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#### Captain News

##### New Information

#### 1. CLUB SAKE BOOTH AT SEATTLE RACE

Club Sake will have an info booth at the Seattle Festival. Please bring any team information and/or fliers to the booth to help increase membership of the Club and on your team. The booth will have updated picture boards, some medals, sign-up sheets for people who want more information, and Club information. If you have your own team pictures/boards, please bring them to the booth to be put on display. If members of your team are available to sit at the booth at various times of the day to answer questions, please have them contact me or show up at the booth. We may not have enough people to be at the booth at all times so if you arrive and its empty and you have some time, please stay around for questions.

Also, whether your team is racing or not, please bring your A-sign. The Club has 10 signs and all 10 should be on display either at your race tent (if your team is racing) or drop it by the Club info booth so we can put it somewhere in the park.

##### Reminders

#### 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](mailto:comm@clubsake.com)). If you are not scheduled for a BUK, please do not take it out.

#### 2. NO PRACTICES AUGUST 22

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

#### 3. 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](mailto:gordhom@yahoo.com)) by August 3rd otherwise your team might only get a generic Club SAKE banner

## **Member News**

### **New Information**

#### **1. HABU NEEDS A PADDLER OR TWO FOR SEATTLE**

We had a drop out this weekend. So we need to check for a replacement within the club. I need to know immediately. Otherwise I'll have to try and find someone from another local club. One is a necessity; two would be okay for an alternate. I'll need to know but Tuesday (8/18/09) evening so I have enough time to shop around. Contact Dan Hamilton ([dewolf73@hotmail.com](mailto:dewolf73@hotmail.com))

#### **2. VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR SEATTLE RACE**

We still need one more volunteer to work on the docks Sat AM only. Are you willing to help us out? First races will be PDBA races starting at 8 AM then recreation and community teams taking over at 9 AM. We promise a good time and tremendous gratitude. Contact Peyton ([pgaunt@comcast.net](mailto:pgaunt@comcast.net))

#### **3. LESCHI FESTIVAL RECAP**

The festival was a tremendous success! The dragon boats were a huge draw for many festival participants as many children were very excited about going on a dragon boat. Our visibility in the Leschi community was raised significantly and through donations we raised \$49 for the Leschi Community Council!

Speakers at the event included Tim Gallagher, superintendent of Seattle Parks & Recreation and Richard Conlin, president of the Seattle City Council. Sally Clark, another City Council member bicycled to the event. Mayor Nickels was scheduled to speak but was a no show. This prominent visibility among major politicians and bureaucrats will pay rewards in the future.

Leschi Community Council is interested in doing another event next year and partnering with Club Sake.

So many thanks go out to Gordon Hom, Dave Mentz, Matthew Goossen, and Anita Steele whose planning and preparation made this possible. Wendy Ceccherelli, Stephanie Johnson, Judy Rawlings and Dena Singleton did a fantastic job of spiring the paddlers along.

#### **4. RACE RESULTS FROM THE HARRISON HOT SPRINGS DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**

Vintage SAKE reports that they finished 1<sup>st</sup> by more than a boat length in their final race at the Harrison Hot Springs Dragon Boat Festival on July 25. It's a great venue and we highly recommend it to other SAKE teams to consider next year. We'd also like to thank our guest paddlers: Cheri Rutherford, Gordon Hom, Judy Leede, Mika Imori, and Pauline Miyata. We couldn't have done it without them.

#### **5. RACE RESULTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BON OM TUK DRAGON FESTIVAL 2009**

SAKE teams did well at the International Bon Om Tuk Dragon Festival held in Tacoma on August 8.

##### **International Open Exhibition Division**

1. Khmer Krom Dragons
2. 1 Race Wonder
3. [The Kirkland Spitfire SAKE](#)

##### **Angkor Cup - Division A Mix/Co-Ed**

1. Khmer Krom Dragons
2. 1 Race Wonder
3. [The Kirkland Spitfire SAKE](#)

##### **4. Tacoma Nagas**

##### **Bayon Cup - Division B Mix/Co-Ed**

1. Team Xtreme
2. [Flying SAKE](#)
3. TDBA Destiny Dragons

##### **Youth Division (Young Dragons, Ages 13 -18)**

1. Khmer Krom Dragon Jr.
2. [The Kirkland Spitfire SAKE Jr.](#)
3. Team Xtreme Jr. Tsunamis Nagas

#### **6. RACE RESULTS FROM THE VICTORIA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to Habu Sake on the incredible showing they made in Victoria--they made it into the **Diamond Division** - B Final. Although they were the slowest of the fast :-), it was a huge accomplishment to jump from a bronze medal in the Silver Division last year--past Gold and Jade-- into Diamond, so they are all very proud of their performance! They came in second place (out of 5) in both races on Saturday with times of 2:21 and 2:22.30, then things got challenging on Sunday racing against the likes of Dogpaddlers, VO2 Max, Shibumi and Scurvy Dogs in the Semi-Final, coming in 5th with a time of 2:16 (4th place had a time of 2:14.55), and coming in 5th in the Final with a time of 2:19.82 (4th place time was 2:17.66). As the only Sake team at the Victoria race this year, they represented Club Sake well!

## **7. DID YOU GET YOUR MEDAL FROM THE “SENIOR” RACE IN KENT?**

At the last minute, SAKE was able to put together a team of “senior” (age 45 or older) paddlers together for the Senior Division at the Kent Race on July 11 and took second place. If you were part of that team and have not yet received your medal, please contact Anita Steele, [anita98103@yahoo.com](mailto:anita98103@yahoo.com).

### **Reminders**

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:gordhom@yahoo.com)) know if you are available.

#### **3. 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](mailto: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.

#### **4. 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](mailto:bea@miraclesandwonders.com) if you'd like to buy a pair or two.