



Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) Recognizes the Government of Canada's Support of the 2010 Commonwealth Rowing Championships

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Rowing Canada Aviron is pleased to announce that the organizing committee of the 2010 Commonwealth Regatta - to be held at the Welland International Flatwater Centre (WIFC) - is the recipient of a Sport Canada Hosting Grant.

“As President of the Commonwealth Rowing Association, I am extremely pleased that Sport Canada has decided to support the Commonwealth Rowing Championships with a Hosting Grant,” said Rowing Canada Aviron Past President, Brenda Liski. “This grant of \$49,000 enables us to enhance our plans for the regatta and deliver a top-notch competitive event for Commonwealth rowers from around the world.”

The regatta will be held from July 31 to Aug. 01 in Welland, Ont.

“We are very pleased to receive the support of Sport Canada. The financial contribution will aid us significantly in delivering a high-level international regatta that will increase the visibility of both the Welland International Flatwater Centre and Canada on the international hosting stage,” said Stephen Fischer, Executive Director of the WIFC.

Racing for the 2010 regatta will be over 2000 metres, and exhibition races of 500 metres will also be featured. Teams will be eight athletes: four men and four women, half of whom in each case shall be lightweights. Boat classes include singles, doubles, pairs, women's quads and men's fours.

The Commonwealth Rowing Championships was last held in August 2006 in Scotland, and was held in Canada in 1994 and 1999 in London, Ont.

Rowing was Canada's most successful summer sport at the last Olympics, and this regatta promises to showcase athletes who are up and coming on the national scene.

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