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First the Girls – 17 October, Tehran



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Dragon Boating. "More than a Sport – a Tradition " " People Packed - the Mass Participation Water Sport"



2015 THE YEAR OF THE GOAT. EDITORIAL by Mike MacKeddie-Haslam.

WELCOME to DBI the IDBF in-house newsmagazine. 2014 was a very busy year for Dragon Boat Sport, so busy in fact that there was not time to sit down and produce Dragon Boat International during the year. Going to Dragon Boat events around the world kept me away from my computer – not that I am complaining about that, but I am a bit miffed that nobody has come forward to take up the DBI Editor's mantle, despite my many hints over the past year or two, for the cavalry to arrive !!

So I am afraid Dear Reader, this IDBF Newsmagazine is reaching you in April 2015 as the Spring Issue and not as the Summer and Winter Issues planned for June 2014, which only highlights our continuing need for a compiler and editor for DBI – any takers out there !!?

The competitive highlights of 2014 were undoubtedly the 1st World Cup held in Fuzhou, China, in June, where top 'Nations' from our Sport thrilled and entertained a TV audience of over 8 million dragon boat fans and the IDBF Club Crew World Championships in Ravenna, Italy, in early September, which set new participation levels with over 5000 Dragon Boaters in nearly 340 races. But also setting new records were our Pink Paddlers, when nearly 3000 Breast Cancer Survivors, from 12 Countries, took part in the IBCPC Participatory Festival, held in Sarasota, Florida in October 2014.

For all these record breaking events congratulations are due to the organisers for putting the shows on the road but congratulations too must also go to the hard working IDBF Race Officials in Fuzhou and Ravenna, led by Mike Thomas, Chairman of the IDBF Competition & Technical Commission, for putting the Race Programmes together and making sure that the races were well organised and conducted throughout both events. 2015, the Year of the Goat, promises to be another bumper year for the Sport, with our World Nations Championships in Welland, Niagara, Canda, Club Crew Championships in both Asia and Europe and nearly 300 events on the IDBF Calendar. Be part of it and see you on the water, somewhere during the Year of the Goat.

2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD IN CHINA. MOSCOW AND ROTTERDAM VOTED OUT!!

At its meeting held on 8th September 2014 in Ravenna, following the 9th CCWC, the IDBF Council voted to award the hosting of the 2017 World Nations Championships to China. Provisionally the City chosen is Huizhou situated in Guangdong, Province, with airport access through Hong Kong or Guangzhou. Dates and confirmed location will be given in a presentation to the IDBF Members Congress in Welland, Niagara, after the 2015 World Championships, on Monday 24th August 2015.

The decision to award the WNC to China was taken after the Council heard that the provisional bids made to the 2013 Members Congress in Szeged, from Moscow and Rotterdam were not progressed further as neither bidder was able to confirm that the IDBF requirements for staging a Championships could be fully met.

DRAGON BOATERS PADDLE FOR THE PLANET



Once again Dragon Boaters around the world 'Paddled for the Planet on 1 June 2014, making their donations and raising the awareness of people everywhere to the need for marine conservation, world-wide but particularly in the Oceans' of the World .

In 2011 the P4P day was started by paddle sport enthusiast in Dubai UAE and a leading light amongst them

was and still is Nick Hando (pictured) who Helms the Dubai Diggers Dragon Boat Team), one of the many hundreds who competed in the 2014 CCWC in Ravenna.

The IDBF is proud to have been the first International Federation and one of the original supporters of the first P4P day on 5 June 2011 and is delighted that so many Dragon Boaters around the world have continued to spread the message to save the world's oceans since. So please continue the good work by signing up for Paddle for the Planet 2015 – **for full details go to:- www.paddlefortheplanet.org, for full details.**

THE STRENGTH OF THE DRAGON



IDBF Membership increased again in 2014, bringing the total number of IDBF Members to 84. We welcome Greece, Israel, Ivory Coast, Malta, Georgia, Nepal and Panama to the IDBF Dragon Boat family. With further applications being processed from the Dominican Republic and Mexico, plus applications awaited from

seven more Countries who are interested in joining the IDBF, the Dragon goes from strength to strength.

On the racing circuit, paddlers from nearly 50 IDBF Members competed during the year internationally and the 9th Club Crew Champs held in Ravenna, Italy, set new records with over 5000 participants.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the 1st IDBF World Cup, held in Fuzhou, China, where over 300,000 spectators and 8 million viewers watched the three days of racing live on television. China won the inaugural World Cup, with Team Philippines placed second and Team Canada third.

Asian and European Championships were also held in Macau, China and Racice, Czech Rep, respectively



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1st IDBF WORLD CUP, FUZHOU, CHINA, 10TH - 12TH JUNE 2014

330,000 SPECTATORS WATCH CHINA, PUSHED HARD BY THE PHILIPPINES AND CANADA, TAKE THE WORLD CUP. 8 MILLION TV VIEWERS TOO !

Top Teams from the 2013 World Nations Championships, took on the might of Team China for the honour of winning the 1st IDBF World Cup, held in Fuzhou, from 10-12th June. After 3 days of hard, close, exciting and strength sapping racing, China just edged the Philippines to win the World Cup, with Team Canada third.

Originally the World Cup was based on 16 Teams but due to financial difficulties and politics, Teams from Ghana, Hungary, Macau, the Ukraine, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia and Thailand had to withdraw and 12 Teams contested the Cup **and what an exhilarating event it was with over 330,000 spectators watching the racing over the three days and 8 million viewers catching the action on China Central TV's Channel 5 – the Sports Channel.**




The Teams were fully hosted in China, by the Fuzhou City Government and prize money totaling 1 million Chinese Yuan, helped to offset the Teams travel costs. The World Cup format was completely different to World Championships in that each Team consisted of 12 Women and 12 Men, racing as Premier Mixed Crews in the Standard Boat races and then as separate Women's and Men's Crews in the Small Boat Races. Racing took place in 4 lanes, over 100m, 200m and 500m in Standard Boats and 400m and 1000m in Small Boats, with points being awarded according to a Team's final place in each competition. The Team with the highest points total from the five competitions, at the end of three days of racing, become the winners of the inaugural IDBF World Cup.

And so it was that **Australia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, Guam, Hong Kong, Italy, the Philippines, Russia and the United States** took to the water in their bid to become the winners of the 1st IDBF World Cup. Home team China did not have things all their own way and but for a misunderstanding by Team Philippines on the format of racing required to earn points in the 1000m competition, raced in two Small Boats, per Team, around a 200m circular course, China may not have won the World Cup, as the Philippines came out on top in two of the three standard boat competitions – but that is Sport !

The most exciting of the new competitions was the **100m Standard Boat Sprint Races**, which had the hugh crowd lining the course, on their feet and shouting their heads off as they urged the Teams on !! New too were the 400m Small Boat Races in which Teams raced against each other in pairs, with the Women's crews racing from the Finish to the Start line and the Men's crews racing back to the Finish Line to record the Team's time. Standard Boat Racing over the normal 200 and 500m distances completed the 5 competitions but that was not all, as both the Teams and the crowd were treated to the spectacular sight of 50 man traditional boats racing at top speed over 500m with beating drums and crashing gongs, adding to the cacophony of sound coming from the crowd !!

This truly inspiring event concluded with the World Cup Teams getting together in the big Traditional Boats and racing in composite multi-national Teams of men and women down the length of the course to the cheers and applause from the watching crowd. **That is Dragon Boating – More than a Sport, a Tradition !**

1st IDBF WORLD CUP, FUZHOU, CHINA, 10th-12th JUNE 2014 – FINALS RESULTS

Standard Boats	100m	200m	500m
Grand Final			
1. Philippines 	0.23.445	1. China 	0.48.659
2. Canada 	0.23.825	2. Philippines 	0.49.565
3. China 	0.24.049	3. Canada 	0.49.933
4. Hong Kong 	0.25.127	4. Germany 	0.50.443
Minor Final			
1. USA 	0.25.112	1. Australia 	0.51.417
= Germany 	0.25.112	2. Russia 	0.51.569
3. Czech Rep 	0.25.428	3. USA 	0.51.679
4. Russia 	0.25.960	4. Czech Rep 	0.51.753
Small Boats 400m Relay Races			
Grand Final		Minor Final	
1. China 	1.45.891	1. Philippines 	1.48.749
2. Canada 	1.46.763	2. Australia 	1.50.833
Small Boats 1000m Pursuit Races			
Grand Final		Minor Final	
1. China 	4.42.860	1. Canada 	4.48.610
2. USA 	4.49.200	2. Australia 	4.59.480

[Watch the racing at idbf.org & -](http://www.idbf.org)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQBOZcPLxdiJxBH73cmnhL4ydOZHgfjH>



12TH IDBF WORLD DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS, WELLAND, NIAGRA, CANADA 18TH – 23RD AUGUST 2015

A BIG WELCOME TO WELLAND, CANADA! Dragon Boat Canada is thrilled to be hosting the 2015 IDBF World Championships of Dragon Boat Racing along with our partners the Welland International Flatwater Centre in Niagara! This event has been 4 years in the making and it is our mission to make this the best World Championships to date. Canada takes its dragon boating very seriously and our goal is to provide the highest technical standards possible for the IDBF so as to ensure a fair and competitive championships. Even more we want to focus on the needs of the athletes so they can have their best performances and an enjoyable experience.

Matthew Smith, Dragon Boat Canada, President.

The Welland International Flat-water Centre

The Welland International Flat-water Centre (WIFC) North Course will be the host venue for the 2015 IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC).

The WIFC rivals top facilities in the world with infrastructure exceeding current international standards for hosting, accessibility, and pristine water conditions. It includes a top quality start system with clear 'boots' to ensure a fair start and an international standard course with Albano type buoys.

The WIFC is located at the end of the 7.5 km long Welland Recreational Waterway. Sheltered from prevailing SW winds, paved paths are located on both sides of the course with full visibility of the race area for spectators. With its basin-like characteristics the WIFC will be the perfect venue for the 12th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships.

Venue Facts & Figures. **Width:** 125 – 135 m wide. **Depth:** 9.2 m depth over full distance and full width of race course **Sides:** Uniform slope of 29 degree; docking facilities extend the length of the racing area for easy embarkation. **Current:** Negligible to none – scientifically measured and confirmed. **Water Quality:** Excellent quality freshwater - source of municipal drinking supply. **Avg. Water Temp:** 21 -24 Degrees Celsius in August.

ACCOMMODATION. Niagara is comprised of 12 distinct and vibrant communities, all just a short drive from the Venue. The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is working in partnership with various accommodations and tourism operators throughout the Niagara Region to offer participants the best experience possible, on and off the water.

A variety of hotel accommodation has been arranged with pricing as low as USD \$68.00/ CAD \$80.00 per person, per night based on double occupancy with two beds per room. There are accommodation options for other occupancies including single university residence accommodation starting at just USD \$51.00/ CAD \$60.00, or triple, quad, and five/six participants per room, bed sharing options at a variety of area hotels. Below is the list of Official Accommodations for the 2015 WDBRC.

Detailed descriptions of accommodation and prices are available online at www.wdbrc2015.ca. All prices are subject to applicable taxes, which amount to around 13% in total.

Event transportation will only be provided for those Teams staying in Official Accommodation. Teams are free to make their own accommodation and transport arrangements but the only method for booking at one of the Official Accommodations is through the Organizing Committee, which will assist in ensuring each Federation has personalized transportation. Accommodation requests will only be secured and fulfilled upon a 15% reservation deposit, on a first come, first served basis.

MEAL PACKAGES. Meal packages are available for purchase through the Organizing Committee; breakfast and dinner options are Available in the Official Accommodation and lunch packages at the venue are available for purchase for Training and Racing Days (Sun Aug 16 to Sun Aug 23). Lunches are a healthy choice, varying daily, and will be approximately 1,500 calories.

Breakfast and dinner. Breakfast and dinner packages are available in the Official Accommodation by purchasing through the 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee. Each meal offered by the OC has been specially selected and prepared with athletes in mind. Dependent on the Official Accommodation, either a buffet style scenario, or a plated meal has been arranged with a mix of proteins, carbs, pastas, starches, fresh vegetables, and non-alcoholic beverages. All meal pricing includes gratuities.

Lunches. Lunches will be delivered directly to the Teams' athlete's village tent at a predetermined time. Lunches will be USD \$12.00/ CAD \$13.00 per person, per day and will contain: • 2 sandwiches/wraps • Vegetable salad/assorted raw vegetables • Fruit • Milk/juice • Side (ie. Granola bar, nuts, or cheese and crackers pack). Note: Lunches will be available for various dietary needs, upon request

AIRPORT TRANSFERS. The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is offering welcome services and airport arrival and departure transfers from/ to Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), Hamilton International Airport (YHM), and Buffalo International Airport (BUF). **For prices contact the Organizing Committee at stay@wdbrc2015.ca.**

VENUE SHUTTLES. The 2015 WDBRC Organizing Committee is able to offer a wide selection of transportation services including the option to order a Dedicated Venue Shuttles (Morning and Afternoon) for individual Teams' (up to 55 passengers), a Daily Regular Venue General shuttle from each Official Accommodation operating on a schedule and a Daily Tourism Shuttle to Niagara Falls for all shuttle pass holders. Teams have the option to book morning and afternoon shuttles dedicated to their team, which provides a shuttle to the Venue from their Official Accommodation each morning and return in the afternoon.

Those Teams or Crews who opt-in to the Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle, receive a bus or busses dedicated to their Team for a transfer from their Official Accommodation to the Venue at the time your Team or Crew schedules on each day purchased for. The Dedicated AM Venue Shuttle is available for lease on both training days and competition days. **Full details of the prices for the Morning (AM) and Afternoon (PM) Dedicated Shuttles are available from the Welland 2015. Org Com at stay@wdbrc2015.ca.**



12th WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS, WELLAND, CANADA



Provisional Entries or intentions to compete in the 12th WDBRC, have been received from 24 IDBF Members, namely:- Australia, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Macau, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, United States.

ENTRY CONDITIONS. Entry is restricted to **Representative Teams** selected and entered by their IDBF Member. As such, the competitors race in **Racing Colours** of the country or territory that they represent.

Nationality. The IDBF Nationality Regulations apply to the WDBRC.

ENTRIES. The Championships will be conducted under the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing.

Confirmed and Final Named Entries are required by 15th May 2015 (Confirmed Entries) and by 3rd July 2015 for Final Named Entries. **Entries are to be made online at https://idbfchamps.org/login_idbf.php.**

Regatta Fees. For the 12th WDBRC the Administration Fee Deposit is USD \$500.00 per team and is to be paid with the Confirmed Entry. It is non-refundable unless an inability to participate is related to visa issues. The balance of Administration Fees (not exceeding USD \$45.00 per person (less USD \$500.00 deposit) is to be paid with the Named Entries by July 3, 2015.

Additionally, the IDBF Registration Fee which is to be paid with the Named Entries by July 3, 2015 will be USD \$20.00 per person for IDBF Basic Members and \$30.00 per person for IDBF Full Members.

DIVISIONS, RACING CLASSES, COMPETITION CLASSES.

To qualify for World Championship status six (6) entries from different IDBF Members, per competition class are required. Competition Classes with three (3) to five (5) entries will be given IDBF Championship status and less than three (3) entries will be demonstration races.

STANDARD AND SMALL BOATS. Championships will be held in both the IDBF Spec Standard and Small Racing Boats. Teams cannot enter both a Standard Boat and Small Boat in the same Competition Class.

One entry per Team (Nation) per Competition Class is permitted in either a Standard or Small Boat.

An IDBF Member with only twelve (12) paddlers of either sex available, who has competed in a previous WDBRC may be allowed to enter a Small Boat Crew in the appropriate class/category.

In the Mixed Championship Races where there are insufficient Women or Men available for a Mixed Standard Boat Crew, paddlers from a Standard Open or Women's Crew may be used in a Mixed Small Boat Crew. Teams entering both a Small Boat Open and Women's Crews will be required to enter a Stand Boat Mixed Crew, not a Small Boat Crew.

Arrival and Training before the Championships. It is expected that most Teams will arrive during the period of August 14th – 16th, 2015. Crews are advised to arrive in the Niagara Region no later than August 17th. Crews are invited to arrive earlier as training times will be made available to crews for acclimatization, starting as early as August 12th. Limited Standard Boat training will be available on August 16th and Official Training will begin on 17th August 2015.

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
15-17 Aug	Arrival and Registration at WIFC	20 Aug	Racing Day. 1000m Stand Boats, excluding Snr C, Jnr B and Junior A Women
16 Aug	Crew Training Stand Boat, WIFC South Course	21 Aug	Racing Day. 500m Stand & Small Boats Mix Divs
17 Aug	Training Stand & Small Boat, WIFC North Course	22 Aug	Racing Day. 200m Stand & Small Boats Mixed, Open & Wmn, all Divisions.
18 Aug	Training as above. Reserve Racing Day	23 Aug	Racing Day. 500m Stand & Small Boat Open and Women, all Divisions
19 Aug	Racing Day. 2ks All Stand&Small Boat Class	24 Aug	IDBF Members Congress. Teams Depart



16th EUROPEAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS, DIVONNE, FRANCE

31st JULY – 2nd AUGUST 2015



The 16th EDBF ECCC will be held from the 31st July to the 2nd August 2015 in Divonne-Les-Bains, France, a little town next to the Swiss frontier. Racing will be on the Lake of Divonne-Les-Bains. It takes about 15 minutes from Geneva Airport to Divonne by car.

Provisional Entries or intentions to compete in the 16th ECCC, have been received from 70 Club Crews in 11 EDBF Member Countries, namely:-, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Switzerland and the Ukraine.

COMPETITION FORMAT: : The Championship is primarily for those European Club Crews that are members of their EDBF Dragon Boat Federation. Crews from the countries which do not have a Dragon Boat Federation, are also welcome, with the approval of the EDBF Board. Crews from outside of Europe can only participate, as Guest Crews.

The ECCC will be conducted according to the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing by IDBF International Race Officials assisted by National Officials, under the direction of an IDBF Chief Official, with an EDBF Championship Jury.

REGATTA COURSE: The Regatta Course and technical facilities will be to EDBF standards for Club Crew Championships. The number of racing lanes will be six over 200m and 500m, with a width of 13 m. There will be photo finish equipment in place.

CLASSES AND DISTANCES: The Racing & Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below. In all competitions to qualify for European Championship status at least four (4) entries from different Countries per competition are required. Competitions with three entries will be given EDBF Championship status and less than 3 entries will be demonstration races.

STANDARD BOAT (22 Racers) (Mixed Crews = min of 8 and max of 12 female paddlers)

Division	Premier			Senior A (40+)			Senior B (50+)			Senior C (60+)			Junior Class			BCS
	Opn	Wmn	Mxd	Opn	Wmn	Mxd	Opn	Wmn	Mxd	Opn	Wmn	Mxd	Opn	Wmn	Mxd	
200m																
500m				All Confirmed Entries are to be submitted on line at https://idbfchamps.org/login_edbf.php												
2000m																

SMALL BOAT (12 Racers) (Mixed Crews = min of 4 and max of 6 female paddlers)

200m																
500m																
2000m							////	////	////	////	////	////	////	////	////	////

Senior A over age 40, **Senior B** over age 50 and **Senior C** over age 60 as of 1st June 2015. **Junior A** under age 18 but over 11 and **Junior B** under age 16 but over 11 as of 1st June 2015

A Club can enter the Standard or Small Boat Races or both in all Racing Classes but for a Club to enter both a Standard and Small Boat crew in the same Divisional Racing Class or competition, the paddlers in the Small Boat Crew must be different from those used in the Standard Boat crew - including reserves.

Double Rostering. In all cases the double rostering of paddlers between Divisions (for example, Premier to Senior) is discouraged, as is doubling between Racing Classes (for example between Senior Classes) and races will not be delayed if this occurs. Helms and Drummers may be used across the Divisions (subject to the rules for Juniors & Seniors but in the case of 'back to back races' the Officials will NOT delay races for the transfer of Helms or Drummers.

ACCOMMODATION: There are 3 different possibilities for accommodation for the Championships. The 1st option is Click&Bed, a short stay specialist company- contact: info@clickandbed.com or phone + 33 (0)652 7074 47. The 2nd option is the Dragon Boat Camp Site, specially set up on the regatta site from the 30th July to the 3rd August (inclusive). The 3rd option is booking official hotels - contact:- <http://www.dragonboat-attitude.fr/european-club-crew-championships/accommodation/>

CATERING: For breakfast, lunch or dinner, a caterer situated just next to the camp will offer a complete meals service. Contact them by email at info@terrescale.com or call them on: +33 (0) 614 02 44 18

LOCAL TRANSPORT. Local shuttle bus transport to the regatta site can be arranged by Click&Bed, contact them as above. **Parking at the venue:** Free parking places for cars and busses are available at the racing location

GETTING TO THE REGATTA SITE: Divonne-les-Bains is about 10 minutes by car from Geneva International Airport on the main Geneva to Lausanne Swiss highway and then about 3 minutes from the turn off junction on the highway into the city.

THINGS TO DO IN DIVONNE: There are many things to see and do in Divonne-Les-Bains, such as the Casino, hippodrome, golf, Forestland, riding school and other sportive activities. For further information go to <http://www.divonnelesbains.com/en>

Admin Fee Deposits of Euro 350.00 per Club are due with the Confirmed Entries by 10 May 15. Email lucie@dragonboat-attitude.fr for bank details and transfers. Other Regatta Fees – Registration & Boat Hire and the balance of Admin Fees will be due on 18 June 15.

CELEBRATION PARTY: The celebration party will be held on Sunday evening – 2 August 2015. There will be cocktails and a concert. For additional information go to: www.dragonboat-attitude.fr/european-club-crew-championships/



IOC President with the IDBF President.

MAKING SLOW BUT SURE PROGRESS TOWARDS IOC RECOGNITION

In his report to the IDBF Council in Ravenna, on the 8th September 2014, the IDBF President, Mike MacKeddie-Haslam, said that slow but sure progress was being made towards recognition for the IDBF as an IOC International Sports Federation (ISF). The IOC President, Thomas Bach, said in November 2013 that the IDBF Application was in good hands. Mike MacKeddie-Haslam told the Council that he had recently had a very constructive meeting in Lausanne, with staff from the IOC Sports Dept, who had advised him of the outstanding criteria to meet before the IDBF application could be submitted to the IOC Executive Committee.

Of the 54 criteria for IOC recognition the IDBF has now satisfied the majority of them. The remaining criteria mainly concerned different policies and working committees, such as an **Athletes Commission, Sport for All Commission and an Entourage Commission**, that the IDBF will need to have in place to bring the Federation into line with those ISFs presently recognised by the IOC.

As some of the policies and commissions involved will need the approval of the IDBF Member's Congress or ratification by the Congress and then the commissions have to be seen, by the IOC, to be active, the President's view was that it would be towards the end of 2016 before the IDBF could become an IOC recognised federation. But this will only be the first big step towards Dragon Boating becoming an Olympic Sport – and that's another story.

ADELAIDE 2016. The Council also received reports from the Australian DBF on the arrangements being made for the 10th Club Crew Worlds, in Adelaide, in 2016 and the support being given by the Adelaide City. The CCWC will be held over the Easter period. The outside provisional dates are 30 March to 10 April 2016, which are subject to further discussion and final confirmation by January 2015.

WELLAND 2015. Matt Smith, President of Dragon Boat Canada, updated the Congress on the preparations being made for the 12th World Nations Championships, to be held in Welland, Niagara, from 18th to 23rd August 2015. The Council were informed that the Welland Regatta Course, regularly used for the Canadian National Championship, would benefit from further course upgrading and the added technical facilities being installed for the Pan American Games. Various levels of accommodation will be on offer, from student rooms in the local University to Hotels in the Niagara Falls area - (Barrels supplied FOC but a deposit required !

CHILDREN MAKE PADDLES FOR LIFE - INSPIRED BY THE DRAGON BOAT

A positive project supported by the IDBF for nearly 10 years, has been the Paddle for Life campaign. Founded by David Train in the UK, PFL is a way of making children aware of the environmental problems facing the world and educating them about saving the environment.

The first objective of the PFL project is to get children across the world to make their own wooden Dragon Boat paddle, as a means of understanding that if you remove a natural resource from the earth – in this case wood – you must replace it.

Making a paddle calls for young people to plant two trees for each paddle they make. This effort is symbolic of David's greater goal which is to ask the timber industry to support the PFL project by re-planting two trees for every tree that they chop down.

The second objective of the PFL project is to develop social responsibility among children by showing them how to work together as a team (like in the dragon boat) and making them and their parent's aware of the need to preserve and replace our natural resources. In this way we can save the planet not just for our own children but for generations' to come.

The third objective is to make young people aware that paddle sports offer regular exercise and a means to achieving their personal objectives through the discipline, determination and self-sacrifice that is needed to take part in sport, whilst having a healthy and prolonged life through sporting activities.

In pursuit of his third objective and inspired by the Dragon Boat, its history and culture, David developed the 'Bell Boat' (effectively two Canadian Canoes joined together by a central platform to give catamaran type stability) as a paddled water craft that would not capsize and was therefore totally safe for children to use.

David uses paddling the Bell Boat as a way of getting the message across to children that in making a dragon boat paddle and then using it during their lives, they can help to protect the environment and save it from further destruction. David exports his Bell Boats to countries around the world so that his message can be spread through the children paddling them, whilst on an individual level it introduces them to paddle sports of all kinds.

David encourages, no insists – in the nicest possible way, that high ranking politicians from around the world sign a PFL Dragon Boat Paddle as a way of making them aware of the PLF project and encouraging them to support its objectives and most importantly, do something to save the environment from further damage and destruction.

Such politicians as the present British Prime Minister, David Cameron, pictured above left with David Train before two Bell boats were sent to China, where the children there will spread the environmental message.

The IDBF is very happy to continue its support of David's campaign and asks the IDBF Members to get children in their own Countries and Territories to make their own Paddles for Life and thereby help encourage other people to 'save the planet' too.





9th CLUB CREW WORLD DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIPS, RAVENNA, ITALY, 3-7 SEPT 2014 BIGGEST YET WITH 5400 PARTICIPANTS !

At the end of a memorable week of top class racing, “an experience to savour” was the over whelming view of the 5400 participants taking part in the Club World Championships in Ravenna, Italy, from 3-7 Sep 2014. Paddlers in over 900 crews from 145 Dragon Boat Clubs in 27 Countries or Territories took part in 338 races.

But that is not how the week started when storms, wind and heavy rain not sun, threatened to derail an event that had attracted the largest number of participants ever in a World Championships Regatta.

With practice days curtailed or cancelled on the days before racing began and rain still a threat to the evening Opening Ceremony, things were beginning to look bleak but at last the wet and windy weather changed and the outdoor Opening Ceremony was held with the sun breaking through the clouds.

Although still windy and with choppy water, on day one, which delayed the start, the Championships got underway with the 2000m races and by reducing the number of paddlers in the Standard Boat the first day was completed without any serious mishaps, thanks to the efforts of the IDBF Race Officials.

From then on it was practically sun all the way, with the temperature rising every day and with it the tempo and excitement of the races got better and better too. With racing classes in both Standard and Small Boats, in 8 racing lanes, for Premier, Junior A and B, Senior A, B and C, Breast Cancer Survivors and Para Dragon competitors, in Open, Women’s and Mixed crews, the race programme was very complex and even though the same paddlers could not compete in both Standard and Small Boats in the same racing class, there was still plenty of races to go for.

Competing for the first time at a CCWC were Clubs from Iran, Israel and Spain, whilst Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, the United States and of course Italy competed with strength in depth. China and the Philippines brought sheer quality to the party and this blend of strength and quality showed in the mix of the Grand Finalists and the medal winners.

Also competing in Ravenna were Club Crews from France, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Hungary, Macau, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Trinidad & Tobago, the Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates

MEDALS TABLE PREMIER DIVISION STANDARD BOAT G. S. B

1. All Sports Team Hannover		2	1	-
2. Ottawa Galley Girls		2	1	-
3. Dongguan Machong		2	-	1
4. 22 Dragons Montreal,		1	2	-
5. Dragon Zone Vancouver		1	1	-
6. Otaman Lviv		1	1	-
7. Böckingen, Heilbronn		-	2	1
8. Dragon Team Nymburk		-	1	1
9. False Creek RC Vancouver		-	-	3
10. City Dragons Sydney		-	-	1

MEDALS TABLE – PREMIER DIVISION SMALL BOATS G S B

1. All Sports DBT Hannover		2	5	-
2. Philippine Army DBT		2	-	-
3. PG Mannheim		1	1	1
4. Dragon Zone Vancouver		1	1	-
5. Singapore Paddle Club		1	1	-
6. 7 Hills Dragons Moscow		1	-	2
7. Rába DBC Győr		1	-	-
8. WSAP Sports Tm Hamburg		-	1	-
9. PSV Uckermark, Prenzlau		-	-	3
10. Dragonmasters Üröm		-	-	1

MEDALS TABLE – ALL CLASSES STANDARD & SMALL BOATS G S B

1. False Creek Vancouver		12	4	6
2. Pickering DBC		9	4	5
3. Böckingen, Heilbronn		6	6	4
4. Danebank Sydney		5	-	-
5. All Sports Team Hannover		4	6	-
6. Dragon Zone Vancouver		4	3	-
7. Quinte HEAT Belleville		4	2	3
8. Brisbane River Dragons		4	2	2
9. Dragon Zone Vancouver		4	3	-
10. Lambton Shores, Ontario		3	7	1
11. 7 Hills Dragons Moscow		3	3	3
12. Pskov Dragons		3	3	-
13. Outer Harbour, Toronto		3	-	-
14. Rowbust BCS Lond,Ont		3	-	-
15. Ottawa Galley Girls		2	1	-
16. Windy City DBC Chicag0o		2	-	2
17. Dongguan Machong		2	-	1
18. Dinamo Dnipropetrovsk		2	-	-
19. Philippine Army DBT		2	-	-
20. Blauen Wunder Dresden		1	3	3
21. Manly DBC, Brisbane		1	2	5
22. 22 Dragons Montreal,		1	2	2
=23. Philadelphia Flying Phoenix		1	2	-
=23. Prairie Dragons PC, Can		1	2	-
=23. Wraybury Dragons UK		1	2	-
=26. Anancy, France		1	1	1
=26. Mt Warning DBC		1	1	1
=26. Singapore Paddle Club		1	1	1
=26. Dragons Abreast Adelaide		1	1	1
30. Otaman Lviv		1	1	-
31. Rába DBC Győr		1	-	-
32. Dragons Abreast Sydney		-	4	1
33. Broadwater Dragons		-	3	2
34. Bytown DBC, Ottawa		-	3	-
=35. Drg Aqua Szekesfehervar		-	2	1
=35. Mala Flotylyia Kyiv		-	2	1
=35. Te Waka Drgs Brisbane		-	2	1
38. Volga Drgs Novgorod		-	2	-
39. PSV Uckermark, Prenzlau		-	1	3
40. Adelaide Sea Dragons		-	1	2
=41. Berlin Dragonboat Co		-	1	1
=41. Dragon Team Nymburk		-	1	1
=41. VI Paddling Soc Victoria		-	1	1
=44. Dunai Sárkányok Vác		-	1	-
=44. Big Girls & Oldies, Prague		-	1	-
=44. WSAP Sports Tm Hamburg		-	1	-
=44. Dračia Légia 2012 Trenčín		-	1	-
=48. Abreast In A Boat, Langley		-	-	2
=48. A.S. Indiana Club Roma		-	-	2
=48. Drgn Aqua Szekesfehervar		-	-	2
=48. Sokkan Booshehr, Tehran		-	-	2
=52. City Dragons Sydney		-	-	1
=52. Dragon Force Prerov Převo		-	-	1
=52. Dragonheart Vermont		-	-	1
=52. H2oplayground Montreal		-	-	1
=52. New Dragons RC Toronto		-	-	1

9th CLUB CREW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – RESULTS & MEDALS

STANDARD Boat BCS Crews

	200m (9)	500m (9)	2000m (6)
1. Rowbust BCS London, Ontario	0.55.114 gf	1. 2.21.320	1. 10.59.530 f
2. Dragons Abreast, Sydney	0.57.098 gf	2. 2.23.905	2. 11.18.410 f
3. Dragon Heart, Vermont	0.58.207 gf	4. 2.28.613	4. 11.47.530 f
4. Abreast in a Boat, Langley	0.58.529 gf	3. 2.27.910	3. 11.46.800 f
5. Wonder Broads, Windsor	1.00.855 gf	5. 2.36.287	5. 12.38.980 f
6. Racine DBC	1.01.607 gf	6. 2.12.254	6. 12.55.990 f
7. Donna Piu Latina	1.04.618 mf	8. 2.46.052	- -
8. Florence Dragon Lady Lift	1.04.658 mf gf	6. 2.40.231	- -
9. Abbraccio Rosa Drgn Flies Rome	1.07.136 mf	- -	- -
Pink Avalanche Torino	- mf	9. 2.59.830	- -

SMALL Boat BCS Crews

	200m (3)	500m (4)
1. Philadelphia Flying Phoenix	2:13.022 rds	2. 5.34.321 rds
2. Annecy, France	2:19.672 rds	4. 5.55.221 rds
3. Pink Avalanche Torino	2:29.132 rds	- -
Dragons Abreast, Adelaide	-	1. 5.21.594 rds
Abbraccio Rosa Drgn Flies Rome	-	3. 5.54.636 rds

Para Dragons Std Boat Mixed (Rounds)

	200m	500m	Open 2000m
2. Dragon Zone Vancouver	Total Times 1:48.104 tt	1. 4.31.323 tt	1. 11.15.480
1. Prairie Dragons PC	Total Times 1:46.877 tt	2. 4.34.540 tt	2. 11.16.110

SMALL Boat Junior Open (Rounds)

	200m (7)	500m (6)	Junior Mixed (Rnds)	200m (7)	500m (7)
1. False Creek RCC Vancouver	1.43.063 tt Jnr A	1 4.31.354 tt	False Creek	1. 1.48.933	1. 4.30.238 Jnr A
2. Broadwater Drgns, Gold Coast	1.48.283 tt Jnr A	2. 4.36.071 tt	Broadwater Drgs	2.1.49.418	2. 4.30.538 Jnr A
3. Sokkan Booshehr Tehran	1.48.718 tt Jnr A	3. 4.39.203 tt	PSV Uckermark	=2.1.49.418	4. 4.36.053 Jnr A
4. PSV Uckermark Prenzlau	1.51.009 tt Jnr A	- -	Lambton Shores	4. 1.52.183	3. 4.36.023 Jnr A
5. Lambton Shores, Forest Ont	1.52.688 tt Jnr A	4. 4.42.995 tt	Annecy, France	1. 1.55.330	3. 4.53.423 Jnr B
1. Lambton Shores Forest Ont	1.51.239 tt Jnr B	1. 4.47.331 tt	Lambton Shores	2. 1.55.952	1. 4.46.203 Jnr B
2. False Creek RCC Vancouver	1.55.889 tt Jnr B	2. 4.58.316 tt	False Creek	3. 1.59.588	2. 4.53.243 Jnr B

SMALL Boat Junior Women (Rounds)

1. Danebank School, Sydney	2.03.949 tt Jnr A	1. 5.20.016 tt	Danebank, Sydney	1. 2.04.015	1. 5.18.566 Jnr B
			Lambton Shores	2. 2.08.189	2. 5.24.482 Jnr B

Junior A Standard Boat Mixed Races (Rounds)

	200m	500m	2000m
1. False Creek RCC Vancouver	Total Times 1:38.234	4.04.289	9.55.740
2. Lambton Shores DBC Forest	Total Times 1:42.858	4.12.219	10.19.200

MEDALS TABLE SENIOR A CLASS

STANDARD BOAT

	G. S. B
1. Outer Harbour, Toronto	3 - -
2. Böckingen, Heilbronn	2 1 1
3. Windy City DBC, Chicago	2 - 1
4. 7 Hills Dragons Moscow	1 1 1
5. Pickering DBC	1 - 1
6. Bytown DBC Ottawa	- 3 -
7. Mala Flotylyia kyiv	- 2 1
8. Berlin Dragonboat Co	- 1 1
9. Dunai Sárkányok Vác	- 1 -
10. 22 Dragons Montreal	- - 2

Full results and medals tables for all Senior Division Classes (A, B & C) can be found at

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MEDALS TABLE BCS DIVISION

STANDARD BOAT

	G. S. B
1. Rowbust BCS London, Ont	3 - -
2. Dragons Abreast, Sydney	- 3 -
3. Abreast in a Boat, Langley	- - 2
4. Dragon Heart, Vermont	- - 1

BCS DIVISION SMALL BOAT

	G. S. B
1. Philadelphia Flying Phoenix	1 1 -
2. Dragons Abreast, Adelaide	1 - -
3. Annecy, France	- 1 -

MEDALS TABLE JUNIOR DIVISION

SMALL BOAT

	G. S. B
1. False Creek RCC,	3 - -
2. Lambton Shores	1 1 -
3. Annecy, France	1 - -
4. Broadwater Dragons	- 3 -
5. PSV Uckermark	- 1 -
6. Sokkan Booshehr Tehran	- - 2

MEDALS TABLE SENIOR A CLASS

SMALL BOAT

	G. S. B
1. PG Mannheim	5 1 -
2. Pickering DBC	2 1 -
3. 7 Hills Dragons Moscow	1 2 -
4. Böckingen, Heilbronn	1 1 -
5. Te Waka Drgs Brisbane	- 2 1
6. Philadelphia Flying Phoenix	- 1 -
7. Dračia Légia 2012 Trenčín	- 1 -
8. Manly DBC, Brisbane	- - 3
9. Drgn Aqua Szekesfehervar	- - 2
10. Central Coast DBC, G'ford	- - 1

9th CCWC. RAVENNA 2014 - RESULTS OF PREMIER DIVISION FINALS

STANDARD Boat Prem Open	200m (27)	500m (26)	2000m (26)
1. Dongguan Machong Everbright	0.41.512 gf	1. 1.50.522	3. 8.43.620
2. DragonTeam Nymburk	0.43.287 gf	3. 1.52.003	4. 8.45.960
3. City Dragons, Sydney	0.43.352 gf	10. 1.56.814	13. 9.07.370
4. Dragon Zone Vancouver, BC	0.43.697 gf	5. 1.53.687	6. 8.50.490
4= Union Böckingen Team	0.43.697 gf	4. 1.53.253	2. 8.43.020
6. H2o Playground Montreal	0.43.862 gf	13. 1.57.625	9. 8.54.790
7. Berlin Dragon Boat Company	0.43.997 gf	8. 1.55.805	7. 8.51.410
8. Otaman Lviv	0.44.212 gf	2. 1.52.003	1. 8.40.120
9. 22 Dragons, Montreal	0.44.619 mf	14. 1.57.687	11. 9.00.800
10. Hochrhein, Bad Sackingen	0.44.749 mf	6. 1.54.329	5. 8.47.280
11. New Dragons RC, Toronto	0.44.764 mf	11. 1.57.111	12. 9.05.310
12. UCAM - A.D.Pinatar	0.44.909 mf	7. 1.54.800	- -
13. Windy City DBC Chicago	0.45.579 mf	12. 1.57.583	14. 9.09.310
14. Singapore Armed Forces SA	0.45.884 mf	- -	24. 9.52.490
15. PG Smoki Polnocy, Gdansk	0.46.074 mf	- -	16. 9.11.700
16. Rába DBC Győr	0.46.154 mf	16. 1.59.470	10. 8.54.990
Dragon Force Prerov Přerov	-	mf 9. 1.56.635	8. 8.52.330
Caifornia United. Los Angeles	-	mf 15. 1.58.531	17. 9.12.660
Pacific Dragons, Sydney	-	- -	15. 9.10.560

STANDARD Boat Prem Women 200m (14) 500m (14) 2000m (14)

1. 22 Dragons, Montreal	0.48.654 gf	2. 2.05.075	2. 9.39.720
2. Ottawa Galley Girls	0.48.829 gf	1. 2.04.612	1. 9.31.540
3. False Creek RCC, Vancouver	0.49.419 gf	3. 2.07.046	3. 9.40.260
4. Union Böckingen Team	0.49.854 gf	5. 2.27.846	5. 10.07.820
5. H2o Playground Montreal	0.50.009 gf	4. 2.08.773	4. 9.53.370
6. WILD of Prague, Slavia	0.51.764 gf	6. 2.12.254	8. 10.13.260
7. Pacific Dragons, Sydney	0.51.854 gf	7. 2.12.414	9. 10.17.030
8. Dragon Boat Tragedky Prague	0.52.449 gf	mf10. 2.16.234	6. 10.12.210
9. Florida Tarpons, Miami	0.52.365 mf	9. 2.15.574	12. 10.20.880
10. Te Waka Dragons, Brisbane	0.52.880 mf	11. 2.16.857	13. 10.37.930
11. Wasabi PC, Beaverton, Or	0.53.170 mf	gf 8. 2.16.065	10. 10.18.300
12. Philadelphia Flying Phoenix	0.53.535 mf	12. 2.17.470	7. 10.13.190
13. University of Venice	0.54.020 mf	13. 2.19.942	11. 10.19.410
14. Kingston Royals DBC London	0.54.470 mf	14. 2.32.031	14. 10.59.460

STANDARD Boat Prem Mixed 200m (28) 500m (26) 2000m (24)

1. Dragon Zone Vancouver, BC	0.44.041 gf	2. 1.54.941	6. 9.18.730
2. All Sports Team Hannover	0.44.180 gf	1. 1.53.959	1. 9.08.570
3. Union Böckingen Team	0.44.793 gf	4. 1.56.950	2. 9.11.480
4. 22 Dragons, Montreal	0.45.145 gf	8. 1.58.488	5. 9.16.190
5. New Dragons RC, Toronto	0.45.276 gf	3. 1.56.922	7. 9.19.790
6. PSV Uckermark	0.45.810 gf	6. 1.57.936	8. 9.26.220
7. PG Smoki Polnocy, Gdansk	0.46.228 gf	7. 1.58.186	10. 9.28.010
8. Macau China DBC	0.46.776 gf	- -	- -
9. Caifornia United. Los Angeles	0.46.486 mf	11. 1.59.693	17. 9.56.400
10. Catch 22 NYC New York	0.46.564 mf	10. 1.59.962	12. 9.34.860
11. Dragon Force, Prerov	0.46.682 mf	5. 1.57.191	3. 9.12.490
12. VI Paddling Society, Victoria	0.47.008 mf	9. 1.58.962	11. 9.30.380
13. Moravian Dragons, Prerov	0.47.203 mf	13. 2.01.434	9. 9.26.280
14. Te Waka Dragons, Brisbane	0.47.873 mf	11. 2.16.857	18. 10.02.710
15. Edmonton DBRC	0.47.986 mf	15. 2.03.387	15. 9.41.690
16. Pacific Dragons Sydney	0.48.273 mf	12. 2.01.028	4. 9.15.090
ASD Canottieri Ticino Pavia	-	mf 14. 2.02.943	- -
Portland Fire Dragons	-	- -	13. 9.35.300
Rába DBC Győr	-	- -	14. 9.40.420
University of Venice	-	- -	16. 9.43.340

MEDALS TABLE – ALL CLASSES

STANDARD BOATS

	G	S	B
1. False Creek Vancouver		8	1 5
2. Pickering DBC		7	3 5
3. Böckingen, Heilbronn		4	4 4
4. Quinte HEAT Belleville		4	2 3
5. Dragon Zone Vancouver		3	2 -
6. Outer Harbour, Toronto		3	- -
7. Rowbust BCS Lond,Ont		3	- -
8. All Sports Team Hannover		2	1 -
9. Ottawa Galley Girls		2	1 -
10. Dongguan Machong		2	- 1
11. Windy City DBC Chicago		2	- 1
12. 22 Dragons Montreal,		1	2 2
13. Manly DBC, Brisbane		1	2 1
14. Prairie Dragons PC, Can		1	2 -
15. Wraysbury Dragons UK		1	2 -
16. 7 Hills Dragons Moscow		1	1 1
17. Otaman Lviv		1	1 -
18. Danebank Sydney		1	- -
19. Lambton Shores, Ontario		-	4 -
20. Bytown DBC, Ottawa		-	3 -
21. Dragons Abreast Sydney		-	3 -
22. Blauen Wunder Dresden		-	2 3
23. Drg Aqua Szekesfehervar		-	2 1
24. Mala Flotylyia Kyiv		-	2 1
25. Brisbane River Dragons		-	2 -
26. Berlin Dragonboat Co		-	1 1
27. Dragon Team Nymburk		-	1 1
28. VI Paddling Soc Victoria		-	1 1
29. Dunai Sárkányok Vác		-	1 -
30. Abreast In A Boat, Langley		--	2
31. City Dragons Sydney		--	1
32. Dragon Force Prerov Přerov		--	1
33. Dragonheart Vermont		--	1
34. H2oplayground Montreal		--	1
35. New Dragons RC Toronto		--	1
36. TO Kanoistika Kojetin		--	1



9th CLUB CREW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – RESULTS OF PREMIER DIVISION SMALL BOAT FINALS

SMALL Boat Premier Open

	200m (29)	500m (27)	2000m (26)
1. Philippine Army DBT	0.48.929 gf	1. 2.06.763	7. 10.26.600
2. All Sports Team Hannover	0.49.464 gf	2. 2.07.607	2. 10.08.880
3. PG Mannheim	0.50.829 gf	4. 2.12.621	1. 10.00.270
4. PSV Uckermark	0.51.134 gf	3. 2.11.164	8. 10.26.970
5. Dragonmasters Üröm	0.51.314 gf	6. 2.13.923	3. 10.10.120
6. WSAP Sportsteam Hamburg	0.51.364 gf	5. 2.13.305	5. 10.20.350
7. Dubai Diggers	0.52.464 gf	7. 2.14.404	- -
8. Sokkan Booshehr Tehran	0.54.069 gf	8. 2.18.164	10. 10.36.830
9. Dragon Force Prerov Pferov	0.52.313 mf	- -	- -
10. Blues Brothers, Schwerin	0.52.748 mf	9. 2.14.474	6. 10.25.190
11. Sloth DBC Sydney	0.53.443 mf	12. 2.17.271	12. 10.44.540
12. Aquaholics DBC Port of Spain	0.53.623 mf	- -	- -
13. Kingston Royals DBC London	0.54.033 mf	10. 2.16.432	11. 10.43.500
14. Dunai Sárkányok Vác	0.54.118 mf	11. 2.16.795	9. 10.30.650
15. Bardolino bardolino, Verona	0.55.003 mf	- -	15. 10.56.530
16. Broadwater Dragons	Did Not Start	- -	18. 11.11.660
ASD Firenze	- mf	13. 2.17.809	- -
Dragon Aqua Szekesfehervar	- mf	14. 2.19.267	16. 11.08.780
Dragon Steel Dunaujváros	- mf	15. 2.19.564	14. 10.54.080
Dutch Dragons Zoetermeer	- mf	16. 2.19.955	21. 11.22.430
Marina DBT Rome	-	-	4. 10.19.640
Stormy Dragons Hong Kong	-	-	13. 10.52.980
Steel Craft Dubai	-	-	17. 11.11.150

SMALL Boat Premier Women 200m (25) 500m (22) 2000m (21)

1. Dragon Zone Vancouver, BC	0.55.001 gf	2. 2.23.582	- -
2. All Sports Team Hannover	0.55.586 gf	1. 2.22.676	2. 10.59.180
3. PSV Uckermark	0.56.466 gf	3. 2.25.836	- -
4. Singapore Paddle Club	0.56.551 gf	5. 2.27.846	7. 11.23.550
5. Rába DBC Győr	0.57.201 gf	4. 2.27.138	1. 10.57.890
6. Macau China DBC	0.57.371 gf mf	9. 2.31.238	6. 11.23.210
7. Dubai Diggers	0.58.346 gf	6. 2.29.912	- -
8. WSAP Sportsteam, Hamburg	0.58.791 gf	7. 2.30.629	4. 11.21.040
9. Adelaide Phoenix	0.59.308 mf	11. 2.32.323	10. 11.51.080
10. Dragon Sports Assoc Sydney	0.59.358 mf	12. 2.35.125	9. 11.49.510
11. Manly DBC, Brisbane	0.59.628 mf gf	8. 2.30.733	3. 11.19.760
12. Dutch Dragons Zoetermeer	0.59.703 mf	13. 2.35.139	14. 12.09.150
13. Dragon Aqua Szekesfehervar	1:00.458 mf	15. 2.37.620	11. 11.55.260
14. Stormy Dragons Hong Kong	1:00.573 mf	14. 2.36.375	8. 11.40.280
15. Dragon Steel Dunaujváros	1:02.943 mf	- -	12. 12.07.670
Dragon Force Prerov Pferov	- mf	10. 2.32.281	5. 11.21.760
16. Broadwater Dragons,	Did Not Start	Did Not Start	13. 12.08.450

SMALL Boat Premier Mixed 200m (31) 500m (32) 2000m (28)

1. All Sports Team Hannover	0.51.473 gf mf	12. 2.19.747	4. 10.28.500
2. Singapore Paddle Club	0.51.782 gf	1. 2.14.009	5. 10.28.880
3. 7 Hills Dragons Moscow	0.52.451 gf	3. 2.14.948	1. 10.24.470
4. WSAP Sportsteam Hamburg	0.52.469 gf	4. 2.14.952	2. 10.25.460
5. Dubai Diggers	0.52.629 gf	5. 2.16.311	- -
6. Union Böckingen Team	0.53.064 gf	6. 2.17.061	6. 10.40.70
7. PG Mannheim	0.53.247 gf	2. 2.14.872	- -
8. Blues Brothers Schwerin	0.54.282 gf mf	11. 2.19.200	9. 10.54.050
9. Florida Tarpons Miami	0.53.310 mf	10. 2.18.205	12. 11.12.820
10. UCAM - A.D.Pinatar	0.54.019 mf	9. 2.17.907	- -
11. Stormy Dragons Hong Kong	0.54.479 mf	- -	10. 10.54.780
12. Dunai Sárkányok Vác	0.54.484 mf	14. 2.20.936	7. 10.49.350
13. Sloth DBC Sydney	0.55.162 mf	15. 2.21.190	8. 10.53.410
14. Pacific Dragons Sydney	0.56.219 mf	- -	- -
15. Dubai Flying Dragons	0.56.340 mf	- -	21. 11.57.710
Macau China DBC	- gf	7. 2.17.136	11. 11.01.540
Windy City DBC Chicago	- gf	8. 2.18.457	3. 10.28.230
Club Nautical Banyoles	- mf	13. 2.19.917	- -
Hornfelse Dragons	- mf	16. 2.21.577	13. 11.13.290

MEDALS TABLE – ALL CLASSES

SMALL BOATS	G S B
1. PG Mannheim	6 2 1
2. False RCC Vancouver	4 3 1
3. Brisbane River Dragons	4 - 2
4. Danebank Sydney	4 - -
5. Lambton Shores, Ontario	3 3 1
6. Pskov Dragons	3 3 -
7. All Sports DBT Hannover	2 5 -
8. 7 Hills Dragons Moscow	2 2 2
9. Böckingen, Heilbronn	2 2 -
10. Pickering DBC	2 1 -
11. Dinamo Dnipropetrovsk	2 - -
12. Philippine Army DBT	2 - -
13. Philadelphia Flying Phoenix	1 2 -
14. Annecy, France	1 1 1
15. Mt Warning DBC	1 1 1
16. Singapore Paddle Club	1 1 1
17. Dragons Abreast Adelaide	1 1 1
18. Dragon Zone Vancouver	1 1 -
19. Blauen Wunder Dresden	1 1 -
20. Rába DBC Győr	1 - -
21. Broadwater Dragons	- 3 2
22. Te Waka Drgs Brisbane	- 2 1
23. Volga Drgs Novgorod	- 2 -
24. PSV Uckermark, Prenzlau	- 1 3
25. Adelaide Sea Dragons	- 1 2
26. Dragons Abreast Sydney	- 1 1
27. Big Girls & Oldies, Prague	- 1 -
28. WSAP Sports Tm Hamburg	- 1 -
29. Dračia Légia 2012 Trenčín	- 1 -
30. Manly DBC, Brisbane	- - 4
31. A.S. Indiana Club Roma	- - 2
32. Drgn Aqua Szekesfehervar	- - 2
33. Sokkan Booshehr, Tehran	- - 2
34. Abbraccio Rosa, Rome	- - 1
35. Central Coast DBC, G'ford	- - 1
36. Dragonmasters Üröm	- - 1
37. Dragon Max Berkeley	- - 1
38. Nowra Waterdragons	- - 1
39. Pink Avalanche Torino	- - 1
40. Windy City DBC Chicago	- - 1
41. Zielony Smok Poznań	- - 1





LIVE & WEB TV COVERAGE OF IDBF DRAGON BOATING REACHES NEW HEIGHTS IN FUZHOU AND RAVENNA



PLANS FOR IDBF TV EXPANDED WITH BELIEF GLOBAL AGREEMENT

Web streaming and ideally TV coverage of IDBF Championships has become a must since 2011, when the first steps were taken to provide an IDBF web streaming service in Tampa. Since then live streaming of both World and European Championships has been improved each year, with links to live broadcasts from local TV stations being web-streamed too, where possible. The Hong Kong CCWC in 2012 being an example.

For the 1st World Cup in Fuzhou, this combination reached new heights with Chinese Central TV Channel 5, broadcasting both live and recorded coverage of the 3 days of competition. The CCTV 5 coverage was linked to the IDBF's own live stream broadcasts to give our own viewers the coverage being seen nationally in China.

For the CCWC in Ravenna, web-streaming of the event was provided by the Italian TV production company, Sport Outdoor TV, using their own cameras but linked directly to the IDBF's own web-streaming Team, who were responsible for directing and producing the coverage seen by the viewers on idbfdragonboat.tv and the IDBF website.

Sport Outdoor also recorded the event for later broadcasting on both web based channels and main stream TV stations throughout Italy.

Also making a documentary programme on the Ravenna CCWC was a TV crew from the Nautical Channel, a web based channel that specializes in water sports.

The Sport Outdoor TV and Nautical Channel programmes were shown on www.sportoutdoor.tv and www.nauticalchannel.com, respectively.

Turning to the future the IDBF signed a contract in Fuzhou during the World Cup, with the Belief Global Group, who produced the Fuzhou live streaming service, to provide a regular programme and coverage of all IDBF World Championships, plus other high level International Races through the IDBF web streaming platform. Belief Global's, Richard Smith will be responsible for this exciting expansion and development of the IDBF's web TV Service, with the 2015 World Nation's Championships in Welland, as the first world event to be covered.

THE IDBF VICE PRESIDENTS' TAKE UP THEIR PORTFOLIOS - NOW THE WORK BEGINS

At the Ravenna Council Meeting on 8th September 2014, the IDBF Vice-Presidents' confirmed their acceptance of the portfolios allocated to them by the IDBF President, following the adoption of the revised IDBF Bye-Laws ratified at the 2013 IDBF Member's Congress. The VPs and their portfolios are:-

1st Vice President, Claudio Schermi (Italy) – IDBF Protocol:- Responsible for matters of IDBF protocol and ceremonies, that is, define, develop and implement IDBF protocol procedures at Congresses, World Championships etc and in regard to other Sports Organisations, VIP Guests etc.

2nd Vice President, Raymond Ma (Hong Kong) – IDBF Development:- Assisting new IDBF Members with the development of the Sport in their areas and establishing good relationships with their government sports authorities.

3rd Vice President, Ginny Perrin (USA) – IDBF History:- Responsible for recording statistical information on the Sport, maintaining the archives of IDBF historical records and the production of IDBF publications in conjunction with the IDBF Secretariat.

4th Vice President, Matt Smith (Canada) – IDBF Affiliates:- Responsible for developing the IDBF Affiliates; Partners and Patrons Schemes and for liaising with them on a regular basis.

5th Vice President, Ji Yunxi, (China) IDBF Representative:- Liaison with the Chinese Olympic Committee and Sports Ministry and advising the IDBF concerning IDBF events held in China, such as the World Cup and World Championship Regattas.

Special Vice President, Ahmed Donyamali (Iran) – IDBF Representative: - Responsible for assisting and advising the IDBF in the development of the Sport in the Middle East and Western Asia. Representing the IDBF with the Iran National Olympic Committee and Sports Ministry and other such organizations within the region. Advising the IDBF concerning IDBF organized and sanctioned events held in the region.

If you want to make contact with any of the IDBF VPs to ask for their help, discuss issues related to their particular portfolio, offer your help or even just to say 'Hallo, then please email Peter Tang the IDBF Sec-General at:- legengrp@macau.ctm.net and he will pass your contact information to the appropriate VP.

DUBLIN DRAGON BOAT REGATTA!!



Grand Canal Dock, Ringsend, Dublin 4

Sat & Sun, 12th & 13th September 2015

COME AND RACE THE DRAGON IN IRELAND !!

With cheap flights to Dublin, why not bring your crew to the Emerald Isle? The Irish Dragon Boat Association, in conjunction with the Plurabelle Paddlers warmly invites you to attend a weekend dragon boat regatta in the heart of Dublin City. As a new sport to Ireland, dragon boating has captured the nation's hearts & is becoming Ireland's fastest growing watersport. The weekend will be action packed with 200m racing on the Saturday & 400m racing on the Sunday. The event programme will also include racing for corporate teams & for Breast Cancer Survivor teams with the Plurabelle Paddlers eagerly waiting to take on the challenge from the rest of the world. Entry Fee: €425 / Team. Further information, contact Julie Doyle by

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IDBF MEMBERS SYMPOSIUM – MACAU, CHINA, 5TH to 7TH DECEMBER 2014



Delegates from 18 Countries and Territories attended the IDBF Members Symposium held in Macau, China, over the weekend 5-7 December 2014. The symposium covered a range of subjects to do with the governance and development of Dragon Boating and the areas of support needed by the IDBF Members' to expand their influence and carry the Sport forward.



Organised by the Macau China Dragon Boat Association, in conjunction with the IDBF, there was plenty to hear about and discuss concerning Dragon Boating over the two days of the symposium.

Delegates were updated by the IDBF President (Mike MacKeddie-Haslam) on the current developments in the Sport, particularly concerning the media, IT systems, www streaming, advertising and sponsorship.

The President briefed the delegates on IOC matters and the IDBF's position and his involvement in developing, within SportAccord, the AIMS group (Alliance of Independent Members of SportAccord) as a pressure group for the 23 Sports who are not presently Olympic Federations.

He also talked about Regional Development within the Sport and outlined proposals for changes and improvements to the way the IDBF is structured and organised, including the adoption of an IDBF Constitution in 2015.

The IDBF Treasurer (Alan van Caubergh) briefed the symposium on the current situation regarding IDBF finances and updated the delegates on proposals for Championship Registration and Admin Fees, as well as details of the IDBF's planned Electronic Banking System and asked delegates for their ideas on how to finance the Sport in order to take things to the next level.

Mike Thomas (Chairman of the IDBF Competition & Technical Commission), made a presentation covering the present and future formats and organisation of IDBF World Championship Regattas, as well as discussing the philosophy and intention of the Competition Regulations and Racing Rules, asking the question 'are they fit for purpose or in need of change'.

The delegates also received a presentation from RSpportz on their proposals for a Digital Platform for the Sport available to all levels within the IDBF, Club, National and International **and from Leila Ataei** (IDBF Medical & Sports Science Commission) a presentation on having the right diet for a healthy life style and the nutrition values of food for Athletes in training.

With updates from representatives from Asia, Europe and Oceania on the work being done at Continental level **and information from the IDBF Vice-Presidents (Ramond Ma, Claudio Schermi and Matt Smith)** on their portfolios covering new Member development, protocol matters and interphasing with IDBF Affiliate Festivals.

In open forum such topics as online meetings and conferences, so that all IDBF Members could follow the meeting via video conference and the further development of the IDBF Web page and facebook, were discussed, with more web coverage of IDBF sanctioned events asked for.

The structure of future IDBF events, world cup, world series, beach games, etc were also raised, as was the IDBF strategy going forward for world championships regarding size, officiating, and IDBF involvement. For example, the U24s Division - Is there a need for this class, are there enough paddlers for it or what should be done to develop it? Following its success in the World Cup, should the IDBF introduce the 100m dash in World Championship Regattas.

There was certainly plenty to think about during the weekend and it was generally felt that there was a need for such a symposium on a regular basis, possible in conjunction with the bi-annual IDBF World Cup. In closing the symposium the President thanked the delegates for their attendance and recorded a vote of thanks to the Macau China DBA their generous hosting of the symposium and their well appreciate social programme.



ICF DRAGON BOATING – A PROBLEM FOR THE IDBF - CERTAINLY NOT !!.

A question sometimes asked by people not familiar with the development of Dragon Boating over the past 10 years is, 'have you solved your problems with the ICF ?' The answer is that the IDBF does not have any practical 'problems' with the ICF, as the statistics below show. Any differences the IDBF might have had over the governance and representation of Dragon Boating, were resolved when the IDBF became a Member of Sportaccord in 2007.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport confirmed the status of the IDBF as the Sport's only world governing body in 2008 when in an CAS Opinion sent to the International Canoe Federation (ICF), the Arbitrator said that:-

"For each sport the GAISF (now SportAccord) recognizes only one federation governing its sport on a world level.

The GAISF (SportAccord) Statutes, Article 7a, state "provide, if any, the name of dissident organisations and explain how and which solutions were arranged". This Article stresses the fact that the so recognized organization should be (is) the leader in its respective sport.

So by becoming a member of the GAISF (SportAccord) the IDBF was recognized to be the only federation governing its sport on a world level.

Dragon boat' is the description of a sport discipline and it is first of all the description of a special type of boat. Since 1994 the standard for the boats used for racing follow specifications made by the IDBF.

The boat and paddle specifications proposed by the IDBF are followed internationally and can be found on the IDBF's homepage. The International Canoe Federation (ICF) follows these definitions in its Dragon Boat Racing Competition Rules"

The IOC also accepts that Dragon Boating is a distinct Sport with its own unique history and culture and wrote to the IDBF in May 2008 saying " We are aware of the decisions taken by GAISF and the Olympic Council of Asia, and we are pleased to provide you, by email, with the complete documentation to be used in the framework of any application for IOC recognition" (The IDBF application for IOC recognition was submitted in March 2013 and is ongoing).

Since its foundation in 1991, by 12 Countries and Territories, the Sport under the governance and guidance of the IDBF has grown and developed across the world, with the number of IDBF Members steadily increasing from 37 in 2005 to 84 today. Nearly 60 Dragon Boat Festivals and Event Organizers world-wide are also affiliated to the IDBF.

Amongst the IDBF Members there are a number of Rowing and Canoeing Federations happily doing their Dragon Boat Sport with the IDBF, their Rowing with FISA and their Canoe Sport with the ICF.

Over the past 25 years, the IDBF has formulated the Sport's Racing Rules and Competition Regulations, Water Safety Procedures and both Coaches and Race Officials Training Schemes, as well as developing proprietary equipment for the Sport.

This equipment is provided today by more than 50 IDBF Licensed Boat and Paddle makers and is used by all Dragon Boat organizations in the world, including the ICF. The IDBF Calendar of Events lists over 200 events being organized by the IDBF Members and Affiliated Festivals. (The ICF Calendar lists less than six such events)

In 2005 the IDBF World Nations Championships, were held in Berlin, with 2100 competitors from 18 IDBF Members racing. Held at the same time in Berlin were the **EDBF European Club Championships** which saw 35 Clubs from 9 Counties racing with 800 competitors.

The same year the first ICF Members' Dragon Boat Championships for Club Crews, were held in Schwerin, Germany. The event attracted 12 Clubs from Germany and 6 others from 5 ICF Members. In total there were approximately 500 participants at this event.

The 2014 IDBF Club Crew World Championships held in Ravenna, Italy, in early September 2014, **set a new record for any World Championships with 5400 participants from 27 IDBF Members participating.**

The ICF Members Nations Championships held in Poznan, Poland, in late July 2014, was attended by 15 ICF Members (12 from Europe), with approximately 700 participants, most of whom also race in IDBF Member's races at national level.

The comparable 2013 IDBF World Nations Championships, held in Szeged, Hungary, saw over 3000 participants, from 28 Countries and Territories competing.

The reality of the situation today is that both the IDBF and the ICF are Full Members of Sportaccord (the Union of International Federations) where the ICF is the recognized world governing body for Canoe Sport and the IDBF the recognized governing body for Dragon Boat Sport, a status formally accepted by the ICF in 2003 and confirmed by CAS as above in 2008.

The IDBF does not object to the ICF holding their own Dragon Boat Championships but does not consider them to be of World Championship status. On the positive side, the small number of ICF races means more competitions for some Dragon Boaters to take part in and brings a degree of promotion and publicity to the Sport.

From the above facts it can be seen that with just a few events and low participation levels, ICF Dragon Boating poses no practical threat to the IDBF Dragon Boat Programme.

So clearly there is no 'problem to be solved' with the ICF, all those who want to 'Race the Dragon' are more than welcome at IDBF races and those of the IDBF Members.



Paralympic Sport is extremely effective vehicle for changing society, says IPC President

Monday, 17 November 2014. By Emily Goddard

Sir Philip Craven, the President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), has spoken of the benefits of participation in Paraspport and the vital need for sport in recovery from serious illness or injury at a sports medicine symposium in the United States.

The British former Paralympic athlete gave a keynote address at the 2014 American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Annual Assembly in San Diego and stressed the role of sport in the recovery process and in learning many life skills, including team-work, decision making and communication.

"Sport is an activity that unites all individuals regardless of who they are, where they come from or what they stand for in a peaceful and celebratory environment to create positive results," Sir Philip told the 2,500 delegates. "Sport is about human interaction; you never stop learning with sport-it is life's great educator. "On top of these life skills, sport for a person with a perceived disability can do so much more. "The Paralympic Movement is about empowering individuals rather than caring for a collectivised and thus marginalised minority."

During his hour-long talk at what is the largest gathering of physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians in the US, Sir Philip also spoke about the success of the London 2012 Paralympics and the impact the Games are having on those that experienced them.

"Paralympic sport is an extremely effective vehicle for changing society," he added. "I believe that Paralympians through freedom contained within their minds produce incredible performances with their bodies, which when watched or listened to by others can inspire them to change their perceptions and thus change the world.

"When people watch Paralympic sport, they initially are surprised and delighted at being able to watch high performance athletes in action. "They are surprised that persons with a once perceivable disability are able to do the same, if not more, than spectators can. "The key now is to relive the London and Sochi [2014 Winter Paralympics] experiences and build on this success at future Paralympic Games, starting with Rio 2016 and then continuing with Pyeongchang in 2018."

Sir Philip also shared a quote from Australian wheelchair basketball player and Sydney 2000 silver medallist Donna Ritchie: "Paralympians don't have the time to worry about what doesn't work, they maximise what does. Cheri Blauwet, who is chair of the IPC Medical Committee and one of the organisers of the Paralympic Sports Medicine and Science Symposium, said they were delighted to have the IPC President speaking at the event.

"Sir Philip's riveting keynote presentation captured the audience of physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians from the United States and abroad, whom now understand the power of sport as a tool for rehabilitation, health and empowerment," said the American, who is herself a former Paralympic athlete in wheelchair racing. "We were honoured to have him join us"



UKRAINE DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION'S BIG LEAP FORWARD



After a somewhat turbulent period over the past few years, the Ukrainian Dragon Boat Federation has resolved its major difficulties and is facing a settled and dynamic future. UKRDBF Founder,

Oleksandr Bakanychev, the driving spirit behind the development of dragon boating in the Ukraine, was faced with the possibility of a split in Dragon Boating as a significant number of paddlers were not happy with the way things were going. This led to the establishment of the All-Ukraine Dragon Boat Federation in 2012, under the leadership of Valerii Morgun.

The AUKRDBF also wished to be involved in the development of the Sport in the Ukraine. Both leaders recognized that two organisations was not in the best interest of the development of the sport and that the best way to resolve the situation was to work together for the benefit of the paddlers. As a result long time President of the UKRDBF Oleksandr Bakanychev, decided to step down and Valerii Morgun accepted to succeed Oleksandr and become the new president of the UKRDBF. Oleksandr was not lost to Ukraine Dragon Boating as together with Oleg Kondes he now serves as a Vice-President of the UKRDBF.

One of the tasks the UKRDBF has set for itself is to contribute to the development of dragon boating in the region. Against the background of the turmoil the whole country has been in since November 2013, the UKRDBF organised a brainstorm meeting with the EDBF Chairman, Alan Van Caubergh, to discuss ways in which to put the UKRDBF back on the map and regain some of the prestige and credibility that was lost following the 2011 European Club Crew Championships in Kiev. The first step was to organise an IDBF Race Officials Training Course, which was held over the weekend 28th February till 3rd March 2014.

On the attendance list for the race officials course were not only students from the Ukraine but also from Moldova and Georgia. Four students passed their IDBF International Race Official Grade 1 examination and ten others qualified for their National Race Officials Certificate.

That same weekend the UKRDBF organised an All Sports Winter Championships for juniors, an indoor event at the Ukraine Olympic Centre, as part of their development plan for children and juniors. A further part of the UKRDBF 3-year plan is to organize a Regional Championship for East European Countries, which, of course requires careful planning and consideration, in consultation with the National Federations concerned.

The weekend ended with a visit to the Maidan/ Khreshchatyk areas, an impressive symbol of the determination of the Ukraine People to restore a disrupted society.





IDBF CALENDAR OF MEMBERS DATES AND AFFILIATED FESTIVALS 2015

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	Championships - International & National	All Races shown use IDBF Racing Rules or rules adapted from them. Championships are held under IDBF Comp Regs.
	IDBF Members & Local Races & Events	
	IDBF Affiliates Festival Races	
	International Regattas & Races	
	Multi Sports Games & Boating Events	

All events and dates shown are as notified on 02 January 2015 - (P) = Provisional. TBN = To Be Notified

2015 Dates	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
10 Jan 2015	3rd Annual Regatta at Nowra	Grey Beach	Australia	dragonboatnsw@bigpond.com
16-18 Jan 2015	IDBF Coaches & Race Officials Courses	Malta	Malta	EM: dragonboatmalta@gmail.com
18 Jan 2015	Henley Winter Series - Race 4 River Thames	Henley	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk/
18 Jan 2015	Akaroa Super 12	Aoraki	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
24-25 Jan 2015	Taree Dragon Boat Challenge	Elizabeth Park	Australia	dragonboatnsw@bigpond.com
26 Jan 2015	Anniversary Day Regatta, Viaduct Harbour	Auckland	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
31 Jan 2015	4 th Dragon Boat Indoor Cup Aquatic Centre	Rendsburg	Germany	www.drachenboot-rendsburg.de
31 Jan 2015	3rd Annual Puerto Rico Dragon Boat Festival	Lago Cerrillos, Ponce	Puerto Rico	www.puertoricodragon.com
31 Jan 2015	Hamburg Harbour Cup Races	Hamburg	Germany	www.hafencup.com
February	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
1 Feb 2015	Cyprus DBA 2km Standard & Small Boat Races	Limassol	Cyprus	EM: cyprusDBA@gmail.com
11 Feb 2015	2nd Bushehr Dragon Boat Competitions	Bushehr	Iran	www.irandba.ir
13-14 Feb 2015	Auckland DBA Training Camp, Kai Iwi Lakes	Dargaville	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
14-15 Feb 2015	10th Annual Lake Jindabyne DB Challenge	Banjo Patterson Park	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
15 Feb 2015	Cobra-PDBF Chinese New Year Regatta	Manila Bay	Philippines	www.pdbf.com
22 Feb 2015	Aoraki Open	Lake Pegasus	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
28 Feb 2015	Auckland Sec Schools Regatta, Orakei Basin	Auckland	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
28 Feb-02 Mar 15	Chinese New Year Races, Darling Harbour	Cockle Bay	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
March	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
01 Mar 2015	1 st Leg Cobra-PDBF Regatta	Manila Bay	Philippines	www.pdbf.com
07 Mar 2015	Annual Shellharbour Festival DB Challenge	Oak Flats	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
07 Mar 2015	Mira Bay Dragon Boat Festival	Apollo Beach, FL	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
07 Mar 2015	Inter Clubs Dragon Boat Regatta	Yeji	Ghana	EM: raftingdragonboat@yahoo.com
07-08 Mar 2015	Zambales Festival	Zambales	Philippines	www.pdbf.com
07-08 Mar 2015	Okinawa Corporate Games DB Races	Bucharest	Romania	www.corporategames.com
13-14 Mar 2015	13 th Central Florida DB Festival, Wooten Park	Tavares, FL	USA	www.cfdragonboat.org
14 Mar 2015	Bei Loon - Newport Arms 8km Challenge	Bayview	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
14 Mar 2015	MBC Festival	Manila Bay	Philippines	www.pdbf.com
14 Mar 2015	Hoe Tonga Sec Schools Regional Regatta,	Porirua Harbour	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
14 Mar 2015	South Island Champs	Lake Hood	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
14-15 Mar 2015	SAVA MR 500m Dragon Boat Races	Singapore	Singapore	www.sava.com.sg
16-23 Mar 2015	IDBF Training Camp 1, San Pedro del Pinatar	Murcia	Spain	www.dragonboatpinatar.com
21 Mar 2015	Bradenton Dragon Boat Festival	Bradenton, FL	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
21 Mar 2015	Indoor Dragon Boat Cup, Schwimmhalle	Luchow	Germany	www.dieseadler.de
21 Mar 2015	World Water Day 100m Champs	Sports Hub	Singapore	www.sdba.org.sg
21-22 Mar 2015	Auckland Regional Snr & Jnr Champs	Lake Pupuke	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
23-27 Mar 2015	IDBF Training Camp 2, San Pedro del Pinatar	Murcia	Spain	www.dragonboatpinatar.com
29 Mar 2015	500 m Spring Cup	Rome EUR	Italy	www.dragonboat.it

24 Mar 2015	New Zealand Nat Schools Champs – Blue Lake	Rotorua	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
28-29 Mar 2015	Inter Schools DB Regatta	Cocorite	Trinidad	EM: fsiuchong@gmail.com
28-29 Mar 2015	12th Arizona DB Festival, Tempe Town Lake	Tempe, AZ	USA	www.usdbf.org/events
28-29 Mar 2015	New Zealand Nat Champs – Lake Pupuke	Auckland	New Zealand	www.nzdba.co.nz
30 Mar-04 Apr 15	IDBF Training Camp 3, San Pedro del Pinatar	Murcia	Spain	www.dragonboatpinatar.com
April	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
04 Apr 2015	NSW State Championships, Penrith	Sydney	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
05 Apr 2015	58 th Samsung Sports Festival Dragon Boat Races	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
06 Apr 2015	Cyprus DBA Spring 200, 500m Races	Limassol	Cyprus	EM: cyprusDBA@gmail.com
10-15 Apr 2015	1st West Asian Club Crew DB Championships	Tehran	Iran	www.irandba.ir
11 Apr 2015	Miami International DB Festival	Key Biscayne FL	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
12-19 Apr 2015	GWN Florida Training Camp	Orlando	USA	www.gwndragonboat.com
14-18 Apr 2015	Australian National Champs, Queensland	Lake Kawana	Australia	www.ausdbf.com.au
17-18 Apr 2015	RAK Dragon Boat Festival, Ras Al Khaimah	Dubai	UAE	EM: jmmackenzie@hotmail.com
18 Apr 2015	Berlin Dragon Boat Half Marathon	Berlin	Germany	www.drachenboot-liga.de
18 Apr 2015	Double Dragons	Manila Bay	Philippines	www.pdbf.com
18 Apr 2015	Berlin Dragon Boat Half Marathon	Berlin	Germany	www.drachenboot-liga.de
18 Apr 2015	Walgreens Space Coast DB Festival	Cape Canaveral FL	USA	www.gwndragonboat.com
18-19 Apr 2015	6 th Inter Schools Dragon Boat Championships	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
19 Apr 2015	PA Paddles Festival 200m Champs	Marina Channel	Singapore	www.sdba.org.sg
19 Apr 2015	International Lagos Water Regatta	Lagos Water	Nigeria	EM: patrick_egbele@yahoo.com
25 Apr 2015	DB Festival for Sustainable Development	Annecy lake	France	www.kayak-sans-frontieres.org/fr/
25 Apr 2015	Tampa Bay International DB Races	Tampa FL	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
25 Apr 2015	4 th Junior League of Tuscaloosa DB Races	Tuscaloosa	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
26 Apr 2015	Cyprus DBA 200m & 500m DB Regatta	Limassol	Cyprus	EM: cyprusDBA@gmail.com
26 Apr 2015	Birmingham DB Festival	Pelham AL	USA	www.birminghamdragonboat.com
26 Apr 2015	Long Beach Spring Race	Long Beach CA	USA	www.lbdragonboat.com
26 Apr 2015	2000m Yacht Med Festival	Gaeta	Italy	www.dragonboat.it
May	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
01-04 May 2015	Philippines DBF International Club Challenge	Cebu City	Philippines	www.pdbf.com
02 May 2015	8 th Charleston DB Festival, Ashley River	Charleston, SC	USA	www.dragonboatcharleston.org
02-05 May 2015	Urunga (Titivators) DB Regatta, NSW	Burling Sailing Club	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
02 May 2015	9 th Annual Children's Hospital DB Festival	Chattanooga TN	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
02-03 May 2015	Mersin Dragon Boat Festival, Mersin Port	Mersin	Turkey	www.dragonfestivali.com
03 May 2015	Pt Fortin Borough DB Festival	Clifton Hill Beach	Trinidad	EM: fsiuchong@gmail.com
03 May 2015	Athy Dragon Boat Regatta	Athy	Ireland	www.dragonboat.ie
03 May 2015	British National League – Race 1	Liverpool	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
09 May 2015	Dragon Boat Cup Races	Kings Wusterhausen	Germany	www.drachenbootcup.wsv-koewu.de
09 May 2015	Walgreen's 6th Greater New Orleans DB Festival	Madisonville, LA	USA	www.gwndragonboat.com
09 May 2015	Schwerin Dragon Boat Races	Schwerin	Germany	www.dbv-schwerin.de
09 May 2015	4 th Annual Decatur DB Festival	Decatur AL	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
10 May 2015	Uji Dragon Boat Festival	Uji City, Kyoto Prov	Japan	EM: lilyshobu@gmail.com
16 May 2015	Charlotte DB Festival, Ramsey Creek Lake	Charlotte NC	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
16 May 2015	3 rd River Cities Dragon Boat Festival	Little Rock AR	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
16-17 May 2015	Izmir Dragon Boat Festival, Bostanli Coast	Izmir	Turkey	www.dragonfestivali.com
17 May 2015	Tokyo Dragon Boat Races	Odaiba-beach, Tokyo	Japan	EM: lilyshobu@gmail.com
17 May 2015	Inaugural SEF Dragon Boat Festival	Sparta, NJ	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
17 May 2015	British National League – Race 2	Nottingham	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
22-24 May 2015	1st West & Central Asian DB Champs	Tehran	Iran	mohammadreza_dorkhah@yahoo.com
23 May 2015	10 th Stanley Dragon Warm Up Races, Stanley	Hong Kong	China	www.dragonboat.org.hk
23 May 2015	5 Km National DB champs	Venice	Italy	www.dragonboat.it

23 May 2015	Milton Dragon Boat Race	Milton, Ontario	Canada	www.lively-dragon.com
23 May 2015	H2O Open DB Races	Quebec	Canada	www.h2oplayground.com
23-24 May 2015	Istanbul Corporate Games DB Races	Istanbul	Turkey	www.corporategames.com
24 May 2015	Toronto Women's Dragon Boat Regatta	Ontario	Canada	www.cdevarenes@cogeco.ca
24 May 2015	BCS Marathon Festival	Venice	Italy	www.dragonboat.it
23-25 May 2015	Hannover DB Races, Maschsee Course	Hannover	Germany	www.hannover-dragonboatracess.de
28-29 May 2015	3 rd Dragon Boat Israel Int Festival Races	Sea of Galilee	Israel	www.dragonboatisrael.com
29 May 2015	Singapore National Inter-Schools Champs	Marina Bay	Singapore	EM: admin@sdba.org.sg
30 May 2015	14th Kopenicker DB Spring Cup, Grunau Course	Berlin	Germany	www.info@spreepointdragons.de
30 May 2015	Oakridge DB Festival	Oakridge, TN	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
30 May 2015	6 th Lubeck DB Cup Races	Lubeck	Germany	www.wakenitzdrachen.de
30-31 May 2015	8th Istanbul Int DB Fest - Golden Horn	Istanbul	Turkey	www.dragonboatfestivali.com
30-31 May 2015	DBS Marina Regatta Week.1 (Open & Women)	Marina Bay	Singapore	EM; admin@sdba.org.sg
30-31 May 2015	36th Penang International DB Festival Races	Penang	Malaysia	EM: secretaryidbf@gmail.com
30-31 May 2015	Maxi Paddle Sport 34k Race- DB & Kayaks	Annecy Lake	France	www.dragonboat-attitude.fr
31 May 2015	Hamburg Harbour Cup Races	Hamburg	Germany	www.hafencup.com
31 May 2015	East Anglian DB Festival, Oulton Broad	Lowestoft	England	www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk
31 May 2015	British National League – Race 3. London West	Wrybury, R.Thames	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
June	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
02 June 2015	2 nd Leg Cobra- PDBF Regatta	Manila Bay	Philippines	www.pdbf.com.
05-06 Jun 2015	Moncton Dragon Boat Festival	New Brunswick	Canada	www.22dragons.com
05-06 Jun 2015	Welland Dragon Boat Festival	Ontario	Canada	www.wellanddragonboatfestival.com
06 Jun 2015	Cente Carmen Dragon Boat Festival	Lake Leamy, Quebec	Canada	www.22dragons.com
06 Jun 2015	Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge	Ontario	Canada	www.pdbc.ca
06 June 2015	3 rd Leg Cobra- PDBF Regatta	Manila Bay	Philippines	www.pdbf.com.
06 Jun 2015	9th Independence Dragon Boat Regatta	Philadelphia, PA	USA	www.independencedragonboat.com
06-07 Jun 2015	DBS Marina Regatta - Week 2 (Mixed Races)	Marina Bay	Singapore	EM; admin@sdba.org.sg
06-07 Jun 2015	28th Southeast Asia Games Dragon Boat Races	Marina Bay	Singapore	www.sdba.org.sg
06-07 Jun 2015	Portland Rose DB Fest Tom McCall Waterfront Pk	Portland OR	USA	www.rosefestival.org
06-08 Jun 2015	Port Macquarie DB Regatta, Hastings River	Port Macquarie, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
07 Jun 2015	Barrow Dragon Boat Regatta	Graigucullen	Ireland	www.dragonboat.ie
07 Jun 2015	Mississauga Dragon Boat Festival	Ontario	Canada	www.mississaugacanoelclub.com
11-14 Jun 2015	Bucharest Corporate Games DB Races	Lake Floreasca	Romania	www.corporategames.com
11-14 Jun 2015	2 nd Mahakam Int Dragon Boat Festival	Tenggarong	Indonesia	EM. yonif133yspdg@gmail.com
12-13 Jun 2015	9 th Neuhausen Water Festival, Spremberger Resv	Neuhausen	Germany	www.wasserfestspiele-neuhausen.de
12-14 Jun 2015	Cologne DB Festival, Fuhlinger Lake Course	Cologne	Germany	www.drachenboot-koeln.de
13 Jun 2015	2 nd Hospital Authority Dragon Boat Races	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
13 Jun 2015	Fanshaw Dragon Boat Festival, Parry Sound	Ontario	Canada	fanshawdragonboatfestival.org
13 Jun 2015	Grand Prairie DB Festival, Lloyd Park, Joe Pool Lk	Grand Prairie TX	USA	www.gpdragonboat.com
13 Jun 2015	Peterborough DB Races, Thorpe Meadows	Peterborough	England	www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk
13 Jun 2015	Hope Chest Dragon Boat Regatta, UB Baird Point	Buffalo, Niagra	USA	www.panamdramonboat.com
13 Jun 2015	St Catharines Dragon Boat Festival	Ontario	Canada	www.gwndragonboat.com
13-14 Jun 2015	Sabah International Dragon Boat Races	Sabah, Borneo	Malaysia	www.sabahdragonboat.my/
13-14 Jun 2015	36th Boston Dragon Boat Festival	Boston, MA	USA	www.bostondragonboat.org
13-14 June 2015	Ukrainian National Championships	Kiev	Ukraine	EM: morgun.vp@gmail.com
13-14 Jun 15	Macau DB Festival Local Races	Nam Van Lake	Macau, China	EM: abdmc2000@gmail.com
14 Jun 2015	British National League – Race 4.	Stockton	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
19-21 Jun 2015	26th Rio Tinto Alcan DB Festival	Vancouver	Canada	www.dragonboatbc.ca
19-21 Jun 2015	Essen DB Festival, Baldeneysee Course	Essen	Germany	www.drachenboot-essen.de
20 June 2015	Macau DB Festival International Races	Nam Van Lake, Macau	China	EM: abdmc2000@gmail.com
20 June 2015	Sun Life Stanley Int Dragon Boat Race, Stanley	Hong Kong	China	www.dragonboat.org.hk

20 Jun 2015	Capital Lakes Dragonfest, Lake Wingra Vilas Park	Madison WI	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
20 Jun 2015	Toledo International Park DB Festival	Toledo, Ohio	USA	www.partnerstoledo.org
20 Jun 2015	Hong Kong Tuen Ng Festival Dragon Boat Races	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
20 Jun 2015	Shanghai Tuen Ng Festival Dragon Boat Races	Shanghai	China	www.onthegotours.com
20 Jun 2015	Kansas DB Challenge	Wichita	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
20-21 Jun 2015	Toronto International DB Festival Races	Ontario	Canada	www.dragonboats.com
20-21 Jun 2015	Italian National 200 &500m Championships	Rome, EUR	Italy	www.dragonboat.it
20-21 Jun 2015	Tobago Dragon Boat Festival	Pigeon Point	Tobago	EM: fsiuchong@gmail.com
20-21 Jun 2015	18 th Berlin City Cup, Grunau Regatta Course	Berlin	Germany	www.berlincitycup@googlemail.com
21 Jun 2015	Milton Keynes DB Festival	Milton Keynes	England	www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk
25-28 Jun 2015	28 th Tim Hortons DB Festival, Mooney's Bay Park	Ottawa	Canada	www.dragonboat.net
26-28 Jun 2015	International DB Pink Festival	Torino	Italy	EM: committee@ibcpc.com
26-28 Jun 2015	Canadian National Championships	Welland, Niagra	Canada	www.dragonboat.ca
26-28 Jun 2015	Lethbridge Rotary Dragon Boat Festival	Alberta	Canada	www.lethbridgedragonfest.ca
27 Jun 2015	Regional Dragon Boat Championships	Ada	Ghana	EM: raftingdragonboat@yahoo.com
27-28 Jun 2015	UK Corporate Games DB Races	Stoke-on-Trent	England	www.worldcorporategames.com
27-28 Jun 2015	12 th Bremer Dragon Boat Cup	Bremer	Germany	www.bremerdrachenbootcup.de
27-28 Jun 2015	World Beat Festival Dragon Boat Race	Salem OR	USA	www.worldbeatfestival.org
27-29 Jun 2015	24 th Eglisau Dragon Boat Cup	R. Rhine, Eglisau	Switzerland	www.dragonboatcup.ch
28 June 2015	14 th Hong Kong Short Course Races, Stanley	Hong Kong	China	www.dragonboat.org.hk
28-29 Jun 2015	Italian Championships 200 and 500 m	Rome EUR	Italy	www.dragonboat.it
July	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
01 Jul 2015	Borderland Dragon Boat Festival	Ontario	Canada	www.22dragons.com
03-05 Jul 2015	Hong Kong Int DB Races, Victoria Harbort TST	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
03-05 Jul 2015	Annecey Corporate Games DB Races	Annecey-Le-Vieux	France	www.corporategames.com
04 Jul 2015	British National League – Race 5.	Milton Keynes	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
04 Jul 2015	Hamilton Waterfest	Hamilton, Ontario	Canada	www.lively-dragon.com
04 Jul 2015	18th GWN Sport Regatta, Marilyn Bell Park	Toronto	Canada	www.gwndragonboat.com
04 Jul 2015	Shawinigan Dragon Boat Festival	Quebec	Canada	www.3rdragon.ca
05 Jul 2015	Cyprus Charity 200m DB Regatta	Limassol	Cyprus	EM: cyprusDBA@gmail.com
10-12 Jul 2015	Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival	British Columbia	Canada	www.nanaimodragonboat.com
11 Jul 2015	Kent Cornucopia DB Races, Lake Meridian	Kent, Seattle, WA	USA	www.usdbf.org/events
11 Jul 2015	Grenzacher Dragon Boat Races	Grenzach, Lorrach	Germany	www.hornfelseidrache.de
11 Jul 2015	Milwaukee DB Festival	Milwaukee	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
11 Jul 2015	Portage Lakes DB Festival	Akron OH	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
11 Jul 2015	Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival Bell Park	Sudbury Ontario	Canada	www.sudburydragonboats.org
11 Jul 2015	Kent Cornucopia Days	Kent WA	USA	www.kcdays.com
11 Jul 2015	Luebecker Dragon Boat Festival	Luebecker	Germany	www.drachenboot-festival-luebeck.de
11-12 Jul 2015	Singapore Dragon Boat Festival	Marina Channel	Singapore	EM: admin@sdba.org.sg
11-12 Jul 2015 (P)	Timisoara Charity DB Races	Timisoara	Romania	EM: radu@strategicsmi.ro
15 Jul 2015	3 th Marshal County Habitat DB Festival	Guntersville AL	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
18 Jul 2015	Guelph Dragon Boat Challenge	Ontario	Canada	www.lively-dragon.com
18 Jul 2015	Springfield DB Races	Springfield MA	USA	www.springfielddragonboat.com
18-19 Jul 2015	15th Colorado DB Festival, Sloan's Lake Park	Denver, CO	USA	www.cdbf.org
18-19 Jul 2015	Long Beach DB Fest – Marine Stadium	Long Beach, CA	USA	www.lbdragonboat.com
19 Jul 2015	5th Hong Kong In-Door DB Championships	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
19 Jul 2015	British National League – Race 6.	Exeter	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
19 Jul 2015	Japanese International Dragon Boat Champs	Osaka City	Japan	EM: lilyshobu@gmail.com
21 Jul 2015	8th Iran Women National D B Championships	Tehran	Iran	www.irandba.ir
24-25 Jul 2015	FMG's Saskatoon DB Regatta	Saskatchewan	Canada	www.facilitymarketing.com
24-26 Jul 2015	15 th North Shore DB Festival	Grand Marais MN	USA	www.nothshoredragonboat.com

24-26 Jul 2015	Hawaii DB Festival	Honolulu, Hawaii	USA	www.usdbf.org/events
25 Jul 2015	Walgreens Chicago DB Festival, Arlington Heights	Chicago, Illinois	USA	www.gwndragonboat.com
25 Jul 2015	Harrison DB Regatta	Harrison Hot Springs	Canada	www.harrisonsdragonboat.com
25 Jul 2015	12th Seattle DB Festival, South Lake Union Park	Seattle	USA	www.dragonboatbc.ca
25-26 Jul 2015	Montreal Dragon Boat Challenge	Quebec	Canada	www.22dragons.com
25-26 Jul 2015	USDBF Club Crew National Championships	Arlington, IL	USA	www.usdbf.org/events
25-26 Jul 2015	Magdeburg Dragon Boat Festival	Magdeburg	Germany	www.demachdeburjer.de/
29 Jul-01 Aug 2015	10th Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival	Bemidji, MN	USA	www.bemidjdragonboat.com
31 Jul-2 Aug 2015	11th European Club Crew Championships	Divonne	France	www.edbf.org
August	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
01-02 Aug 2015	PDBA & US Western Regional Club Crew Champs	Vancouver, Washington	USA	www.info@usdbf.org
01 Aug 2015	Richmond DB Int Festival, Rocketts Landing	Richmond, Virginia	USA	www.gwndragonboat.com
02 Aug 2015	Nottingham Riverside Festival – R.Trent, Vic Emb	Nottingham	England	www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk
07-08 Aug 2015	Starbuck DB Festival	Starbuck Minnesota	USA	www.starbuckdragonboat.com
08 Aug 2015	Cornwall Waterfest DB Races	Ontario	Canada	www.22dragons.com
08 Aug 2015	Klein Koris Dragon Boat Races	Koeris	Germany	www.drachenbootkoeris.de
08 Aug 2015	Carressant Care Woodstock Rotary DBF	Woodstock, Ontario	Canada	www.woodstockdragonboat.ca
08-09 Aug 2015	Hong Kong DB Festival in New York, Flushing Md	New York NY	USA	www.hkdbf-ny.org
10 Aug 2015	Oakville Charity DB Race	Oakville, Ontario	Canada	www.lively-dragon.com
14 -16 Aug 2015	Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival	Alberta	Canada	www.edmontondragonboatfestival.com
14 -16 Aug 2015	Canada Dry Victoria DB Festival	Victoria BC	Canada	www.victoriadragonboat.com
15 Aug 2015	Miramachi Dragon Boat Festival	Ontario	Canada	www.22dragons.com
15 Aug 2015	3rd Annual Habitat DB Festival	Gadsden AL	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
15 Aug 2015	Toromont CAT DB Festival	King City, Ontario	Canada	www.unitedwayorkregion.com
15-16 Aug 2015 (P)	Constanta Charity DB Races	Constanta	Romania	EM: radu@strategicsmi.ro
15-16 Aug 2015	15 th Riverfront DB Festival, Mortensen River Plaza	Hartford CT	USA	www.dragonboathartford.com
16 Aug 2015	Oakland Dragon Boat Festival	Oakland, CA	USA	www.info@usdbf.org
16 -17 Aug 2015	Drummondville Dragon Boat Festival	Quebec	Canada	www.3rdragon.ca
18-23 Aug 2015	12th World Dragon Boat Racing Champs	Welland, Niagra	Canada	www.idbf.org
20-23 Aug 2015	13th Padang International Festival DB Races	West Sumatra	Indonesia	EM. yonif133yspdg@gmail.com
21-22 Aug 2015	Lake Superior Dragon Boat Festival	Superior, WI	USA	www.lakesuperiordragons.com
21-23 Aug 2015	Dortmund Dragon Boat Festival, Phoenix Lake	Dortmund	Germany	www.drachenboot-dortmund.de
22 Aug 2015	Steveston DB Festival	Richmond BC	Canada	www.dragonboatbc.ca
22 Aug 2015	National Harbor DB Festival	Washington DC	USA	nationalharbordragonboat.com
22 Aug 2015	5 th Owensboro DB Festival	Owensboro, KY	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
22 Aug 2015	12th Barrie Dragon Boat Festival	Barrie, Ont	Canada	www.barriedragonboatfestival.ca
22-23 Aug 2015	Rainbow Region DB Regatta, Shaws Bay	East Ballina, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
23 -24 Aug 2015	Calgary Dragon Boat Festival	Alberta	Canada	www.chinatowncalgary.com/dragonboat
28-30 Aug 2015	Dragon on the Lake Festival, Lake Orion	Michigan	USA	www.dragononthelake.com
29 Aug 2015	Montgomery DB Festival	Montgomery	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
29 -30 Aug 2015	SaskPower Regina Dragon Boat Festival	Alberta	Canada	www.reginadragonboat.com
30 Aug 2015	British National League – Race 7.	Worcester	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
31 Aug 2015	San Fernando City Independence Day DB Festival	Kings Wharf	Trinidad	EM: fsiuchong@gmail.com
September	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
05 Sep 2015	Austcham 10Km Challenge	Marina Reservoir	Singapore	www.sdba.org.sg
05 Sep 2015	Flensburg Dragon Boat Cup	Flensburg	Germany	www.drachenboot-fl.de
09 Sep 2015	British National League – Race 8. East London	London Regatta Centre	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
11-12 Sep 2015	Kiel Dragon Boat Days	Kiel	Germany	www.drachenbootrennen-kiel.de
11-13 Sep 2015	FMG's Manitoba Dragon Boat Festival	Manitoba	Canada	www.facilitymarketing.com
11-13 Sep 2015	Dubuque DB Festival	Dubuque IA	USA	www.dubuquedragonboat.org
12 Sep 2015	Cambridge DB Festival – River Cam	Cambridge	England	www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk

12 Sep 2015	9 th Cumberland River DB Festival	Nashville, TN	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
12 Sep 2015	Carleton Place DB Festival	Carleton Place, Ont	Canada	www.lively-dragon.com
12 Sep 2015	9th Annual Mercer County DB Festival	West Windsor NJ	USA	www.gwndragonboat.com
12 or 19 Sep 2015	Overseas Chinese Invitational DB Tournament	Shanghai	China	rexin@126.com
12 Sep 2015	Louisville DB Festival	Louisville	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
12 Sep 2015	Atlanta Dragon Boat Festival	Atlanta, GA	USA	www.dragonboatatlanta.com
12-13 Sep 2015	4th Dublin Int Dragon Boat Regatta	Dublin	Ireland	www.dragonboat.ie
12-13 Sep 2015	Portland DB Festival	Portland OR	USA	www.portlanddragonboats.com
12-13 Sep 2015	20th GWN DB Challenge, Marilyn Bell Park	Toronto	Canada	www.gwndragonboat.com
12-13 Sep 2015	Montana Dragon Boat Festival	Big Fork MT	USA	www.MontanaDragonBoat.com
13 Sep 2015	Camden Haven Regatta	Camden Haven	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
13 or 20 Sep 2015	Japan Small Boat Dragon Boat Champs	Lake Biaw, Shaga Prov	Japan	EM: lilyshobu@gmail.com
19 Sep 2015	9 th Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival	Cleveland, OH	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
19 Sep 2015	Stratford DB Festival, Lake Victoria	Stratford, Ontario	Canada	www.rotarystratford.com
19 Sep 2015	Kingston Dragon Boat Festival	Kingston, Ontario	Canada	www.kingstondbfestival.com
19 Sep 2015	Schwerin Long Distance Race	Schwerin	Germany	www.dbv-schwerin.de
19-20 Sep 2015	British National Champs & International Races	Nottingham	England	www.dragonboat.org.uk
19-20 Sep 2015	Coffs Cost DB Regatta, Bellinger River	Mylestom, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
19-20 Sep 2015	Istanbul Dragon Boat Festival	Istanbul	Turkey	www.dragonfestivali.com
19-20 Sep 2015	San Francisco International DB Festival	San Francisco	USA	www.sfdragonboat.com/
25-26 Sep 2015	1st Serbian Dragon Boat Festival	Belgrade	Serbia	EM: dragonboatserbia@gmail.com
26 Sep 2015	Macau Small DB Mid-Autumn Festival Cup	Nam Van Lake	Macau	EM: abdmc2000@gmail.com
26 Sep 2015	Jacksonville DB Festival, Jacksonville Landing	Jacksonville	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
26 Sep 2015	8th Iran Men's National D B Championships	Tehran	Iran	www.irandba.ir
26-27 Sep 2015	Quebec Dragon Boat Cup Races	Quebec	Canada	www.22dragons.com
26-27 Sep 2015	17th Hong Kong Dragon Boat Championships	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
26-27 Sep 2015	SAVA Sprints International 200m DB Races	Singapore	Singapore	www.sava.com.sg
26-27 Sep 2015	Christie Lake Dragon Boat Festival	Christie Lake, Ont	Canada	www.lively-dragon.com
Tbn Sep 2015	Thailand Int Swan Boat Races	TBN	Thailand	www.tourismthailand.org
October	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
02-04 Oct 2015	11th Golden Dragon International DB Regatta	Kiev	Ukraine	EM: ukrdragonboat@mail.ru
03 Oct 2015	3rd Annual Shoals Dragon Boat Festival	Florence, AL	USA	www.racedragonboats.com
03 Oct 2015	3rd Hong Kong DB Tug-of-War Champs	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
03 Oct 2015	White Beach Lake Dragon Boat Cup	Berlin	Germany	www.drachenboot-liga.de
03 Oct 2015	River Run DB Festival	Cayuga to Dunnville	Canada	www.lively-dragon.com
03 Oct 2015	13th Philadelphia International DB Festival	Philadelphia, Pen	USA	www.philadragonboatfestival.com
07-08 Oct 2015	Italian National Cup	Florence	Italy	www.dragonboat.it
10 Oct 2015	7 th Rose DB Regatta, Lake Las Vegas Marina	Henderson NV	USA	www.roseregatta.org
10-11 Oct 2015	Chinese Arrival Dragon Boat Festival	Chaguaramas	Trinidad	EM: fsiuchong@gmail.com
10-11 Oct 2015	6 th San Diego Dragon Boat Festival	San Diego, CA	USA	www.sddragonboatrace.com
11 Oct 2015	3rd Hong Kong Scouts Dragon Boat Races	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
11 Oct 2015	Dragon Boats NSW Race 1, Sydney IRC	Penrith, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
16-17 Oct 2015	Abu Dhabi DB Festival, Shangri-la Qaryat Al Beri	Abu Dhabi	UAE	EM: jmmackenzie@hotmail.com
16-18 Oct 2015	Ukraine October Open Cup – D22 & D12	Kiev	Ukraine	EM: morgun.vp@gmail.com
17 Oct 2015	Walgreen's Orlando International DB Festival	Orlando, Fld	USA	www.gwndragonboat.com
17 Oct 2015	Berlin Dragon Boat Marathon 42 Km	Berlin	Germany	www.drachenboot-liga.de
17 Oct 2015	Washington DB Festival, Waterfront	Washington	USA	www.panamdragonboat.com
17 Oct 2015	Los Angeles DB Festival, Legg Lake Park	El Monte CA	USA	www.ladragonboat.com
18 Oct 2015	8th Limassol Int DB Races, Stand & Small Boats	Limassol	Cyprus	EM: cyprusDBA@gmail.com
17-18 Oct 2015	12 th Gulf Coast DB Regatta, Brooks Lake	Sugar Land, Texas	USA	www.texasdragonboat.com

24-25 Oct 2015	Bucharest Int DB Races, Stand & Small Boats	Lake Floreasca	Romania	EM: radu@strategicsmi.ro
31 Oct-01 Nov 2015	33 rd Singapore River Regatta	Singapore River	Singapore	www.sdba.org.sg
November	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
01 Nov 2015	Grafton DB Challenge, Clarence River	Grafton, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
06-08 Nov 2015	1 st Asian Dragon Boat Club Cup	Foshan, Guangdong	China	EM: rexxin@126.com
08 Nov 2015	Dragon Boats NSW Race 2, Manly Dam	Manly, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
14-15 Nov 2015	World Corporate Games DB Races	Mexico City	Mexico	www.worldcorporategames.com
15 Nov 2015	6th Hong Kong Long Distance DB Champs	Hong Kong	China	www.hkdba.com.hk
15 Nov 2015	Central West Dragon Boat Challenge	Orange, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
21-22 Nov 2015	Forster DB Challenge, Elizabeth Pde Resevior	Forster Keys, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
29 Nov 2015	Wagga Wagga DB Challenge, Apex Pk Lake Albert	Wagga, Wagga, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
December	Event Details	Venue	Country	Contact Details
5-6 Dec 2015	Penang Pesta DB Races	Penang	Malaysia	www.penangdragonboat.gov.my
13 Dec 2015	Dragon Boats NSW Race 3, Sydney IRC	Penrith, NSW	Australia	www.dbnsw.org.au
13 Dec 2015	4 nd Leg Cobra- PDBF Regatta	Manila Bay	Philippines	www.pdbf.com
20 Dec 2015	Christmas Cup	Rome EUR	Italy	www.dragonboat.it

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2015				
31 Jul-2 Aug 15	16th European Club Crew Championships	Divonne	France	www.edbf.org
18-23 Aug 2015	12th World 'Nations' DBR Championships	Welland	Canada	www.idbf.org
6-7 June 2015	South East Asian Games DB Races	Marina Bay	Singapore	www.sdba.org.sg
6-8 Nov 2015 (P)	1 st ADBF Asian Club Crews Cup	Foshan, Guangdong	China	EM;rexxin@126.com
2016				
30 Mar-07 Apr 16	10th World Club Crew Championships	Adelaide	Australia	www.idbf.org
TBN	12 th European Nations Championships	TBN	TBN	www.edbf.org
TBN	12 th Asian Nations Championships	TBN	TBN	EM:ADBFdragon@126.com
2017				
TBN	13th World 'Nations' DBR Championships	TBN	China	www.idbf.org
TBN	17 th European Club Crew Championships	TBN	TBN	www.edbf.org
2018				
1-5 Aug 18 (P)	11th World Club Crew Championships	Putrajaya	Malaysia	www.idbf.org
TBN	14 th European Nations Championships	TBN	TBN	www.edbf.org

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THE 2014 DRAGON BOAT SCENE IN IRAN

Dragon Boating in Iran enjoyed an expansion in the Sport in 2014, starting with races held for the first time, in Bushehr City, located on the southern coast of Iran, in the Persian Gulf. Saveh City in the centre of Iran hosted another first time competition on an artificial lake.



The next important event, in May, was hosting IDBF Coaches and Race Officials Courses in Tehran, conducted by the Chairman of the IDBF Competition & Technical Commission, Mike Thomas, with IDBF President Mike Mackeddie-Haslam, IDBF Treasurer Alan Van Caubergh and IDBF Medical and Sport Science Committee member Leila Ataei.

The large number of 75 students from 14 provinces of Iran and as well as participants from Armenia and Qatar, delighted the IDBF Officials and made for an intense weekend of training and assessment, both on and off the water.



IDBF President, Mike Mackeddie-Haslam used the opportunity to have meetings with Iran Sport officials to discuss the scope for further development of Dragon Boat Sport in Iran. These discussions also covered a proposal from the Iran Dragon Boat Association to establish a West & Central Asian Dragon Boat Federation (WADBF) with a Secretariat in Iran, in order to develop the sport in the Region.

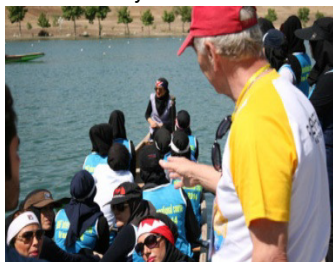
The IDBF President was assured by the Secretary-General of the Iran Olympic Committee (pictured right) and the President of the Iran Sports Association (pictured above centre) that the Iran DBA would receive their full support for this project. The Iran DBA were also proposing to the IDBF Executive Committee to host the 1st West Asian Club Crew Dragon Boat Championships in Azadi Sport Complex, Tehran, together with the 1st WADBF Member's Congress, in mid 2015.



The biggest event of the year was the 7th Iran National Dragon Boat Championships held in three age categories for both Men and Women, 638 paddlers in 29 teams from 12 provinces of Iran competed over 2 days in both the 500 and 2000 meters racing distances.

During the medal ceremony, special mention was made by Mohammad Cany, President of Iran Dragon Boat Association, to the oldest (83 years old) and the youngest (12 years old) competitors, for racing and showing that Dragon Boating is indeed a sport for all ages.

Internationally, at the IDBF Club Crew World Championships the Tehran Junior A Open crew won the first IDBF medals for Iran with Bronze medals in the 200 and 500 metres, whilst the Premier Open crew made a Grand Final. Four Iranian Race Officials also joined the IDBF family for the first time at an IDBF CCWC.



ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WEST & CENTRAL ASIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION AND 1ST WADBF CHAMPIONSHIPS. Both to be held in Tehran, Iran from 22-25 May 2015 – IDBF Members from the Region and from outside invited to compete.

In December 2014, Mike MacKeddie-Haslam, the IDBF President, notified the Iran Dragon Boat Association (Iran DBA) that the IDBF Executive Committee had agreed to the establishment of a West & Central Asian Dragon Boat Federation (WADBF) with a Secretariat in Tehran hosted by the Iran DBA and to the holding of the 1st Ordinary Congress of the WADBF on 25 May 2014 in Tehran.

Furthermore, the IDBF Executive approved the holding of the 1st West Asian Club Crew Dragon Boat Championship in Tehran, from 22th-24th May 2015, organised by the Iran DBA, on the days immediately before the 1st WADBF Congress.

IDBF Special Vice-President Ahmad Donyamali, will Chair a WADBF Steering Committee, with representatives drawn from the Iran DBA, IDBF Officials and other IDBF Members in the Region, to co-ordinate the 1st WADBF CCC and to formally establish the West & Central Asian Dragon Boat Federation.

All IDBF Members in the Region are invited to take a part in the WADBF Championship and other IDBF Members may compete with 'guest clubs'. The IranDBA will fully host one delegate from each country attending the Congress, where the formal election of the WADBF President, Vice-Presidents', Secretary-General and Treasurer, will take place and the Statutes and Bye-Laws of the WADBF adopted.





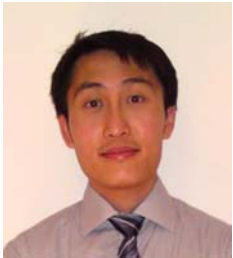
THE FIRST CLUB CREW IN QATAR – DOHA DRAGONS



Qatar is a small, wealthy, gulf country located between Saudi Arabia and the U.A.E. Although small by land mass, Qatar has ambitious plans to promote itself through the medium of sports, having won the rights to host the 2022 FISA World Cup and other competitions like the Men's Handball World Champs and the FINA World Swimming Champs. Over 2,000,000 residents, including 200,000 Qatari's, live in Qatar, with most of the population in Doha.

The Doha dragons is Qatar's first dragon boat club and comprises over 60 members from all walks of life, with more than fifteen nationalities are represented.. Besides training on the dragon boat, the Club also helps to foster the development of other dragon boat crews by offering subsidized equipment and training to potential clubs.

Doha Dragons' 1st Competition, Oct 2014 (Abu Dh). The sport entered Qatar with the humble shipment of one dragon boat in Sept. 2013. Since then the Club has grown and now has a fleet of four dragon boats. Although relatively young, the Club continues to grow from strength to strength as crews' acquire competition experience overseas.



CHALLENGES IN BUILDING A DRAGON BOAT COMMUNITY – Jeff Ching, Founder Member, Doha Dragons.

Despite the emphasis on sports, the initial challenge was to persuade key stakeholders to open the facilities for the berthing of the dragon boats. Qatar, unlike the more westernized counterpart in the U.A.E., remains a conservative country. There are no public beaches in Doha, with all suitable facilities for dragon boating controlled by hotels or government entities. To create awareness of the sport and to develop relationship with the community, a constant publicity campaign was adopted during the first year to promote the sport to all residents.

This publicity campaign produced meaningful results, with businesses and facilities slowly coming to the realization that hosting dragon boating activities on their premise has mutual benefit for all. Access to facilities is a constraint that must be overcome in Doha if a dragon boat community is to flourish.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS. The Club's aims are to unite the community in a more formal structure and to form a support structure for the crews (since most expatriates only stay in Qatar 2-3 years before leaving. The Club will pool resources to promote the sport in Qatar. and provide technical and safety training to help new Clubs setup.

All sports in Qatar come under the umbrella of the Qatar Olympic Committee or associated associations/federations. Since only local Qatari's can sit on the board of the sport associations/federations, it is my desire to "hand over" the sport to the Qatari's so they can develop it further. Recognition under the QOC will open up a whole range of possibilities and remove many of the obstacles we are currently facing such as finding suitable facilities to train, funding, etc.

SO WHY CARBON PADDLES? For those of you newer to the sport, it perhaps hasn't even come into your head about the type of paddle you are using. The paddle is basically an extension to your arm and is the most important equipment for a dragon boater. For new crews to the sport we recommend the standard plastic paddles as the team needs to develop its accuracy with timing first; but once this has been mastered it is time to look at other ways of improving the team through quality equipment.

So why are the more experienced paddlers using carbon paddles?

- The carbon paddle is lighter in weight; therefore allowing a faster recovery plus less energy is wasted lifting it through the recovery phase of the stroke.
- Carbon is a more rigid material so as you hit the water it maximises the transfer of power.
- The sharper blade edges on the carbon paddle allow it to enter the water more cleanly and efficiently.
- Generally the handles on the carbon paddles are more ergonomically designed to suit the shape of the top hand, so are therefore more comfortable to use.
- Carbon paddles come in varying lengths to suit the seated height of the paddler.
- A carbon paddle is a more durable material than a wooden paddle.



As the sport moves on we too as paddlers need to move on and engage any advantage to us by improving the equipment we use as well as our fitness and technique.



2014 STANLEY INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES

By Edwin Hou, Stanley Dragon Boat Association



The Stanley Races always takes place on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month, in the Chinese calendar – the ‘double fifth’ Dragon Boat Festival day, a public holiday in China.

The races are a one day event usually held at the beginning of June. A number of international teams come to Hong Kong to participate in this event and to cater for the high turnout of corporate teams also taking part, the racing distance has been shortened to 270m and the number of paddlers in a boat set at 18.

The 2014 Stanley IDBRs were held on 2th June 2014 and organized by the Stanley Residents Association, a subsidiary of the Stanley Dragon Boat Assn.

268 entries were received for the races, including international crews from the Netherlands, Canada, the USA and Singapore and for the first time IDBF President, Mr Mike MacKeddie-Haslam joined us as an honorable guest

Best time of the day: RHKYC Men -1:08.695 (Seiko photo-finish system)

Men's Division A:

1. RHKYC Men
2. DCH – USA
3. Hkg Sea School Old Boys

Mixed Division

1. DCH USA - New York
2. BGC Stormy Dragons – Red
3. Seagods Red

Men's Division B

1. Stanley Market Union
2. Lee Kum Kee
3. VSL- Intrafor Dragons

Sun Life Academic Cup

1. HKIEd DBTeam
2. Lingnan University DBT
3. Hkg Institute of Technology

Ladies' Division

1. AWA Globe Paddlers
2. RHKYC Women
3. Latin Dragons

HKIS 30th Anniversary Cup

1. Leighton Contractors (Asia) DBT
2. Hkg Institute of Surveyors
3. MTR Corporation Ltd DBT

Besides the Stanley IDBR, a further four races were organized by the Association in 2014 and we also jointly organized another two races, to make a total of seven events for the season.

We also increased our boat fleet to 40 in total (36 Standard and 4 Small) and upgraded our technical facilities and equipment.

Without the wonderful cooperation of our volunteer's, as well as suitable weather, the Stanley Races could not have been the success they were.

We also thank the “Sun Life Financial Group” for their generous support during these last seven years and look forward to our future collaboration with them.

The medals tables for the Stanley IDBF are shown below, please visit our web site www.dragonboat.org.hk for further details and information on the 2015 Stanley IDBR.



2014 GREAT RIVER RACE – RIVER THAMES, LONDON





Chris Bailey, Kingston Royals Dragon Boat Club, Face Book Picture
 The primary goal of the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission (IBCPC) is to ensure that International Breast Cancer Survivors (BCS) participation festivals and international competitive events are raising awareness about life after a diagnosis of and treatment for breast cancer

TICKLED PINK IN SARASOTA

By Dara Duffy

Pink is my five year-old niece's favourite colour. She would have loved the IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival in Sarasota, Florida last October. That's because the festival was all very pink, except at the Irish crews tent where, unsurprisingly, it was green !

Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, was the venue for the fourth International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission festival which welcomed over 2700 paddlers, all of whom have had or currently have breast cancer. The paddlers came from 101 clubs in twelve countries, including Canada, Australia, UK, and Singapore.

The event in the Sunshine State of Florida marked the first time that the USA had held the festival – as previously Vancouver and Peterborough in Canada, Caloundra, in Australia and Singapore had hosted the event. From the pink-clad Opening Ceremony with fireworks and a keynote speech by Dr Susan Love; to the myriad of Wellness Day Presentations (Zumba, Laughter Yoga, Tai Chi etc) and the Parade of Nations, the 2014 event was a huge success. If you're in any doubt, just ask any members of Team Ireland!



Biggest flower ceremony EVER. Image from [Ellusive View](#)



Team Ireland was established in early 2014 as a result of funding secured from the Arthur Guinness Projects. The team was made-up of paddlers from Carlow, Clonmel, Cork, Waterford, Northern Ireland, Donegal and Dublin. Over a period of just seven training days, the group of enthusiastic strangers (some of whom had never paddled before!) were transformed by coach, Julie Doyle, and Team Captain Margaret Mulcahy and Vice-Captain Susan Rowe, into a strong, focused and determined team.

This drive and determination was very evident in the Team's performance on the water. Despite the blistering heat, which at times rocketed to 40 degrees celcius, Team Ireland performed strongly and very consistently.

Overall, the Irish finished the festival 29th out of 101 teams taking part. Team Ireland also emerged as the top European team in the competition.

The IBCPC festival has a number of traditions including the swapping of team pins and racing shirts, and the Sandy Smith Global Race which saw representatives from each team in the festival race together. Following the Sandy Smith Global Race, the boats that had participated lined-up together for an emotional Flower Ceremony, where friends and fellow paddlers who have passed away from breast cancer were remembered.

For the Team it was a particularly poignant occasion as they remembered their friend and team member Sue Skinner, and members of Plurabelle Paddlers who passed away in 2014, including Fiona Tiernan a founding member of the club. Fiona's wish was that Team Ireland would help to nurture the growth of dragon boat racing throughout the country, and that is exactly what has happened.

Members of Team Ireland have returned to their local clubs with new skills, coaching techniques and a fresh enthusiasm for the sport. Meanwhile, members of Team Ireland who don't currently have a local team are busy forming their own, with new teams currently being planned for both Belfast and Donegal.

Despite a hectic racing and training schedule, the Team enjoyed bargain-hunting at the outlet malls; sightseeing at the impressive Ringling Museum; and visiting the pristine white sands of Siesta Beach, voted the top beach in America and thanks to transportation sponsorship from Fyffes, the Team got to enjoy a guided tour of Sarasota. The team bus was the perfect venue for many impromptu singsongs, proving that it wasn't only in the water where their teamwork and timing was impeccable!

Throughout their stay the Team were bowled over by the support they received from those who travelled with them and those who were based in the USA, including Maura Murphy McCabe and husband Denis, who worked tirelessly to ensure Team Ireland had a great stay in their hometown of Sarasota. For the Team the IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival was, without doubt, the trip of a lifetime. The festival may be over, but friendships and magical memories remain. And with the promise of new teams being formed, it's obvious that



Team Ireland's legacy is just beginning. With my apologies to the IBCPC, I know this was a "Participatory" event and not an "official" World Championship. Reality check. An event held every four years, with over 100 teams, and nearly 3000 athletes from all over the world racing in a format that leads to the fastest teams in a grand final? I call that a World Championship.

Anyway, congratulations to **Knot-A-Breast** from Hamilton, Ontario (pictured left) who edged out **Pink Steel** from Pittsburgh, PA and a feisty group of ladies from New Zealand, **CanSurvive**, to take home the title. How close was it? 0.49 seconds and the fastest time of the festival - Knot a Breast. **Jeff Campbell.**



IT'S OFFICIALLY GIRL POWER!! It was a first in dragon boat history! An all-female official's chief team at the European Nations Championships, held in Racice, Czech Republic, in July 2014.



From Left to right:-

Kirsty Hartley - Race Secretary (GBR)
Bridget Walter - Chief Judge (SWI)
Julie Doyle - Chief Official (IRE)
Wendy Hermelink - Chief Starter (NLD)
Kim Beckwith - Chief Umpire (NLD)
Natalia Kravtsova - Chief Boat Marshall (UKR)



9th IDBF WORLD CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS

A competition of this size takes a considerable team of people behind the scenes working exceptionally long hours to deliver a professional event. Seventy International Race Officials plus dozens of volunteers assisted the Italian Dragon Boat Federation's organisation committee. The IDBA's Chairman, Julie Doyle was fortunate enough to also be there to experience the thrills and spills of the event as an IDBF Race Official.

DO YOU KNOW THAT...!!!

We add this column to DBI to share your funny story or experience, literary essay or funny pictures about dragon boating... So here you are..., please send us more and we will put them in DBI for you to comment on and vote for as the most interesting picture or article. We look forward to hearing from you !

WHY DATE WITH A DRAGON BOATER? By Judith Pagsuyuin- Hakim

Why date a man, a woman, anyone who paddles?

We find it romantic waiting for the sunrise than sunset. We find hundreds of reason to wake up at 4am. We look forward to having breakfast and starting our days together. Manila Bay, in the Philippines, can be beautiful or unpleasant. It actually depends how you look at it. And for most of us, hope is always afloat.

We look beyond the weather. Rain or shine, we run or swim and we paddle. Just like in life, expect us to be always there. Our spirits not easily soaked or dampened. We paddle forward but look back with a smile. Life of a dragon can be about winning or losing. But it is more about not giving up.



What we learn in the boat, we try to apply off the boat. Relationship goes beyond paddling. We treasure the medals, but it is the friendship that is priceless. We are as strong as our weakest link, everyone equally important. Everything counts.

Why love a dragonboater? - We live to love and we love to live.

Why date a person who paddles? - It does not matter who you are and what you have. What matters - your heart, your goal, your attitude and discipline; we always believe in the person next to us.

Get to experience the best 2 minutes of your life in a race that you are never alone in. It is not just how you started, how you endured, maintained the pace and gave it all out at the finish. It is never about having happy endings but about happiness always.

In life and in relationships, it can be like a sport, there are moments we may feel like giving up, losing whatever reason and meaning we had in the beginning. Lessons will be there and it will define us.

So why date a dragon boater? We are not perfect, but we find beauty and laughter amid the imperfection. We wish to get that perfect body, but it is not just about the physical. We endeavour to feel fit, but it is more about performance. We dream, but not just for ourselves. We fight for those we believe in. And we believe in goodness.

We love to win. But it always means winning with someone and with a group we regard not just friends, but family. We mean what we say. And dragons know it is "deeper, harder, longer." We will rock your world.

Don't miss out on life. Don't miss the boat. Find the love. Get the paddle. Enjoy life.

WHY A BOAT IS CALLED SHE? A boat is called a "she" because there is always a great deal of bustle around her; there is usually a gang of men about, she has a waist and stays. It takes a lot of paint to keep her good looking; it is not the initial expense that breaks you, it is the upkeep.

She can be all decked out but it takes an experienced man to handle her correctly and without a man at the helm, she is absolutely uncontrollable.

She also shows her topsides, hides her bottom and when coming into port, always heads for the buoys!





by **SEBASTIAN COE (Lord Coe)**
Patron, British Dragon Boat Racing Association (BDA)

IOC President Thomas Bach's 20+20 vision will enable IOC to take destiny in own hands Olympic Movement is about to announce 40 recommendations to shape its future, writes Sebastian Coe.

20/20 vision: Thomas Bach Photo: GETTY IMAGES



A little while ago I gave the final presentation of London 2012 to the IOC, I ended by saying: "If the 20th century was about the globalisation of sports, then the first decade of the 21st century must be about reconnecting young people with sport."

Despite all efforts, sport participation amongst young people in recent times remains, at best, stubbornly resistant. This is due to an increasing high-tech, low physical activity lifestyle in western society and a lack of opportunities and infrastructure for sport due to poverty, civil unrest and conflict in parts of the world.

We need to think differently in all sports. Our challenge is to engage all people, but particularly young people, and to make sport relevant to their lives and to their values and priorities. We must celebrate our successes and fix our failures.

If you look around today it is fair to say that sport is somewhat under the microscope.

The challenge the IOC laid down for itself covered three fundamental areas of its proposition.

How can we be sustainable so more cities in more countries around the world are able to host the Olympic Games?

How can we remain credible – the athletes, the organisation, the events? and third,

How do we give greater access to Olympic sport to people 365 days a year?

There are some thoughtful recommendations around hosting the Games, starting from the bidding phase that I think will create partnerships and set expectations at an earlier stage.

There are recommendations around protecting and supporting clean athletes so the next generation will want to compete at the highest level, and there are some exciting ideas around creating a digital platform so fans can engage with athletes and Olympic sport every day of every year.

I have known Bach for over 30 years. He has sport running through his veins. We shared a platform an eternity ago on the occasion when we were the first two athletes to address the Olympic Congress. He has a strong vision and belief that sport can change the world, a lawyer's brain for detail and a passion for sport and athletes that will see him succeed. He has taken the helm. Implementing change from a position of strength, rather than necessity, is crucial – particularly if the right ideas are to take seed.

Sport is a powerful enabler in our society. We need sport. But sport must evolve to be relevant to future generations. The challenges for sport are clear. So all of us who love sport must be part of finding solutions.

As the largest not-for-profit organisation in the world of sport, the Olympic movement is in a strong position to build on its foundations. Over 90 per cent of its revenues are distributed to sport around the world. That equates to £2.08 million every single day of the year. Its members continue to work for the Olympic movement on an entirely voluntary basis, giving hours of time for free. It surprises me and makes me feel proud every time I read these statistics.

The IOC is engaging more than ever with political and business leaders and other key influencers at the highest level. It is essential sport plays at the top of its game. Only this way can we reach more people more often.

I care about the relevance of sport in our society, am delighted to have played a small part in the IOC's five-year road map and would like to applaud the movement for willing to lead and show the way.

CARRYING THE OLYMPIC FLAME IN SOCHI – 2014 WINTER OLMPIC GAMES.





COACHING CORNER

LISTEN TO LEILA - ADVICE ON SPORT INJURIES

“How do I approach and repair a shoulder injury (Part 2)”
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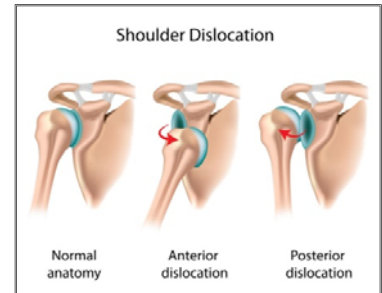


In the last article in the DBI the common cause's pain and limit movement of the shoulder joint is introduced and rotator cuff disorders, shoulder impingement are discussed. In this part you can read the about the **Dislocated Shoulder & Shoulder Instability** and **Frozen Shoulder**, and **SLAP (Superior Labrum Anterior to Posterior) Tear**.

DISLOCATED SHOULDER & SHOULDER INSTABILITY; As it is already discussed, In the normal shoulder the humeral head is remains precisely centered in the Glenoid (the socket of the joint) and this permits a wide range of shoulder activities.

'Concavity compression', means the head of the humerus is held into the Glenoid concavity by the action of the rotator cuff (much like a golf ball is held into the concavity of a golf tee) which is one of the main stabilizing mechanisms.

The Glenoid labrum is a fibrous ring in the Glenoid concavity that increases the stability of the shoulder. Another stabilizing mechanism is ligament restraint by which the motion of the shoulder is kept within its proper range by ligaments that span the joint. When the arm is forced backwards the humeral head can dislocate from the Glenoid,



The Glenoid labrum and the ligaments can be torn. If the labrum and the ligaments do not heal the shoulder may continue to be unstable allowing the ball to slip from the center of the Glenoid even with minimal force.

Partial and complete dislocations may occur either as the result of a single traumatic event, as when a football player makes a tackle or as the result of a motor vehicle accident, or, in a person with inherent looseness in the joint, as a result of repetitive activities such as throwing, swimming or paddling. This latter group is described as having loose-jointed lax shoulders and is at risk for non-traumatic shoulder instability because they have unusually elastic collagen, allowing the joint to have greater degrees of movement or looseness.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE DISLOCATED MY SHOULDER?

In nearly all cases of dislocated shoulder, the arm bone pops out in front of the shoulder socket. This is usually obvious because the shoulder will suddenly look square rather than round you may be able to see a lump or bulge (the top of the arm bone) under the skin in front of your shoulder.



You won't be able to move the arm and it will be extremely painful. It is much more unusual for the bone to pop out of the back of the shoulder joint.

This usually happens after an epileptic fit or electrocution injury and is less easy to spot. Some people who are extremely flexible can dislocate their shoulders in more than one direction. Shoulder dislocation may also cause numbness, weakness or tingling near the injury, such as in your neck or down your arm. The muscles in your shoulder may spasm from the disruption, often increasing the intensity of your pain.

Generally, dislocated shoulder signs and symptoms may include:-

- A visibly deformed or out-of-place shoulder: **Swelling or bruising: Intense pain: Inability to move the joint**

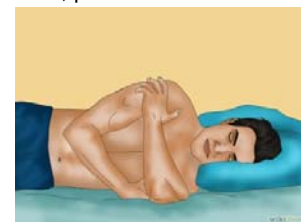
WHAT YOU SHOULD DO? Go to a Hospital Emergency Room; If you think you have dislocated your shoulder, go to your nearest accident and emergency (A&E) department immediately. This is important, as you will need some tests to find out whether you have any nerve damage.

A doctor will gently manipulate your arm bone back into its socket using a procedure known as reduction. If your shoulder has dislocated without any major accident and you've managed to gently manipulate the arm back into place, there may be no need to go to A&E. However, it's a good idea to see a GP or physiotherapist, who can check on the shoulder and provide advice on exercise

While you're waiting for medical attention:-

1. IMMOBILIZE SHOULDER;

- **Don't move the joint.** Splint or sling the shoulder joint in its current position. Don't try to move the shoulder or force it back into place. This can damage the shoulder joint and its surrounding muscles, ligaments, nerves or blood vessels.
- **Place pillow or rolled blanket between upper arm and chest.**
- **Wrap towel around the person's upper body to bind arm to it.** Otherwise, if comfortable to do so, put the affected forearm in sling with elbow at 90° angle.



2. CONTROL SWELLING; Applying ice to your shoulder can help reduce pain and swelling by controlling internal bleeding and the build up of fluids in and around your shoulder joint. **“Do not place ice directly against the skin”.**

Follow Up; -

- The doctor may manipulate the shoulder to put it back in place.
- The doctor may recommend wearing a sling for several weeks.
- Give medication such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) for pain and swelling. Avoid ibuprofen and other NSAIDs if the person has heart failure or kidney failure.
- If shoulder continues to dislocate, surgery may be required.

Maintain the range of motion of your shoulder. After one or two days, do some gentle exercises as directed by your doctor or physical therapist to help maintain your shoulder range of motion. Inactivity can cause stiff joints. In addition, favoring your shoulder for a long period can lead to frozen shoulder, a condition in which your shoulder becomes so stiff you can barely move it. Once your injury heals and you have good range of motion in your shoulder, continue exercising. Daily shoulder stretches and a shoulder-strengthening and stability program can help prevent a recurrence of dislocation.

FROZEN SHOULDER: According to MediLexicon's medical dictionary, Frozen Shoulder, or Adhesive Capsulitis is: "A condition in which joint motion becomes restricted because of inflammatory thickening of the capsule; a common cause of shoulder stiffness.

It is thought to be due to the formation of scar tissue in the shoulder, which makes the shoulder joint's capsule (not to be confused with the rotator cuff) thicken and tighten, leaving less room for movement.

This condition will create pain and stiffness in the shoulder joint, severely limiting your ability to move your shoulder normally. When this happens, your shoulder feels like it is "frozen" in place. You probably will have difficulty raising your arm in front of you or putting your hand behind your head or back. Frozen shoulder occurs when there is a problem with the capsule (def.) that surrounds your shoulder joint. In frozen shoulder, the smooth tissues of the shoulder capsule become thick, stiff, and inflamed. It typically affects only one shoulder, but one in five cases affect both.

The term "frozen shoulder" is often used incorrectly for arthritis, even though the two conditions are unrelated. Frozen shoulder refers specifically to the shoulder joint, while arthritis may refer to other/multiple joints. Although, it targets people between 40 and 60 years of age "women more often than men".

The hallmark sign of this condition is being unable to move your shoulder - either on your own or with the help of someone else. It develops in three stages:

Freezing; In the "freezing" stage, you slowly have more and more pain. As the pain worsens, your shoulder loses range of motion. Freezing typically lasts from 6 weeks to 9 months.

Frozen; Painful symptoms may actually improve during this stage, but the stiffness remains. During the 4 to 6 months of the "frozen" stage, daily activities may be very difficult.

Thawing; Shoulder motion slowly improves during the "thawing" stage. Complete return to normal or close to normal strength and motion typically takes from 6 months to 2 years.

WHAT ARE THE RISK FACTOR FOR THE FROZE SHOULDER? The causes of frozen shoulder are not fully understood. There is no clear connection to arm dominance or occupation. A few factors may put you more at risk for developing frozen shoulder. A Common risk factors for frozen shoulder are:

Age - being over 40 years of age.

Gender - 70% of people with frozen shoulder are women.

Recent surgery or arm fracture - immobility of recovery may cause the shoulder capsule to stiffen.

Diabetes - two to four times more likely to develop frozen shoulder for unknown reasons; symptoms may be more severe.

Having suffered a stroke.

Hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid).

Hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid).

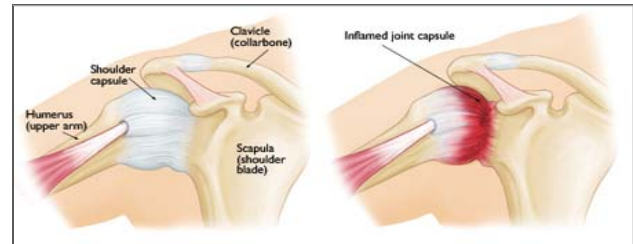
Cardiovascular disease (heart disease).

Parkinson's disease.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS? Pain from frozen shoulder is usually dull and aching. It is typically worse early in the course of the disease and when you move your arm. The pain is usually located over the outer shoulder area and sometimes the upper arm. For some people, the pain worsens at night, sometimes disrupting normal sleep patterns.

Symptoms often interfere with everyday tasks such as driving, dressing, or sleeping. Even scratching your back, or putting your hand in a rear pocket, may become impossible. Work may be affected in some cases.

There is great variation in the severity and length of symptoms. Untreated, on average the symptoms last 2-3 years in total before going. In some cases, it is much less than this. In a minority of cases, symptoms last for several years.



WHAT TEST YOU SHOULD DO? Physical Examination; After discussing your symptoms and medical history, your doctor will examine your shoulder and will move your shoulder carefully in all directions to see if movement is limited and if pain occurs with the motion. The range of motion when someone else moves your shoulder is called "passive range of motion." Your doctor will compare this to the range of motion you display when you move your shoulder on your own ("active range of motion"). People with frozen shoulder have limited range of motion both actively and passively. These may include:



Hands up. Raise both your hands straight up in the air, like a football referee calling a touchdown.

Opposite shoulder. Reach across your chest to touch your opposite shoulder.

Back scratch. Starting with the back of your hand against the small of your back, reach upward to touch your opposite shoulder blade.

Your doctor may also ask you to relax your muscles while he or she moves your arm for you. This test can help distinguish between frozen shoulder and a rotator cuff injury.



Imaging Tests; Other tests that may help your doctor rule out other causes of stiffness and pain include: **X-rays.** Dense structures, such as bone, show up clearly on X-rays which may show other problems in your shoulder, such as arthritis. **Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound.** These studies can create better images of problems with soft tissues, such as a torn rotator cuff.

WHAT IS THE TREATMENT OPTION FOR FROZEN SHOULDER? Treatment for frozen shoulder usually starts with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and application of heat to the affected area, followed by gentle stretching. Ice and medicines (including corticosteroid injections) may also be used to reduce pain and swelling. And physiotherapy can help increase your range of motion. A frozen shoulder can take a year or more to heal. One or more of the following may be advised to help ease and prevent symptoms:-

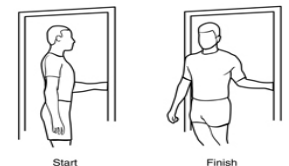
Ordinary painkillers; Paracetamol may be advised first to try to control the pain. Codeine is a stronger painkiller which may be used as an alternative to, or in addition to, paracetamol. Constipation is a common side-effect from codeine. You can take ordinary painkillers in addition to other treatments.

Anti-inflammatory painkillers; Examples anti-inflammatory painkillers include ibuprofen, diclofenac and naproxen. These drugs work by helping to ease pain and also by reducing any swelling (inflammation) in your shoulder. There are many different brands. Therefore, if one does not suit, another may be fine. Side-effects sometimes occur with anti-inflammatory painkillers. Always read the leaflet that comes with the drug packet for a full list of cautions and possible side-effects.

A steroid injection; An injection into, or near to, the shoulder joint brings good relief of symptoms for several weeks in some cases. Steroids reduce inflammation. It is not a cure, as symptoms tend to gradually return. However, many people welcome the relief that a steroid injection can bring.

Physiotherapy; Many people are referred to a physiotherapist who can give expert advice on the best exercises to use. These may be under the supervision of a physical therapist or via a home program. Also, they may try other pain-relieving techniques such as warm or cold temperature packs and transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) machines. Below are examples of some of the exercises that might be recommended.

External rotation :- passive stretch. Stand in a doorway and bend your affected arm 90 degrees to reach the door jamb. Keep your hand in place and rotate your body as shown in the illustration. Hold for 30 seconds. Relax and repeat.



supine position. Getting the arm to externally rotate while lying down Each of these gentle stretches needs to be repeated a count of 100.

Forward flexion;-

supine position. Lie on your back with your legs straight. Use your unaffected arm to lift your affected arm overhead until you feel a gentle stretch. Hold for 15 seconds and slowly lower to start position. Relax and repeat.



Sitting position. Getting the arm up overhead while sitting. Hold for 15 seconds and slowly lower to start position. Relax and repeat.



Crossover arm stretch;- Gently pull one arm across your chest just below your chin as far as possible without causing pain. Hold for 30 seconds. Relax and repeat.

Up-the-back stretch; - Getting the arm up the back. **Note;** You should carry out this shoulder stretching sequence three times a day. As much as possible, these sessions should be performed after the shoulder has been relaxed by a hot shower, bath, or aerobic exercise. For each stretch, make a note of the maximum range obtained with each session. Try to establish a new "benchmark" each time, so that you can see your progress.

Surgery; An operation is sometimes considered if other treatments do not help. Techniques that are used include:

Manipulation. This is a procedure where the shoulder is moved around by the surgeon while you are under anaesthetic.

Arthroscopic capsular release. This is a relatively small operation done as 'keyhole' surgery. It is often done as a day-case procedure. In this procedure, the tight capsule of the joint is released with a special probe.

NEWS SPOTS FROM THE IDBF MEMBERS & FESTIVALS

WELCOME TO THE SERBIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

By Zoran Vukobratovic, SDBF President. www.dragonboat.rs

The Serbian Dragon Boat Federation (SDBF) was established in 2013 and the first three IDBF Spec Standard Boats, sent by the IDBF as Development Boats, arrived in Belgrade in October that year.

The Federation's main activities during 2014 were to set up the SDBF organization and to complete all the administrative approvals that were needed to start training crews and to promote Dragon Boat Sport in Serbia. The SDBF is located on the regatta course of the 'Ada Ciganlija' Lake in Belgrade. This lake is the main paddling centre in Belgrade and the best place to promote Dragon Boating as is a very popular place, with a lot of sports and recreational activities being held there, as well as cafes and restaurants. During the summer more than 100.000 people visit the lake every day.



The SDBF has signed a Contract of cooperation with the management of 'Ada Ciganlija' Lake to use it for dragon boat training and in return the SDBF provided a ramp for people with special needs. In April 2014 training and promotion of dragon boating and looking for sponsors started but there were huge floods in Serbia which stopped all activities for few weeks. After the floods the SDBF joined a Government initiative to help people in the flooded areas and organized the first DB Charity event on the lake where we collected some money to donate for flood relief.

In the summer regular training was held and a lot was done to establish a national team to represent Serbia in international competitions. Although it was not possible to find a sponsor to support a Serbian Team to take part in the 2014 European Champs in Czech Republic, one Serbian Club 'the Danube Riders' competed in the Limassol DB Festival in Cyprus, on Oct 19th 2014 and got a very good result. Competing in the mixed category, both standard and small boats, the Club 3 medals, with Gold in the Standard Boat 500m Races and Bronze in the 200m and they completed the set of medals with a Silver in the Small Boat 500m races. The SDBF used this success to make a positive promotion of Dragon Boating in local newspapers and TV as well as on Facebook,



During last winter training continued both on the lake and in the gym so crews are working continuously and preparing both for local and international competitions. The SDBF plan for 2015 is for the Danube Riders to compete in the European Club Crew Championships in Divonne, France in August and for a crew to return to Cyprus for the Limassol Festival in October. If a sponsor can be found to cover the travel costs and accommodation for the National Team to go to the World Nations Championships in Welland, Canada, in August, then that would be the icing on the cake, as it is not feasible for the Team to fund itself.

On the home front the SDBF is planning to organize one local competition in June 2015 and invites IDBF Members to send crews to the 1st Serbian international Festival, in Belgrade on 26th Sept 2015 – more details below. Hope to see you soon in Belgrade!

1st International Dragon Boat festival 200&500m mixed crew



Saturday
 26th September 2015
 Ada Ciganlija Lake
 Provisional entries must be
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Bishop Anstey High School POS takes

Dragon Boat Inter-school Regatta

Story & Photos by David Wears

Nothing negative could be uttered from the very large turnout to the 2014 Excellent Stores High Sierra Dragon Boat Inter-school Regatta, held at Paragon Sports Club in Cocorite on Sunday last.

Their event was introduced during the October 2008 Chinese Bicentennial Regatta, held in Chaguaramas, where four local schools participated and from this greater school interest in the sport brought fruition to the first organized High Sierra Sports Company sponsored Interschool Regatta on April 5th, 2009. Now joint sponsors Excellence Stores Limited and High Sierra Sports Company and under the patronage of his excellency, Ambassador Huang Xingyuan, Chinese ambassador to T&T, the regatta has grown to include fourteen Secondary schools participating in varied classes in Dragonboat racing. As much as 24 young participants climbed aboard their crafts to challenge one another throughout the day under the watchful eyes of avid parents and organizers.

In the Girls Standard Open category, Bishop Anstey High School POS, A team came away overall winners once again, over second placed St Joseph Convent POS and BAHS POS B Team placing 3rd. In the Boys Standard Open class, Queen's Royal College made a strong showing to win, edging Trinity College, Moka into 2nd and Barataria South Secondary placing 3rd. Special mention should be made to Team Phoenix, of the International School and Sixth Form Government Secondary, who won the Boys Small Crew races with South East POS, placed 2nd in the same class, and St Francois Girls College who won the Girls Small Crew races, Holy Name Convent and Bishops Anstey and Trinity College East.



Members of the Bishops Anstey High School POS put on their 'warpaint'



Part of Team Phoenix, cheer on their teammates.



Queen's Royal College, in blue, and Trinity College, in green, prepare to race.

Team Trinity enjoy the celebrations. Team Bishops Anstey High School POS, winners of Girls Standard Open class pose with their principal, Ms Patsy-Ann Rudder.

Trinity College Moka team come ashore after their race.



St Francois Girls College, who won the Girls Small Crew races, go to receive their trophy

Racing action



Part of the large crowd enjoying the Regatta.



Franco Siu Chong, Managing Director, Excellent Group of Companies (centre), introduces HE Ambassador Huang Xingyuan, Chinese ambassador to T&T, (left), to Tansley Thompson of Paragon Sports Club, (right).



Queen's Royal College, winners of the Boys Standard Open class, pose for photos.



Team Phoenix receives trophy for winning the Boys Small Crew races.

MALTA – THE DRAGON ARRIVES !

New IDBF Member, Dragon Boat Malta, took delivery of its first two Dragon Boats in early October 2014 and put them to immediate good use with a first training session in the famous Grand Harbour.



Dragon boating was officially launched in January 2015, when people interested in Dragon Boating and practicing the Sport on a regular basis, were invited to become members of Dragon Boat Malta, who were quick to stress that 'Racing the Dragon is great fun, dynamic and comes with a big social aspect to it.

In a very successful event held by Dragon boat Malta, in March this year, 88 people in 4 crews, competed in 15 races. Appropriately St. George the Dragoniers won the event followed closely by Dragon Boat Mafia in second place and Team Sparta and Kings third and fourth respectively. Also at that time an IDBF Team went to Malta to conduct both Coaches and Race Officials Training Courses.

Dragon Boat Malta is affiliated to the Malta Canoe Federation and is an IDBF Basic Member.

For more info on Dragon Boat Malata, contact Christopher Camilleri or Paul Magri on dragonboatmalta@gmail.com




ARGENTINA. The Argentinean Dragon Boat Federation (AADB) is the official governing body for the sport of Dragon Boat Racing in Argentina. The purpose of the AADB is to be the national organization for the general conduct of Dragon Boating and the development of Dragon Boat Racing as a recognized sport within Argentina. Also to supervise the Argentinean National Team worldwide and represent the interest of the AADB Members and cultural associations.



The Argentinean DBF (AADB) is a IDBF Basic Member and organizes a Dragon Boat Grand Prix across the whole season, for crews of all ages and abilities – corporate crews, fun family and friends crews as well as crews wanting to take part in the Sport Racing Argentine Dragon Boat Cup, the highest level of the Sport in Argentina, at which the National Team athletes are selected. For more information go to <http://argentinadragonboat.com/es/INICIO/>

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'DRUM BEAT'

Where You Have You Say About Your Dragon Boat Sport



WHO OR WHAT LEGITIMISES A SPORT'S GOVERNING BODY ?

A question often asked within the sporting world at large is **“What makes an organisation the legitimate body to represent and speak on behalf of those who practice their Sport”**.

The simple answer is through the democratic process of people choosing who they want to represent them. But of course in Sport. it is not as simple as that !

For the world of Sport, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne, Switzerland, is the legal advisory body set up by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to give sport related opinions on such questions and makes binding decisions when sports organisations have disputes with each other and outside organisations, over their rights and privileges concerning their sports – in other words their legitimacy to govern their own Sport.

So to answer the question of ‘Who Legitimises the Governing Bodies for a Sport’, where better to go than to the CAS.

THE OPINION OF THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS).

Some seven years ago the CAS was asked a number of questions concerning the rights of an International Sport Federation (ISF) over its sport. **The most interesting opinions from the CAS concerned the governance of sport and an ISF's legitimacy.**

The CAS said that within the world of sport there are two kinds of recognition. One from a sports organization's own members, especially the national federations (bottom up) and the other one from third parties, especially multi-sports federations and associations (top down).

Concerning recognition from the ‘members’ the CAS said that the members of an ISF are usually its national federations (similarly the Clubs of National Sports Organisations - NSOs) and that the criteria for the recognition of a ISF/NSO by the members, should normally be enshrined in the Statutes of that federation.

THE GOVERNANCE & RECOGNITION OF DRAGON BOATING AT WORLD LEVEL.

As stated by the CAS, the convention in Sport is that there is only one recognised organisation (at National and International levels) for each Sport.

To be accepted as a SportAccord Member (and for IOC recognition) an ISF has to prove that it governs a distinct and separate Sport from other ISFs and that they are not in conflict with any other ISF over the governance of their Sport.

The CAS stated that to become a member of Sportaccord (GAISF) a sport organisation (ISF) has to group together the majority of the national federations (or organizations) throughout the world practising its Sport and regularly holding international competitions.

Additionally, an applicant has to submit its application together with written evidence showing that the ISF concerned is the only federation governing its Sport on a world level.

If there are dissident organisations, applicants have to provide the name of the dissident organizations and explain how and what solutions were arranged.

The CAS added that such proof of non-conflict with another organisation (an existing Sportaccord Member) only stressed the fact that the recognized organisation should be (that is, it is) the leader in its respective Sport.

This is the case with the IDBF Statutes and those shown in the IDBF's Model Constitution for National Organisations.

With regard to third party recognition the CAS posed the question ‘how is an international federation recognized by a third party, especially by multi-sports associations. In this the CAS said that the known international multi-sports associations were the GAISF – now Sportaccord; the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and IOC derived groups such as the Summer Olympic Federations and the IOC recognized ISFs.

The CAS Arbitrator observed that for each sport both Sportaccord and the International Olympic Committee only recognize one ISF governing each Sport on a world level but that the recognition of a Sport is determined at three different levels, namely world, continental and national.

The IDBF met these terms of SportAccord membership – then GAISF, in 2007 and the CAS confirmed in 2008, that by becoming a member of Sportaccord the IDBF was recognized to be the only ISF governing its Sport on a world level.

With regard to Dragon Boating, the CAS observed that ‘Dragon Boat’ is the definition of a sport discipline but first is a description of a special type of boat and that since 1994 the dragon boats used for racing follow specifications made by the IDBF.

The CAS also observed that IDBF boat and paddle specifications are followed internationally and that other organisations in the Sport followed these in their own Dragon Boat Racing Rules.

The recognition and status of the IDBF as the only World Governing Body for the Sport, was accepted by the IOC Sports Department in 2009.

The IOC also accepts that Dragon Boating is a distinct Sport - a criteria for IOC recognition, with its own unique history and culture.

As a result the IOC Sports Dept sent to the IDBF application forms for recognition as an IOC ISF. The process of becoming an IOC recognized ISF is ongoing and is expected to be completed in 2016, at the latest.

THE GOVERNANCE & RECOGNITION OF DRAGON BOATING AT CONTINENTAL LEVEL.

Since its foundation in 1991, by twelve Countries and Territories, the IDBF has established Continental Dragon Boat Federations for Asia (ADBF), Africa (DBFA), Europe (EDBF), Oceania (ODBF) and Pan America (PANAMDBF). The ADBF and EDBF have regularly held Continental Championships since the early 1990's.

In 2005 the Asian Dragon Boat Federation (ADBF) as an IDBF Continental Federation, was formally recognised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) as the OCA Member Continental Federation for the Sport in Asia.

THE GOVERNANCE & RECOGNITION OF THE SPORT AT NATIONAL LEVEL.

As the IDBF Members are the constituent bodies of the federation, it follows that through the IDBF's recognition by Sportaccord, the IDBF Members are de facto the Governing Bodies for the Sport in their own Countries and Territories.

In most International Federations, some of their Members' represent more than one Sport. This is the case too within the IDBF Membership, where a small number of the Members are also Rowing and or Canoeing Federations.

This does not present a problem for the IDBF, as such IDBF Members do their dragon boating with the IDBF, their Rowing with FISA and their Canoeing with the ICF.

THE RIGHT OF A SPORTS ORGANISATION TO HOLD WORLD OR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS' IN A SPORT.

A further question asked of the CAS was, "Can two international federations organize events and/or world championships in the same Sport"

The CAS view on this question was that recognition of an ISF by the IOC or Sportaccord, is only valid within the protocols of International Sports Organisations, because the rules and regulations of sporting organisations, including Membership conditions and sporting event titles, are private law as distinct from public law which is enacted by governments and upheld by the Civil Courts of Law.

There is no public law that restricts individuals or organisations to organising just their own sports and therefore it is not 'illegal' for anyone to organise any sports event.

In consequence any ISF can organise any sport it chooses, as well as its own and can give the title of 'championships' to any sport that it organises, including world level events.

The same rationale applies at continental, regional and national levels. However, whilst it can be the case that there is more than one 'world organisation' for a Sport – boxing, for example.

Dragon Boating has been regularly featured in the South East Asian Games, the East Asian Games and in the 2008 Asian Beach Games and the 2010 Asian Games.

In all these Multi Sports Games, Dragon Boat Racing is held under IDBF Rules and Regulations and the entries and competitions come under the jurisdiction of the ADBF. At the 2010 Asian Games, Dragon Boat Racing attracted the biggest TV viewing figures of all the Sports in the Games.

This, of course, does not preclude such Members combining Sports' for their own National Championships.

So from the CAS statements it can be seen that the recognition of an ISF from the 'bottom up' comes from the participants in a Sport, that is, the 'Members' who are the Sport's owners and they decide who their governing bodies are, at all levels.

For Dragon Boating by the wishes and votes of Dragon Boaters throughout the world, this is clearly the IDBF and its' continental federations at International level and the IDBF Members at National and Territorial level.

It is rare if unknown, in the world of Sport for one organisation to hold championships in a Sport other than its own. Why would they, why would boxing organisations want to organise wrestling matches or rugby football organise soccer matches or American Football. It does not make sense to try and govern another person's Sport.

Having said that, with regard to Dragon Boat Sport, the IDBF does not object to other Sports Federations holding their own Dragon Boat Championships, however, such events cannot carry any authority as recognised World, Continental or National Championships for Dragon Boating as they do not come under the governance of the IDBF or its Members.

The IDBF, its Continental Federations and its Members, are the only recognised Governing Bodies for the Sport, as determined by the private law protocols of Sportaccord and clarified by the CAS.

The IDBF's policy in this area of its governance, is that in line with the accepted Sportaccord and IOC protocols of ISF recognition, the only legitimate 'World', 'Continental' or 'National' Dragon Boat Championships for the Sport, are those organised by the IDBF, its Continental Federations, Regional Organisations and the IDBF Members.



2014 ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS MACAU, CHINA



SPORTACCORD CANNOT AVOID CHALLENGES



When Marius Vizer took aim at the IOC a week ago in his “welcoming” speech at the open of the SportAccord Convention in Sochi, he managed to turn a simmering dispute into a chasm of doubt that could swallow the future of the sports body.

The SportAccord President, known to be unhappy over the way he believes the organization has been marginalized by the IOC, took his complaints public in the speech with IOC president Thomas Bach sitting just a few feet away.

Vizer may have good reasons to feel slighted by the IOC, which decided not to hold an Executive Board meeting in conjunction with SportAccord for the first time since it began in 2003. The IOC also kept the annual convention off the list of approved events where cities bidding for the 2022 Winter Olympics could campaign, another staple of SportAccord's past.

Both were serious blows to the prestige of an event that otherwise is the world's premier networking spot for international federations, consultants and others in the Olympic sports industry.

Bold, brave and unapologetic, Marius Vizer set the Olympic sports world abuzz with his comments, beliefs he says are shared by many. Vizer says he's just giving them a voice. Now he faces the consequences of his candor.

Within hours of the speech, more than a dozen Summer Olympic federations had signed a letter expressing their sharp disagreement with the tone and substance of the remarks by the SportAccord president. These federation leaders say they were blindsided by what Vizer had to say, that he failed to inform them as to what was about to go down. A day later, the mutiny was nearly complete with 27 of the 28 summer federations voting to suspend the membership of their Association of Summer Olympic International Federations in SportAccord. The only one not in favour was the International Judo Federation, its president Marius Vizer.



In the somewhat complicated world of SportAccord, it's hard to understand what effect that suspension might have. The association for the summer federations is one of the financial stakeholders of SportAccord, along with the Winter Olympic sports association and the association representing sports not on the Olympic programme.

The three stakeholders are supposed to share in the revenues generated by the SportAccord Convention as well as oversee the management of SportAccord. This side of the operation deals with development of the international federations and new multi-sports events, such as Beach Games, Combat Games and Urban Games. The IOC has also snubbed SportAccord efforts to launch these new events, another source of friction in the relationship between SportAccord and the IOC.

But now he has drawn the ire of Olympic sports federations that are needed for these events to gain critical mass. If the federations choose not to participate in these events, it remains to be seen whether they can proceed. At immediate risk are the 2017 Combat Games in Lima and the 2019 Beach Games in Sochi. What's a Beach Games without beach volleyball? Or how about Combat Games without boxing?

Despite their dismay about Vizer's standoff with the IOC, the Olympic federations are not proposing to abandon the side of SportAccord that produces the annual convention, a money-maker for the feds. According to the official report by SportAccord, the convention generated 360,000 Swiss francs in revenue in 2014 when it was held in Belek, Turkey. But while the federations don't want to lose their stake in the convention, it may be sponsors, exhibitors and delegates who abandon the event.

Other SportAccord participants may drop out over more practical business factors. The decision to host the event in Russia for the next three years is not sitting well in the SportAccord family. The schedule now calls for Sochi in 2016, followed by Moscow and St. Petersburg. Delegates and exhibitors complain about travel difficulties, the hassle of visas and perhaps most importantly, diminished attendance. Many believe another year in Sochi and the SportAccord Convention will be damaged.



How such an unpopular decision could be made without the consultation of key stakeholders in SportAccord touches on a lack of transparency that the organization must address. *Around the Rings* was repeatedly stonewalled over the last six months when inquiries were made about rumors of an extended run for the convention in Russia.

In the interests of disclosure, I speak as a principal in a business that is a media partner of SportAccord and that spends a sizable portion of its marketing budget to send staff and pay for an exhibit. It's good business for *Around the Rings*. But these developments are as worrisome to us as they are to fellow delegates and exhibitors. And not to sound nostalgic, but I am one of the handful of SportAccord veterans

who have been to every edition since Madrid in 2003. I am a fan of the event and want to see it grow and prosper. I'm not sure it's headed in the right direction. International Ice Hockey Federation president Rene Fasel likens the dispute between SportAccord and the IOC to a hockey match.

“We fight, we hit, we behave badly, but at the end of the game we shake hands and drink a beer,” said Fasel last week in Sochi. “What I expect, is that at the end Thomas and Marius will shake hands and drink a beer,” he predicts.

“The most important thing is not to start a war.” The shooting, however, appears to have already started. Peacemakers are now needed. Beer to be served when the cease fire takes hold.

Written by **Ed Hula**, Editor *Around The Rings (ATR) Magazine*

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(Dragon Boat Festivals and Event Organisers – as at 1 January 2015)

FESTIVALS: (29)

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Istanbul Dragon Festival	Trk	website: www.dragonfestivali.com
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GHANA RACES:

Right:-

Deputy Minister of Sport centre with IDBF President. CEO of Ghana Sports Council (lady) right with IDBF Treasurer and President, Nigerian DBA far left.

Left:

CEO of Ghana Sports Council left, with IDBF Treasurer and President, Nigerian DBA. Centre Minister of Education, IDBF President and Minister's Staff member.



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**AND BY WAY OF A CHANGE –
WHITE WATER DRAGON BOATING.**

Courtesy of the Czech Dragon Boat Federation Facebook Page - I'm in!.

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as at 08 April 2015

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