

Youth Racing Committee

- 1. Focus has been on maintaining engagement with and providing support to the youth community.
- 2. We hosted the 24U Virtual Games in January, which involved 8 teams of 10 people (and multiple sponsors!) and judged it to be very successful --> potentially an annual event.
- 3. Hosted a youth town hall to gather ideas, input, and feedback from the community, and help start a discussion and get them to interact with one another.
- 4. Activities in the works include drafting youth development guidelines for captains and team and club administrators to start a youth (Junior, 24U, or University) team, how to maintain the team, and how to help make the move from recreational to competitive.
- 5. Other activities include continuing to promote dialogue among the community, increase accessibility for youth teams to small boats (e.g. OCs), and host fun paddle training camp as a day trip
- 6. Long-term: looking toward developing more teams in new areas, such as rural counties, and the promotion of more student racing circuits in different provinces