



# NEWS & EVENTS

Alumni  
Newsletter  
October  
2016

## Upcoming Events

- October 15<sup>th</sup>:  
Brock  
Invitational, St.  
Catharines
- October 28<sup>th</sup> –  
30<sup>th</sup>: OUA  
Championships,  
St. Catharines
- November 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>:  
Canadian  
University  
Rowing  
Championships,  
Welland

## Phil Marshall to Takes Over as Head Coach

After much anticipation, Phil Marshall has taken over the Head Coach of the Queen's varsity rowing program and as Performance Coach for the Kingston Rowing Club.

Marshall brings over 30 years of high performance rowing experience, most recently as a member of Canada's Olympic coaching staff leading up to Rio 2016. Dating back to 2010, Marshall has been a senior coach at the National Development Centers in Ontario. From 2013 onwards, he has also been the head coach for the national U23 lightweight men's team.



Before getting a chance to work full-time with national team athletes, Marshall earned his stripes at ROWONTARIO where he developed and managed the province's rowers in advance of the Canada Games and NRCs, in addition to organizing a talent identification and selection process for athletes and coaches alike.

At the university level, Marshall was an assistant coach on an OUA Championship winning team at Western University in the late '90s before heading south of the border. At Syracuse University of the NCAA, he was the freshmen men's rowing coach and the recruitment coordinator.

Marshall will also be joined on the coaching staff by three-time Olympian Rob Gibson. After 39 years as a head coach, John Armitage looks forward to assisting with Marshall's transition and continuing to serve as a volunteer assistant.

## Gaels Well-Represented at NRCs

The Gaels saw strong performances at the National Rowing Championships in Burnaby, BC in September on both the men's and women's side. Chloe DesRoche finished second in the B final of the women's single, Jenna Adams placed fourth in the women's pair B final and rookie Hayley Watt placed second in the C final of the same event, winning gold for her age category.



On the men's side, Alex Bernst won the C final in the men's lightweight single and Nick Grubic won the D final of the same event. Gavin Stone came second in the D final in the heavyweight men's single. Several Queen's rowing alumni also gave impressive performances. Michelle Truax finished fourth in the A final of the women's single while Jordan Rendall came third in the B final.

The top performers were invited to compete in the Canada Cup on Sunday. Hayley Watt raced in the U21 women's quad and secured a win in the 2000m race, and fourth place in the 500m dash. Gavin Stone competed with the U21 men's quad coming second and first in the 2000m race and 500m dash respectively. Chloe DesRoche earned a seat in the women's quad which placed fifth in the 2000m race and 4<sup>th</sup> in the dash, while Jenna Adams raced alongside alumna Michelle Truax in the women's eight and placed second in the 2000m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 500m dash.

## Save the Date: September 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 – 40 Years of Rowing in Kingston

Where have the years gone!

Forty-two years ago nine intrepid young men borrowed a rowing shell from the Brockville Rowing Club, stored it beside HMCS Catarqui near the causeway and trained for and competed at the then OUAA championships at Brock thus proving the viability of rowing in Kingston.

Forty years ago a group of rowing enthusiasts led by Queen's trustee Bruce Alexander and Whig Standard publisher Michael Davies, advertised for expressions of interest in reintroducing rowing in Kingston. Former St Catharines rower Ian McFarlane and retired Brockville rower John Armitage were appointed the first coaches at KCVI, Kingston Rowing Club and Queen's University.

Thirty-nine years ago in April of 1977, boys and girls eight oared crews representing Kingston Collegiate began rowing in Kingston after a 100 year hiatus. In June of 1977, The Kingston Rowing Club began training on the murky waters of the Inner Harbour followed by the newly constituted Queen's Rowing Team in September.

On September 17, 2017 a celebration of forty years of rowing in Kingston will be held. More to follow in the coming months. Save the date!

## **High Performance at Queen's: We Need You!**

Queen's Rowing has been entirely volunteer run since its inception, but as John Armitage steps down and the program starts to undergo many high performance changes, we are looking to our alumni for assistance in this process. To support the new coaching staff and structure of Queen's rowing, an \$800,000 endowment fund is being built. A generous kickstarter from John and donations from friends and family of the Queen's rowing community have raised the fund close to \$400,000.

How can you give back? Major individual or corporate gifts are always accepted and are extremely valued. Additionally, we are implementing an initiative specifically geared to young alumni to receive smaller donations on a monthly basis; as little as \$3.00/month. For less than the price of your 18-word coffee order per month, you can help Queen's Rowing reach the next level in its development!

High level donors will be recognized with the potential of having their names commemorated on equipment purchased with the help of their donations, as well as with other gifts such as clothing items. The fundraising campaign will be celebrated at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet next September. We hope to see you all there!

For more information contact former team captain Sarah Roth, Senior Development Officer, Queen's University (613.533.6000 ext. 77281).

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