

RCA is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2020 RCA Club “Outstanding Achievement of the Year” Award, **Calgary Rowing Club** and Argonaut Rowing Club.

This award recognizes clubs that have undertaken a project or initiative that demonstrates outstanding leadership, innovation or success and has had a significant impact at the club, sport or community level. This year in particular, this award recognizes exemplary clubs that persevered through the pandemic’s return to rowing protocols.



Calgary Rowing Club

Alberta

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, Calgary Rowing Club was able to run successful summer camps and grow its Junior program in 2020. Over 120 kids attended the club’s summer and high performance camps, rowing in singles.

The Calgary Rowing Club community and coaching staff stepped up to the challenge of returning to rowing during the pandemic, thinking creatively to develop effective safety protocols and program structures.

For the first time in several years, Calgary's summer camps were nearly sold out, putting their club and the sport of rowing on the map as a safe and fun option for youth.

Congratulations to Argonaut Rowing Club and Calgary Rowing Club on their success and club leadership!

More information on the 2020 RCA Excellence Awards can be found [here](#).

RCA celebrates 2020 COVID Champions

RCA is pleased to announce the 2020 COVID Champions, an award created for the 2020 RCA Excellence Awards to recognize individuals who went above and beyond to support their club and their members throughout the pandemic.

Amelie Schumacher – Alberta

Calgary Rowing Club

Amelie mobilized Calgary Rowing Club's safety committee early on in the pandemic to develop safety and sanitization protocols and maintain clear communication with club membership, in addition to leading the creation of a youth summer camp that served as an RCA pilot program.

RCA would also like to recognize and thank the following individuals who were also nominated for this award:

Leslie Eglington	Vancouver Rowing Club
Pascal Ferraro	Calgary Rowing Club
James Dyer	Peterborough Rowing Club
John Bomans	Shawnigan Lake Rowing Club
Jason van Ravenswaay	Argonaut Rowing Club
Christian Gulka	Fort Langley Community Rowing Club
Michael Wilkinson	Rowing Canada Aviron
Eve Limbrick-Oldfield	False Creek Rowing Club
Andrew Knorr	Saskatchewan Rowing Association,

	Saskatoon Rowing Club
John Butler	Leander Boat Club
Laryssa Biesenthal	Brentwood College
Brenda Taylor	Victoria City Rowing Club
Caitlin Pauls	Ridley Graduate Boat Club
Sara Forsting	Burnaby Lake Rowing Club
James Norris	Delta Tideway Scullers Association
Kristen Wilson	Rockies Rowing Club
Drew Edwards	Brentwood College School
Debbie Cass	Collingwood Rowing Club
Dereck Schwandt	Ridley College Rowing Club

More information on the 2020 RCA Excellence Awards can be found [here](#). Other 2020 award recipients will be announced in the coming week.