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## 2008 Canadian Masters Championship Cancelled

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It is with regret that Rowing Canada Aviron (RCA) announces the cancellation of the 2008 Canadian Masters Championships. The regatta was to be hosted by the Guelph Rowing Club (GRC) from August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

The Canadian Masters Championship runs annually in Canada and alternates between the east and west with an average participation of approximately 400 athletes. As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, the number of entrants was disappointingly low – only 166. It is not financially feasible to run a successful regatta under these circumstances.

A number of meetings have been held between RCA and GRC in an attempt to find a solution to this problem. Unfortunately, a solution was not possible. RCA regrets this course of action but would rather cancel the regatta than provide a less than optimum event for the competitors.

Rowing Canada Aviron wishes to thank the Local Organizing Committee comprising of members of the Guelph Rowing Club. The committee and members of the Guelph Rowing Club have volunteered countless hours over the last two years. The GRC has developed an impressive rowing site that will certainly be well utilized in years to come.

Rowing Canada Aviron and the Guelph Rowing Club would like to acknowledge and thank the athletes who have registered for the Canadian Masters Championships. The organizing committee will arrange for the refund of entry fees.

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