

Sophie Desauliers

Christie Egbert

Tim Ensom (moved to Edmonton

Francis Kenny

Chris Masson

Paul Mudrock

Lilianne Walker

Mike Walker