

Invercargill Rowing Club Historic Timeline

Activity	Year
Invercargill Rowing Club established after a meeting on the 26 th of August in the Clarendon Hotel, with 27 members enrolled	1875
Messrs Gordon & Brunton Sawmillers gifted timber to the Invercargill Rowing Club to erect a boat shed near the Stead Street jetty.	
The club purchased two six-oared gigs called the Lady Normanby and Premier for 75 pounds on 1 October	1875
The Southland Centennial Regatta was held over the Christmas period	1956
Ladies committee formed and helped with fundraising for boats and contributing to cost of the away championship regattas	1956
A fierce storm destroyed the clubrooms on the New River Estuary on 27 July and severely damaged the boats inside.	1957
A new boat shed, and clubrooms were built along side the Oreti River for 700 pound and officially opened on 27 September	1958
The club purchased its first eight oared skiff called the RW Boniface, which was christened on 8 October 1960	1960
Rex Boniface donated the clubs first single skiff called Little Aud and Ron Riley donated a single skiff called Atta	1960's
The club celebrated its centennial on the 24 th of October	1975
Major damage occurred to the club's best rowing skiffs when they fell off the top of a bus returning home from a regatta.	1978
The clubrooms were extended following the introduction of women rowers	1983
The club purchased a truck to tow the new boat trailer, and Allister Morris was IRC's first rower to be selected into the NZ Representative team	1993
Dave Galbraith was the first rower on the Oreti River for the new Millenium, in a single scull called Miss Century, that was originally purchased in 1975 for the club centennial.	2000
The club replaced its boat trailer for carrying skiffs to away regattas	2004
The old green SRA shed was removed and replaced with a new boat storage shed by the IRC with the help of the ABC members	2005
IRC were the winners of the Centennial Scull and named NZ Rowing Club of the Year	2006
A significant redevelopment of the club facilities took place, which included extensions, a rowing precinct linking the two clubs with access driveways, cycle way and an improved launching concrete apron. A crew rowed across Foveaux Strait in a quad to raise finds for the redevelopment project.	2010
The club celebrates its first Olympic gold medallist club member, Nathan Cohen, in a double with Joesph Sullivan	2012
The club elected its first female President Julie Dyer and awarded its first female life membership to Christine North	2014
A crew rowed across Cook Strait in a quad called the Sydney 2000 to raise funds for Canteen	2016