



SEATTLE SAKE DRAGON BOAT CLUB



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2010 Club Sake Annual Meeting and Election

This is a reminder that the Club Sake Annual Meeting and election is coming up on Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the downtown Seattle REI in the North meeting room. Refreshments will be provided.

Everyone is encouraged to attend what will be a fun and interactive evening, including a video/slide show featuring all the Club teams and highlights from the past season, a brief highlight of the “State of the Club,” and an opportunity for all members to provide feedback and suggestions to help set the future direction for the Club. There will also be a clearance sale of Club SAKE merchandize. Grey Owl paddles will be offered at a special price of \$40. Come and see with other items are for sale.

The other important activity at the meeting will be to elect the new officers for the open Board positions. New this year is the President-elect position (formerly the Vice President): the President-elect will serve a one year term in that position, then move into the President position for a one year term. A President-elect will be elected annually: for this transition year, the former Vice President (Dave Mentz) will move into the President position until the newly elected President-elect moves into that position in one year.

2010 Candidates *(see attached platform statements):

President-elect: Dena Singleton

Secretary: Joan Poochoon

Communications Manager: Nara Zitner

Membership/Public Relations Manager: Ilana Trager

Voting Process:

To be eligible to vote, the Treasurer (Peyton Gaunt) must have received your 2010 membership dues by February 28. Ballots will be handed out at the meeting for you to cast your vote. In the event you are not able to attend the meeting, you may vote either by proxy (someone else casts your vote for you at the meeting) or by absentee ballot (you must request an absentee ballot and return it by the deadline).

To vote by Proxy: Provide an e-mail or written note stating who you are and whom you designate as your proxy (the person who will cast your vote at the meeting on your behalf). On the day of the election, the person who will cast your vote at the meeting must present the e-mail or note to complete your proxy vote. Both the proxy and voter must be a member in good standing (2010 dues paid).

To vote by Absentee ballot: To request an absentee ballot, you must be a member in good standing and send an e-mail request to comm@clubsake.com from the e-mail account listed in your membership form, with the subject “Absentee Ballot Request” **Your ballot must be returned to comm@clubsake.com by 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2010.**

Your attendance at this meeting is important. Beyond the election process, this meeting will serve as a valuable way for you to both get information about Club SAKE and to provide input about the future direction of the Club. Be sure to join your fellow Club members on March 2—you’ll be glad that you did!

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1. VICTORIA CLIPPER PACKAGES

Information from Anita Steele, Vintage SAKE:

I've been given the following quote from the Victoria Clipper:

CHATEAU VICTORIA PACKAGE PRICING:

Per person based on quad occupancy: \$190.50 US
Per person based on triple occupancy: \$202.50 US
Per person based on double occupancy: \$245.50 US
Per person based on single occupancy: \$400.50 US

INN AT LAUREL POINT PACKAGE PRICING:

Per person based on quad occupancy: \$248.50 US
Per person based on triple occupancy: \$276.50 US
Per person based on double occupancy: \$332.00 US
Per person based on single occupancy: \$574.00 US

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

DAY 1, FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010

- Transportation aboard the Victoria Clipper departing Seattle at 8:30 am or 3:15 pm
- Travel time approximately 2.5 hours
- Optional add-on: Clipper Continental Breakfast Basket at \$5.50 pp, pre-ordered
- Overnight accommodations in Victoria at the Chateau Victoria or Laurel Point

DAY 2, SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

- Dragon Boat Festival – on own
- Overnight accommodations in Victoria at the Chateau Victoria or Laurel Point

DAY 3, SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010

- Transportation aboard the Victoria Clipper departing Victoria at 5:30 pm or 7:00 PM
- Travel time approximately 2.5 hours
- Optional add-on: Clipper Light Dinner Basket at \$6.50 pp, pre-ordered

Captains: Please let me know by 2/28/2010 if your team would be interested in these packages. Email me at anita98103@yahoo.com.
Anita Steele, Vintage SAKE.

Reminders

1. EXTENDED BOARD MEETING

Please reserve Saturday, March 13 at noon for an Extended Board Meeting . It will be held in the meeting room at the Madison Park Starbucks, 4000 East Madison Ave, Seattle, WA 98112. We will be discussing the practice schedule and other club issues.

MEMBER NEWS

Reminders

1. NEW REGIONAL WOMENS TEAM

The Chicks - Join a Competitive and Fun Women's Team for 2010 Racing Season

In past years, some women paddlers from clubs throughout the region have joined forces to compete in the Women's Division of 2-3 festivals. This year, some paddlers from the Nagas, Kent, some Portland area clubs....and hopefully SAKE too -- will come together to compete in three festivals.

Jules Halvarson, from the Nagas in Tacoma, and Ayla Montgomery, from USA Dragon Boating in Portland, will coach the team. Practices will be scheduled in either Tacoma or Seattle, depending upon the composition of the team.

If you have at least three years of paddling experience and want to compete with a group of women paddlers from throughout the region, consider joining The Chicks for 2010. Send your name, team name and contact information to Jules at jules_halvarson@yahoo.com If you have questions, feel free to call Jules at 206-498-7200.

Please confirm your initial interest by March 1. Another email will follow to all interested.

CANDIDATE PLATFORM STATEMENTS

PRESIDENT-ELECT

I am humbly asking for your support as I seek the office of Club Sake President-elect. The Board and especially the President exist to serve and advance the needs of the general membership and if elected I promise to take a servant-leader approach to my position. My vision is to continue on the path set by the current board of partnering with our sister clubs in Seattle and Portland and to continue to build Seattle's reputation as host of a high quality Dragon boat race.

During the 5.5 years I have been in Seattle I have been fortunate enough to have many opportunities to provide leadership to my local community, many of these opportunities have been based in the Dragon Boat arena.

- Active Club SAKE member - 5 years
- Hot Sake Paddler team member - 4 years
- Vintage Sake coach - 2.5 years
- Coach of Group Health Celebrating Life team - 3 years (Two year winner of the illustrious Specimen Cup ☺)
- Arranged a Seattle based paddling clinic that served over 120 people (with a lot of help from Karin C.)
- Frequent volunteer for Club outreach activities
- Board of Directors for Team Survivor Northwest - 1 year

The strength of Club SAKE is that we are 7 independent teams (with a healthy dose of internal competition) who work together to grow the Seattle Dragon Boat culture. I will build upon this great structure to continue to strengthen the club.

While in office I will prioritize building a road map for how we get a club team in a World competition venue. We have all dreamed about this on our individual teams; let's make this reality as a club! I will also work on building a stronger relationship with the community where we paddle, working with TSNW to build the size of the Seattle Dragonboat race and continuing to advance the financial security of the club

I have received so much from the club in the way of friendship, health, great memories; even my mother has raced with Survivor SAKE! I would just like an opportunity to give back to you who have given so much to me.

I was recently reminded of the words of one of our fellow club member. Last year at this time, Koichi reminded all of us that "there is room for all who run for office to serve the club" I would like to expand upon that and say there is room for all who want to help the club to serve. Today, I am not only asking for your support in my bid to serve as President Elect, I am also encouraging you to serve Club SAKE to the best of your ability.

Many thanks,

Dena Singleton

SECRETARY

I have been a Sake Club member since 2006! I am running for the Secretary position because I know that I will bring organization and efficiency to the Club.

As a manager for several very large departments at the current work, I am responsible for monthly team meetings and getting information out to all my staff in a timely manner. I am a very organized individual and take my work seriously. I will bring the same organized skills as your Club Secretary.

I am interested in serving on the Board, because I want to have a voice in the decisions that are being made which will affect all team members. It is important to have a voice in an organization that participates in a larger scale of things.

Thank you for your consideration!

Joan Poochoon

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

During my 2.5 years with Hot Sake, I've learned a couple of things like... that you can always rotate more, that winter endurance practices are actually something to look forward to, and how rewarding dragon boating is with its unique mixture of camaraderie, community and competition. Due to my enthusiasm for the sport itself and the desire to contribute to the Club as a whole by becoming more actively involved, I would appreciate your consideration of me for the role of Communications Manager.

As a project manager for an interactive agency by day, I'm a task master at heart and I believe I bring specific skills that will translate well for this role and which can benefit the Club. Besides having a solid background in web-related technologies, I have a knack for inspiring a collaborative environment to accomplish goals, and coordinating tasks and timelines across a variety of teams to ensure quality and timely completion.

If elected as Communications Manager, I would work diligently with the Board and individual teams to develop comprehensive but concise internal announcements on a regular basis and ensure it reflects the collective spirit of the Club. I would also work directly with the webmaster with three goals in mind: a) maintain the website on a regular basis to provide a resource for club members that provides current information whether upcoming events/information or results of recent achievements; b) develop a representative "voice" of Club Sake that promotes the club's inclusive personality via outreach (primarily through the website) for the public at large; and c) explore new technologies such as multi-media and social media to further enhance Club Sake's "brand" and its accessibility for potentially new and old members alike.

All in all, the Communications Manager plays an integral role in not just simply disseminating on-going news and keeping all teams and members informed, but encouraging everyone in the Club to become or remain engaged, and promoting the Club Sake community as a whole. I believe with my personal skills, my commitment to the sport and my proactive, positive personality, I would provide the Club with an efficient and effective conduit for two-way communication and be a strong advocate of its progress and success.

Thanks

Nara Zitner

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER

I'm honored to run for election as Membership/PR Manager of Club Sake. This board position appeals to me because I used to work in non-profit organizations managing annual fund, events, and membership programs at institutions such as Pacific Science Center, KUOW, and Bellevue Arts Museum. One of the many lessons I learned on the job is that an organization like ours exists to serve our members and the community. If elected, that service will be my focus.

This is my fourth season with Club Sake, and dragon boating has become a very important part of my life. With my background and commitment to the club, I think I would be a great fit with this position. I hope you'll agree at our annual meeting and vote for me.

Thanks for the opportunity!

Ilana Trager