**Independent OAR Membership**

**Benefits**

Touring in Ontario is promoted through the Ontario Adventure Rowing Association (OAR), an Association registered with RowOntario and Rowing Canada Aviron. Each year we offer a full slate of tours, marathons, and other distance rowing events on various scenic waterways of Ontario.

Rowers who are not members of one of our Ontario Member Clubs1 (clubs that pay a blanket membership fee to cover all of their own members) have the opportunity of joining the Association as independent members (see next page for registration and fee details).

Independent members have the right to participate in a full range of tours, to receive information about overseas tours, and to participate in Association business. All Ontario independent members are registered with Row Ontario and Rowing Canada for insurance purposes.

A typical year would offer 10-12 tours and long-distance races, including such favourites as the Banana Belt Tour, our usual season opener; the Toronto Islands Tour, beloved for the spectacular skyline view of downtown; the Canadian Sculling Marathon, the annual full or half marathon event which passes under Parliament Hill; and cottage country tours, replete with tall pines, rock outcrops, and beaches. Every year we have at least one canal tour where you get to ‘lock through’.

In addition, members have access to international touring. OAR members have participated in the Rallye du Canal du Midi in France, a Berlin tour, and FISA World Tours held annually in various countries. OAR has also hosted three World Rowing tours: in 2002 (Rideau Canal), in 2012 (the Sudbury area) and in 2022 (Bay of Quinte and Thousand Islands).

The Ontario Adventure Rowing Association is a member of Rowing Canada and Row Ontario and partners with both organizations to provide and promote adventure rowing, including tours. All Ontario independent members will be registered with both governing bodies.

Touring builds endurance and your cardio-vascular system. Rowing tours also create well-being with a social atmosphere of cooperation and friendliness. And then, there are the spectacular, unique, and historic waterways that reveal our beautiful province to a select few – OAR tourers!

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1. *Check the OAR website, adventurerowing.ca for a current list of Ontario Rowing Clubs that are members of OAR. In 2022 the following Clubs were members: Argos, Barrie, Cambridge, Cornwall, Don, Durham, Guelph, Hanlan, Orillia, ONEC Rowing, Ottawa, Peterborough, Quinte, and Sudbury. Rowing members in good standing with RCA attending the Niagara Rowing School are also considered members of OAR.*

**Application for Independent Membership in OAR**

*Membership year: April 1 to March 31*

**Name** (Please print): ­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Ontario Residents** who are Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) members in good standing:

RCA Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rowing Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**Ontario Residents** who are not currently registered with Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA):

RCA Number, if previously held: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

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| **Canadian Residents (Outside of Ontario)** who are members in good standing of RCA:  Rowing Canada Aviron number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Rowing Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**OR**

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| **U.S. Resident Rowers** in good standing with US Rowing:  U.S. Rowing Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**OR**

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| **Overseas Resident Rowers** in good standing with their national rowing organization:  Country of National Rowing Governing Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Street Address:

City and Province/State:

Postal Code:

Country:

Telephone (primary):

Telephone (alternate):

E-mail address:

Date of birth (DDMMYY): Gender:

I have read and familiarized myself with the policies and procedures in the "Member" section of the adventurerowing.ca website.

U.S. and Overseas Resident Rowers: I affirm that I will carry current travel insurance for medical expenses and accidents when row touring in Canada.

I have read the waiver below and agree with it.

*Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**OAR Membership Waiver**

**Assumption of Risk, Liability Waiver, Conduct, and Fitness Agreement**

**Assumption of risk**: I recognise that the use of the facilities and services of Ontario Adventure Rowing (OAR) as well as rowing and related activities involve potential risks. Risks include, but are not limited to, injury from collision with another vessel or stationary objects and from the malfunctioning of equipment and injury or drowning as a result of capsizing or being swamped by waves from passing vessels, adverse weather, or lock operations. I also understand that the physical exertion of rowing, including carrying boats in and out of the water, can result in injury or death.

**Liability Waiver**: I undertake, in my personal capacity and on behalf of those whom I represent or have custody of, and my heirs and assigns, to indemnify and save harmless Ontario Adventure Rowing, their officers and other representatives, and their successors, heirs and assigns, from and against all claims, damages, loss, costs and expenses relating to any injury including death, or loss of or damage to my or any third party's property arising out of or being incidental to my presence at the event.

**Conduct:** I certify that I will obey all public safety regulations and OAR’s COVID Protocol, if in effect. I have received two doses of Covid-19 vaccines approved by WHO or Health Canada. I will conduct myself with respect towards my fellow rowers.

**Fitness to row**: I am an experienced sculler, I am fit enough to row 30 km in one day, and I can swim 50 m.

**Photo release** (*strike out if you do not agree*): I consent to photographs being taken of me during my participation in the CSM and to their use by the organizers and rowing organizations for promotional purposes.

**Payment of Annual Fee**

Please remit a CDN$ 90 interac e-transfer (or cheque) or US$ 90 (for U.S. and overseas residents) payable to ‘**Ontario Adventure Rowing Association’** at:

Ontario Adventure Rowing Association

c/o Diana Watson

Treasurer

1214 Bridge Street,

New Dundee, ON

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oartreasurer@gmail.com

Note: Send interac e-transfers and scanned completed application forms to Diana at her e-mail address.