

CLUB SAKE NEWS – July 30, 2009

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Captain News

New Information

1. NO PRACTICES AUGUST 22

The Seattle Race and Celebrating Life! Festival is August 22. No practices will be held this day.

2. BANNERS

PR is working on tall sail-type banners (you may have seen something similar used by Flying Dragons). All team captains please email your team name and logo in a pdf or hi-res graphic version to Gordon (gordhom@yahoo.com) by August 3rd otherwise your team might only get a generic Club SAKE banner

Reminders

1. RACE ROSTERS

Thanks to Habu, Vintage and Survivor who turned in their rosters, I'm still waiting to receive rosters from our other teams. Race rosters are due to the board within 2 weeks of participating in a race. Please email to comm@clubsake.com. Help us keep our records updated.

2. RACE RESULTS

Please let us know how you did in any races you participate in so we can let the rest of the club know in a future edition of CLUB SAKE NEWS.

3. NO PRACTICES AUGUST 1

The Seafair Hydro Races are August 2. Boats will start moving into the log boon on July 29. All practices on August 1 are cancelled. No dragon boats are allowed out on that day. Please notify your team.

Member News

New Information

1. LESCHI ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON AUGUST 15

SAKE volunteers are needed to help promote dragonboating and Club SAKE. This unique opportunity in Club SAKE's own front yard allows the Club to "give back" to the Leschi community by having an info booth and offering dragonboat rides to the public for a small donation, the proceeds of which will go towards Leschi community services. Volunteers are needed to help at the booth and at least 6 experienced paddlers from 11 am -3 pm. Matthew Goosen has offered to be the tiller. For more information and to volunteer, contact Matthew (matthew.goossen@gmail.com) or Gordon (gordhom@yahoo.com).

2. MERLIN PADDLES

The new U.S. distributor for Merlin dragonboat paddles has offered Club SAKE a discount off their already low US price on orders of 10+ paddles. This Australian manufacturer is trying to build U.S. marketshare and have been successful in Canada and much of Asia. Contact Gordon (gordhom@yahoo.com) with any questions or check out the Merlin website at <http://www.merlingearusa.com/Home.htm>

- CD2 is all carbon fiber weighing in around 440 grams (15 oz). The regular price is \$190 but with an order of 10+ the price is \$175 each plus shipping.
- TD2 is for those wanting a lighter paddle but at a lower price. This paddle has a carbon shaft and fiberglass blade and weighs in around 480 grams (16 oz). Regular price is \$165 but with an order of 10+ paddles it is \$150 each plus shipping. The TD2 blade also comes in pink. Teams who order 20+ TD2 paddles will still pay \$150 each but Merlin will customize them with your team's logo and in your team's colors.

3. HABU NEEDS PADDLERS FOR VICTORIA

Habu is looking for some paddlers to fill their roster for the Victoria race on August 15 – 16. Victoria is a great race venue and I hear Habu may have a deal on the Victoria Clipper. Contact Dan Hamilton dwolf73@hotmail.com.

Reminders

1. DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR CELEBRATING LIFE! RAFFLE

Survivor SAKE is again chairing the yearly RAFFLE at our August race to raise funds for TSNW programs. It's a chance to contribute all sorts of items to be included in approximately 12 "raffle bundles". These bundles will be organized around dragons and/or dragon boating. (However, the items – be they large, small or in between – do not necessarily have to be dragon items.) Some ideas for raffle donations are children's items, animal/pet items, craft/handmade items, food, art work, jewelry, clothing, dragon boating gear, general dragon stuff and so on.

We're also looking for one or two BIG items that will be part of a special ticket raffle.

Contact Diana Chien (dnychien@att.net) or Bea Wells (bea@miraclesandwonders.com) with your donation(s) no later than the end of July.

2. PADDLING GLOVES FOR SALE

Bea Wells has cold water gloves for sale at \$20.00. This is a fund raiser for Survivor SAKE. The gloves are rubber with fleece lining. Most places they sell for \$20.00 except on line, but by the time you pay postage it comes to \$20.00 or more. Contact Bea at bea@miraclesandwonders.com if you'd like to buy a pair or two.

3. SEATTLE CELEBRATING LIFE! DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Seattle Celebrating Life! Dragon Boat Festival will be Saturday and Sunday, August 22-23rd at Magnuson Park in Seattle, Washington. Volunteer with us for a fabulous weekend of fun, festivities and awareness!

This year's race is sponsored by Team Survivor Northwest (TSNW), a non-profit organization supporting women in their cancer recovery through fitness and health education.

TSNW is collaborating with Pacific Dragon Boat Association (PDBA) and Club SAKE to host the Seattle Celebrating Life! Dragon Boat Festival. This Festival includes a one-day community race and PDBA qualifying races for the World Club Crew Championships in Macau.

We would like Club SAKE volunteers for technical positions. We will have a professional management association setting up the course and assisting with race day but we know there are some SAKE members who have experience in these areas: Starting Tent, Timing Tent, Water Ops, Marshaling.

(Of course, if you would like to volunteer for other aspects of the race: setup, take down, beer garden, etc., you are also welcome!)

We will need volunteers to help on Saturday and Sunday. Each volunteer shift is about 4 hours.

However, we want SAKE teams to participate in the race so please keep that in mind. We do not want this to affect your participation.

How to get started- Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Therese Chambers (425) 761-4067 marytheresechambers@hotmail.com with the following:

1. The day(s) you would prefer to volunteer (Friday afternoon for set up, Saturday and Sunday)
2. Time restrictions if you have any on any particular day
3. What times you are available (4 hour shifts range from 6am to 7pm on Saturday and 7am to 8pm on Sunday and Friday afternoon- general idea of early morning, late morning, early afternoon, late afternoon, early evening is fine)
4. If you have a special skill please let us know.

One more thing---**If you would like to help out in other ways you can join the SAKE members who have already volunteered to head up certain areas---you can contact them directly:**

*Help coach a community team - Contact Dina Stark at dstark@starbucks.com,

*Donate a raffle item - Contact Diana Chen dnchien@att.net,

*Till for one of the community team practices - Contact Curtis Lu at curtislu@gmail.com,

*Share your musical talents - or suggest a friend -- for our musical stage - Contact Mika Imori at mika.imori@kingcounty.gov

Thanks so much

Pam & Denise

Co-Chairs

Seattle Celebrating Life! Dragon Boat Festival

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4. COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD

If you have any questions or concerns for the SAKE Board, you can talk with one of the board members or send an email to comm@clubsake.com

2009 SAKE Board Members

- President: Matthew Goossen, Absolut SAKE
- Vice President: Dave Mentz, Team SAKE
- Secretary: Karin Carmignani, Habu SAKE
- Treasurer: Peyton Gaunt, Vintage SAKE
- Equipment Manager: Hai Tran, Hot SAKE
- Public Relations Manager: Gordon Hom, Absolut SAKE
- Communications Manager: Anita Steele, Vintage SAKE

Also, don't forget about our Club SAKE website, www.clubsake.com. You can find the latest news, board minutes, Rules and Regulations and other helpful information.