

CLUB SAKE NEWS – August 11, 2009

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Captain News

New Information

1. USE OF BUKS

Captains: Please note that use of a BUK must be scheduled in advance with the Communications Manager, Anita Steele (comm@clubsake.com). If you are not scheduled for a BUK, please do not take it out. A copy of the BUK Schedule is attached.

Reminders

1. NO PRACTICES AUGUST 22

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

2. BANNERS

Gordon is still waiting for the logos from **Team SAKE, Sakecinno and Hot SAKE**. Please get them to him ASAP.

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

Member News

New Information

1. USE OF BUKS

Members: Please note the use of a BUK must be scheduled in advance with the Communications Manager, Anita Steele (comm@clubsake.com). Please note that if you are helping with a Celebrating Life! team, you cannot use the BUK without prior arrangement.

2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLUB SAKE BOOTH AT SEATTLE RACE

Volunteers are needed to help man the Club Sake info booth at the Seattle Race on August 22 and 23. We will have the tent, table, pictures and brochures. Just need people to be there to answer questions throughout the day and encourage people to join the club. Even if people can spend some time between their races or doing other volunteer stuff would be a help. Please let Gordon Hom (gordhom@yahoo.com) know if you are available.

3. DEDICATION OF “LOLO BEN” IN MEMORY OF BEN LAURENTE

Ben Laurente was a member of WDBA who passed away at the end of a practice earlier this year.

The Dragon Boat Community, Ben's family and friends will gather on Saturday, August 15, at the Foss Waterway Seaport Museum for a memorial on the water and dedication of the Lolo Ben boat.

Please see the attached flyer for details, and please feel free to forward this on to others you think would like to know about it. WDBA has invited Blind Ambition and members of the Portland-area Pick-Up Chicks, Seattle Sake, Tacoma Dragon Boat Association and teams from the Asian American Dragon Boat Association. We expect to have 6 boats filled with paddlers to remember Ben, followed by a potluck and celebration of his life.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Linda Ripley (llr@usor.com) or me directly.

4. HABU NEEDS A TILLER OR CALLER FOR SEATTLE RACE

Habu would like to inquire with the club to see about getting either a caller OR a tiller for the Seattle races. Contact Dan Hamilton (dwolf73@hotmail.com) if you can help.

5. TEAM SAKE NEEDS FEMALE PADDLERS FOR SEATTLE RACE

Team SAKE is short 3 women paddlers for the Seattle Race. Race fee is \$46. Our practices are Thursday 8/13, Monday 8/17 and Thursday 8/20 at 6:30pm. We are on the south dock with the grass lawn. Thursday 8/20 will be a light practice. Please contact Chana Flynn (cflynn3@hotmail.com) if you would like to join Team SAKE for this race.

6. SPONSOR A HEAT AT THE CELEBRATING LIFE! DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Race day is just two weeks away and we're into the home stretch of preparations for a great day on Lake Washington.

The Celebrating Life! Dragon Boat Festival is the only community Dragon Boat Festival in this area. It benefits Team Survivor Northwest, a local non-profit 501 (c) (3) that supports women in their cancer recovery through empowering programs of physical activity and health education. Dragon Boating is just one of the many programs offered to TSNW members.

One of our traditions with this festival is to honor supporters, loved ones, and those who couldn't be with us by sponsoring a race heat in their honor or memory. We'd like to seek your support in sponsoring a race heat. Sponsored heats will be recognized in the Race Day Program, on the results sheets posted at the venue, and through announcements when the heats are marshaled and run.

Please share this information with your teammates and let us know if you'd like to participate. A sponsorship form is attached. Preliminary and semi-final heats are a minimum of \$100 and final heats are a minimum of \$200. Obviously there are a limited number of heats, and only four final heats—Specimen Cup, Recreation Cup, Corporate Cup, and Survivor Cup. Programs will be printed the week prior to the race; please submit your form by Friday, August 14th in order to have your dedication included in the program.

Team Survivor Northwest greatly appreciates your support; it is the spirit, compassion, and generosity of people like you that sustain its vital mission.

Sincerely,

Pam Smith Mentz and Denise Johnson
Seattle Celebrating Life! Dragon Boat Festival Chairs

Reminders

1. LESCHI ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON AUGUST 15 – VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

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 Goossen 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. 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.



Please join the Washington Dragon Boat Association, family and friends from the Dragon Boat Community:

**Dedication of
“Lolo Ben”
In memory of Ben Laurente**

**Saturday, August 15, 1:00 p.m.
Foss Waterway Seaport Museum
705 Dock St, Tacoma**

**A potluck will follow the Dedication
For your convenience, we will put your appetizer, casserole,
salad or dessert on ice during the dedication.**

Driving direction From I-5: Take the City Center/Tacoma Dome exit #133. Merge onto I-705 and follow the signs for Shuster Parkway. After you exit to Shuster Parkway, you will turn right at the light (4th Street Bridge). After crossing the bridge, the road turns to the south again and becomes Dock Street. The Seaport is in the Balfour Dock building, which is the second building on the left. Free parking in the lots directly adjacent to the north and south ends of the Balfour Dock building; once those spaces are filled, paid parking is available to the north.

**The teammates are working as a single unit, hearts pounding,
lungs and arms burning**