



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

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With the conclusion of the history setting fourth National Championships to be hosted on the Waterway this year, the 2011 season of events at the Welland International Flatwater Centre drew to a close this past weekend.

It is an exhilarating and proud moment to say the 2011 season was an incredible success for Welland and the WRCC with more than 20,000 visitors to the city and more than \$10 million in economic impacts for local businesses. The showcase of the Welland International Flatwater Centre, the City of Welland, and all we have to offer was the work of fantastic groups, over more than 25 events, with great organizing committees, a great number of volunteers and staff of the WRCC.

In a season on the Waterway that started all the way back on April 23rd and ran though to November 13th, we can certainly say the drive to make Welland a sport tourism destination has been successful. The success of delivering all of these events could not have happened without the incredible volunteers that came out time and again to support their sports, their clubs, their athletes, these events and their community. Volunteerism is certainly alive along the Waterway and we thank everyone that assisted on any of the events for their generous support of time and experience. A special thank you to Carol for stepping up to be our Volunteer Coordinator, Shari for heading up Medical Services and to all the local groups: Scouts; Niagara College; Brock University; South Niagara Canoe Club; St. Catharine's Rowing Club; ROWONTARIO; Welland Rotary; South Niagara Rowing Club; Notre Dame Rowing Club; for coming out to support their community.

In a year that saw Welland host the Nation (and wave that banner proudly), we must now wave the flag of gratitude and proudly recognize that we are a community that can come together to welcome the Nation and soon the World! We wish to sincerely thank everyone for their assistance, on behalf of the WRCC, your efforts are applauded!

A resounding thank you!

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