



# Seattle SAKE Dragon Boat Club

## Club Newsletter

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### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 3/1 ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

If you weren't able to make it to the 3/1 Annual Club Meeting, shame on you! Just kidding. But you did miss out on not just a touching performance by Renee Tackett but an informative meeting that sets the stage for the upcoming year. Below is a high-level summary of initiatives and reports that were presented at the meeting.

We have posted the presentation itself as well as the treasurer's report on the clubsake.com website and Team Cowboy and I encourage you to review it – especially the highlights from 2010:

[http://www.clubsake.com/documents/ClubSake\\_AnnualMtg\\_2011.pdf](http://www.clubsake.com/documents/ClubSake_AnnualMtg_2011.pdf)

[http://www.clubsake.com/documents/Club\\_Sake\\_Annual\\_Treasurer\\_Report\\_2010.pdf](http://www.clubsake.com/documents/Club_Sake_Annual_Treasurer_Report_2010.pdf)



#### Communications:

- Team Cowboy: To encourage communication and community within the club, a Team Cowboy instance will be set up for the Club at large. Invites will be sent out to 2011 Members.
- Website Updates: Phase I will be a facelift that reorganizes and expands on the content using the current design/infrastructure; Phase II will be more intense redesign with additional functionality.
- Newsletter: Redesigned in 2010; survey to come out to get feedback on usage and format.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- No increases in membership dues AGAIN for the 4<sup>th</sup> year!
- Financial health of club in good standing with \$34k in reserves.
- Majority of 2010's Revenue (\$29k) came primarily from donations (including corporate matching of volunteer hours) and membership. Majority of 2010's Expenses (\$19k) were from moorage and boat repairs/maintenance.
- Overall profit for 2010 was \$10k. Nice Job Peyton!

#### Equipment:

- 7 boats, 91 paddles and 98 life vests – that's a lot to keep track of!
- Maintenance budget was \$6k for 2010; used about \$5k of that.
- Volunteer assistance via work parties allows us to save money on basic repairs and keep costs of dues low.
- Moving toward engaging with professional 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to handle major repairs.

#### Membership:

- 268 members this year – ALMOST a tying record with last year's 270.
- Rolled out Membership Referral Bonus Program (30% off dues) in 2010.
- Revised Membership Referral Program starting April 2011 will provide thank you gift for each referral up to a certain maximum.

#### 2011 Initiatives:

- Club Sake Competitive Team
- Celebrating Life! Festival Partnership
- Eastside Expansion
- Paddling and/or Coaching Clinic
- Spring Intramural Race
- Revisiting Boat Maintenance methodology to maximize assets

### SAVE THE DATE

**>April 10**  
**Competitive Team Try Outs**  
**11:00am – 4:00pm**  
**Sail Sand Point @ Magnuson Park, Seattle**  
RSVP to the event on TCowboy or contact Lesley Blyth ([lkblyth@hotmail.com](mailto:lkblyth@hotmail.com)) if interested in the try-outs and the Long Beach Race!

**>April 16**  
**Boat Maintenance Party**  
**South Dock, Leschi Marina**  
RSVP to the event on TCowboy or contact Tavo Arzola at [equipment@clubsake.com](mailto:equipment@clubsake.com)

**>May 7**  
**Windermere Cup 2011**  
**Montlake Cut, Seattle**  
Come join the rest of the Seattle boating community for this fun annual tradition! Club Sake needs volunteers to fill 2 boats. Get details and RSVP to the event on TCowboy.

**>May 21**  
**Boat Maintenance Party**  
**South Dock, Leschi Marina**  
RSVP to the event on TCowboy or contact Tavo Arzola at [equipment@clubsake.com](mailto:equipment@clubsake.com)

**>July 17**  
**Club Sake Picnic**  
**10:30am – 4:00pm**  
**Newcastle Beach Park**  
Ilana and Colleen are looking for one person (or more) from each team to help plan the picnic. Date and details for planning meeting to come on TCowboy. Contact Ilana ([pr@clubsake.com](mailto:pr@clubsake.com)) or Colleen ([vp@clubsake.com](mailto:vp@clubsake.com)) in the interim.

**>September 3**  
**Seattle Celebrating Life!**  
**Stan Sayres Park**

## THINGS TO NOTE:

### >Winter Wednesday Night Practices – DONE!

With the new practicing season upon us, the Winter Wednesday Night Practices will no longer be held.

Thank you Bea and Jean for making this weekly event such a success this year!

### >Team Cowboy: You're Invited!

If you are a 2011 Member, you should be receiving an invite to join the new Club Sake's Team Cowboy Instance (if you haven't already). You should also be getting a one-sheet on some of the features and how to access the site. Please accept the invite and sign up! During the season, a lot of information and invites will be posted only on Team Cowboy so stay informed! [clubsake.teamcowboy.com](http://clubsake.teamcowboy.com) Please note that we are still working on a finalized membership list for 2011 and there may be a slight delay in getting members whose membership dues were submitted at the 3/19 extended meeting.

### >Website: Snap Happy?

Are you a shutterbug? If so, send me your photos for the revised Club Sake website. We're looking for photos for the home page that showcase the various aspects of our Club – races, practices, social events, volunteer events. If you have any high-ish resolution dynamic photos, please submit them to [comm@clubsake.com](mailto:comm@clubsake.com).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

In case you missed the highly anticipated election at the club-wide meeting, we are delighted to announce our 3 new board members! All 3 bring experience to their specific roles and we're looking forward to the energy and ideas they bring to the Club! Please take a moment when you see them on the water to congratulate them and thank them for being willing to volunteer their extra-curricular time for the good of the Club.



*Sue Amott: Treasurer*



*Tavo Arzola: Equipment Mgr.*



*Colleen Ferris: President-Elect*

## THANK YOU OUT-GOING BOARD MEMBERS!

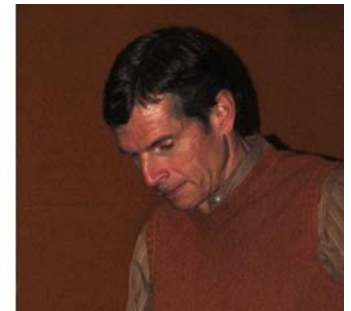
Congratulations to Dave Mentz, Peyton Gaunt and Hai Tran for a) a job well done and b) for making it through your 2-year term (phew!). Talk about 3 of the hardest working board members you'll ever come across! Their collective steadfast commitment to the Club was manifested by their consistent leadership and their many achievements over the past 2 years. So pat them on the back, and buy them a well-deserved coffee or beer sometime. Thank you Dave, Peyton & Hai!



*Hai Tran: Equipment Mgr.*



*Peyton Gaunt: Treasurer*



*Dave Mentz: President*

## NEW TEAM BREWING!

Some roving club members are creating a new, mixed team without any other requirements except the love of paddling. Please spread the word and **help recruit for this new team!** Contact Cheri at [cheri@interflight.com](mailto:cheri@interflight.com)

## INTRAMURAL RACE IN SPRING!

Want to have a little friendly race with your fellow Club teams and/or area teams (like Seattle Flying Dragons and Kent DB Club)? We thought so! Dave Mentz is working on coordinating an informal Intramural race on Lake Washington in April or May. More details to come on Team Cowboy! In the meantime, **contact Dave Mentz at [dave.mentz@medtronic.com](mailto:dave.mentz@medtronic.com) if you want to help or participate.**

## HAPPY TRAILERS TO YOU: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

From time to time, boats need to be pulled out of Lake Washington and trailered to other locations. For example, we recently took two boats in for fiberglass repairs and in past years, we've taken boats to Lake Sammamish for a race. As the new equipment manager, Tavo would like to have a roster of club members he can call upon when the need to move the boats comes up. **If you have a truck or SUV that can tow at least 1800 lbs. and can handle a tongue weight up to 100-150 lbs., and are willing to help out, please send an email to [equipment@clubsake.com](mailto:equipment@clubsake.com).** By sending an email, you aren't obligated to anything – you are just giving Tavo permission to contact you to see if you are available when the need arises.

## REPORT A PROBLEMO TO TAVO

It can happen at any time and to anyone. If equipment breaks while you or your team is using it, or if you notice missing or damaged equipment, please let Tavo know immediately. He'd prefer that 10 people let him know something is broken than not know at all.

This year it is more important than in past years to report broken and missing equipment as soon as possible. In order to give everyone the practice time they wanted, it was necessary to schedule every boat on Saturday morning. If something breaks on a boat during the week and no one reports it, you can be sure one of your fellow teams will not be going on Saturday.

**If you notice broken equipment, please send an email to [equipment@clubsake.com](mailto:equipment@clubsake.com).** If you are reporting missing equipment, please let Tavo know all of the places you looked. If you are reporting damaged equipment, please include a picture or two of the damage (if you can) and any information about how and when the damage occurred. You can find this and other instructions posted inside every locker.

## THEY'RE BACK! BOAT MAINTENANCE WORK PARTIES

**We will continue the work parties on the third Saturday of each month.** The board has decided to farm out the more serious work because it was too much to fit into the work party sessions. Our Club dues are some of the lowest in the area because club members volunteer to take care of most of the maintenance. Typical maintenance activities are to replace ropes and bumpers, paint the center beams, wash life jackets, varnish paddles, and pressure wash boats. Please let your team captains know if you are available for the work parties – every individual's efforts are important. **You can sign up for the work parties on Team Cowboy!**

## HOW ARE WE DOING? CONTACT THE BOARD

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## 2011 PRACTICE SCHEDULE

- **Absolut Sake**  
Tuesdays 6:30pm  
Saturdays 9:30am
- **Habu Sake:**  
Mondays 6:00pm  
Thursdays 6:00pm
- **Hot Sake:**  
Tuesdays 6:30pm  
Saturdays 9:30am
- **Sakeccino Sake:**  
Wednesdays 6:00pm  
Saturdays 9:30am
- **Survivor Sake:**  
Tuesdays 6:00pm  
Saturdays 9:30am
- **Team Junior Spitfire:**  
Mondays 6:00pm  
Thursdays 6:00pm  
Saturdays 9:30am
- **Team Spitfire Sake:**  
Tuesdays 6:00pm  
Thursdays 6:00pm  
Saturdays 9:00am
- **Vintage Sake:**  
Mondays 6:30pm  
Thursdays 6:30pm  
Saturdays 8:00am

## 2011 RACE SCHEDULE

**St. Martin's (4/30)**  
Absolut, Hot, Survivor, Team Spitfire  
**Tacoma Rainier (5/14)**  
Habu (?), Hot, Sakeccino  
**False Creek (5/28)**  
Survivor Sake  
**Vancouver Alcan (6/11-12)**  
Absolut, Hot, Sakeccino (?), Team Spitfire, Vintage  
**Salem World Beat (6/26)**  
Survivor  
**Kent (7/9)**  
Absolut, Habu (?), Hot, Sakeccino, Survivor, Team Spitfire, Vintage  
**Harrison (7/23)**  
Vintage  
**Long Beach (7/30-31)**  
Club Comp Team  
**Victoria (8/13-14)**  
Habu (?), Hot  
**Celebrating Life! (9/3)**  
Hot, Sakeccino, Survivor  
**Portland (9/10-11)**  
Habu (?), Team Spitfire  
**San Francisco (9/17-18)**  
Hot  
**Las Vegas (10/8)**  
Absolut  
**San Diego (10/22-23)**  
Hot