

DANIEL SCHMOUTH

Coach / Steerer | High Performance Dragon Boat Coach

High Performance Dragon Boat Coach, steerer paddler and engineer with over 20 years of experience developing athletes and leading competitive programs at the provincial, national and international levels. Known for combining technical analysis, biomechanics and athlete-centred coaching to build high-performing crews. Extensive experience in coach development, crew selection, race strategy and steering, with participation in multiple World Championships and Club Crew World Championships as both athlete and coach.

Coaching Highlights

- Head Coach of the H2O Senior High Performance Program (2021–Present)
 - Coach at the 2014, 2018, 2022, 2024 and 2026 Club Crew World Championships
 - Teams earned medals at each CCWC since 2018
 - Coach at the 2025 Pan American Championships
 - Qualified 5 of 6 teams for the 2026 Club Crew World Championships
 - Coached teams that earned 17 medals at the 2025 Pan American Championships
 - Dragon Boat Canada Level 1 Coach Developer
 - More than 15 years coaching alongside Christian Moreau
 - Coached numerous athletes who later represented Canada on National Teams
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National Team Experience

Athlete

2013 WDBRC – Szeged, Hungary

- Canadian National Team – Open

2017 WDBRC – Kunming, China

- Canadian National Team – Open and Mixed

2025 WDBRC – Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany

- Canadian National Team – Open Std Boat and Mixed Small boat

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International Coaching Experience

Club Crew World Championships

2010 – Macau

- Senior A Mixed

2014 – Ravenna

- Senior A Mixed

2018 – Szeged

- Senior B Mixed, Senior B Women Small Boat

2022 – Sarasota

- Senior A Women, Senior B Mixed, Senior B Open, Senior C Mixed Small Boat, Senior C Women Small Boat

2024 – Ravenna

- Senior B Mixed, Senior B Women's Small Boat, Senior C Women's Small Boat
- 9 main finals, 6 medals, 2 silver and 4 bronze

2026 – Hualien

- Senior B Open, Senior B Mixed, Senior B Women's Small Boat, Senior C Women's Small Boat
- 12 main finals, 7 medals, 2 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze (2 fourth and 3 fifth places)

Pan American Championships

2025

- Led coaching for nine crews.
- Competed as a paddler on two crews.
- Contributed to a total of 17 medal performances

Can-Am Championships

2026

- Led coaching for five sport and two community crews.
- Two gold and one silver medals

Training camp Coaching :

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- 2023 to 2026 Puerto Aventuras H2O Mexico Training camp lead coach from 1 to 8 Teams (137 paddlers)
 - 2024 - 2025 Tampa Bay PanAM Training camp, head coach Pat Bradley, coaching one team
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Head Coach – H2O High Performance Program (2021–Present)

- Lead coach for Senior A, B and C programs.
 - Annual planning for up to 100+ athletes.
 - Selection, technical development and race preparation.
 - Mentored assistant coaches and steerers.
 - Prepared crews for national and international competition.
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Coach Education

Dragon Boat Canada

Coach Developer – Level 1

- 2025
- 2026

Successfully trained and certified new Dragon Boat coaches.

Athlete Development

Athletes coached have progressed to represent Canada at World Championships, including:

Ann Dow, Marie-France Moquin, Pierre Bujold, François Goyette, Benoît Dupont, Yves Bisson, Louis Ratté, Ben Hum, Gilles Boislard, Marthe Gagnon, Melissa Rioux, Denis Ratté, Ghislain Girard, Levi Pagé, Lynda Romund, Olier Sabourin, Nicolas Paris, Richard Lalancette, Martin Bolduc, Patrick Charbonneau, Sergey Novikov, Konstantin Mironov, Pascale Deslières, Annie Lavoie and many others.

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Education & Certifications

Bachelor of Engineering (Industrial Engineering)

Certificate in Business Administration

NCCP Multi-Sport Certified

Dragon Boat Canada Level 1 Coach

Dragon Boat Canada Level 2 Competitive Coach (certificate pending)

Safe Sport Training

Standard First Aid Certification

Professional Experience

Industrial Engineering Instructor

Cégep de Granby 2017–Present

Teaching, mentoring and evaluating post-secondary students while developing communication, leadership and instructional skills directly transferable to high-performance coaching.

Key Strengths

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| • High Performance Coaching | • Practice Planning |
| • Steering | • Leadership |
| • Crew Selection | • Team Building |
| • Athlete Development | • Communication |
| • Technical Analysis | • Coach Mentoring |
| • Race Strategy | • English/French Bilingual |

Coaching Philosophy

- I believe successful dragon boat coaching is achieved by combining technical precision, athlete-centered development, and evidence-based training. My coaching emphasizes biomechanics, crew synchronization, efficient movement, and creating an environment where athletes can maximize both performance and enjoyment. My objective is to help athletes reach their highest potential while contributing positively to the culture and success of Team Canada.*