



SEATTLE SAKE DRAGON BOAT CLUB



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CAPTAIN NEWS

New Information

1. **2010 PRACTICE TIMES**
In preparation for the Extended Board Meeting, please submit the days and times you plan to request for practices for the 2010 season to comm@clubsake.com no later than 03/10/10.
2. **DATE CHANGE FOR KENT RACE**
Please note that the date for the Kent Race has been changed to July 10, 2010. No information yet on fees or registration.
3. **VICTORIA RACE**
I will be working with a contact at the Victoria Clipper to get a package deal for the Victoria race in August. Please let me know if you would like me to get prices for your team. Anita Steele, comm@clubsake.com

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.

4. CALLING FOR TEAM PICTURES

There's still time to get your pictures in. Any types of pictures will do—action shots of racing, full team shots, humorous pictures, etc. Captains, could you ensure that these are sent in electronic form to Dave Mentz (dave.mentz@medtronic.com) and Zheng Wang (justzheng@hotmail.com) by February 15. We will use these pictures to assemble a display of all of our teams. As they say, pictures are worth a thousand words!

5. 2010 WAIVERS & DUES

New waivers need to be collected from each paddler prior to going out in a boat this year. The form can be found at www.clubsake.com. There is also a small supply in the south equipment locker. **Teams must have at least 14 paid paddlers by the time of the Captain's Meeting (which will be scheduled shortly after the Annual Meeting), in order for the team to submit for 2010 practice time slots.**

Captains: Collected waivers and dues can be turned into Peyton Gaunt, Treasurer (or his wife, Denise Johnson), on Saturday mornings. You can also mail them to Peyton at 2420 8th Ave N., #205; Seattle, WA 98109; (206) 285-5557. Paddlers should turn in their waivers and dues to their captains.

6. 2010 RACE SCHEDULE

Captains: As soon as you know your race schedule, please submit it to comm@clubsake.com. Schedules should be received no later than 04/01/10.

MEMBER NEWS

New Information

1. DRAGON BOATS IN VANCOUVER OLYMPICS

For the first time in any Olympic games, part of the final torch relay will be on a dragon boat. On Friday, Feb. 12, torchbearer Hugh Fraser will carry the Olympic Flame in a voyageur canoe and pass it to torchbearer Kamini Jain who will carry it in a dragon boat. Let's hope the televise it.

<http://www.vancouver2010.com/more-2010-information/olympic-torch-relay/olympic-torch-relay-interactive-map/>

2. 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2009 Treasurer's report is attached and is available at www.clubsake.com. Peyton will answer any questions you may have at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

3. 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.

Reminders

1. 2010 CLUB SAKE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Club SAKE annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the North room at the downtown Seattle REI, 222 Yale Ave. N. All members are strongly encouraged to attend. Reminder: You will need to have paid your 2010 membership dues to be able to run for a Board position and/or to vote in the election. You can still attend the meeting if you haven't yet paid your 2010 dues, you just won't be able to vote.

Content for the meeting will include:

--brief 2009 recap and celebration

--awards

--your input for 2010...come prepared to provide input about what will make this a great year for you within Club SAKE!

--elections for open Board positions

2. CLUB SAKE BOARD POSITIONS—YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Nominations are still open! As part of Club SAKE's governance process, candidates are being recruited for the following roles: President-elect,, Communications Manager, Membership/PR Manager, and Secretary. Descriptions of all open positions can be found in the 01/19/10 Club SAKE News or on-line at www.clubsake.com. Contact Dave Mentz (dave.mentz@medtronic.com) for more information.

This is a great opportunity to help shape and pursue the Club's goals. **If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a board role, simply submit your nomination to comm@clubsake.com by February 15, 2010.**

Elections for Board positions will be held at the annual meeting on March 2. To be eligible to run for an office and/or vote, you must have paid your 2010 dues and signed a 2010 waiver by February 28.

3. kemoSAKE!

This new club dragon boat team is being formed for the 2010 paddling season. Male survivors are currently being sought for this newly organized mixed team, comprised of men and women cancer survivors and their supporters. No previous paddling experience is necessary. For more information or if you can help with the recruitment of male survivors, please contact Judy Leede at 206-930-4793 or jleede@comcast.net

4. 2010 WAIVERS AND DUES

It's that time of the year again...signed waiver and annual dues must be submitted for all who plan to paddle in 2010. The great news is that there is no better deal for your recreation / exercise dollar....where else can you share a great workout with like-minded people, develop and sustain friendships, and engage in a wonderful competitive activity for under \$100 per year?

For adults, the standard 2010 dues remain unchanged from the past few years:

One year: \$90

Two years: \$170 (lump sum payment)

Three years: \$245 (lump sum payment)

The dues for Team Survivor Northwest members, full-time students and seniors (55 years and above) are \$60. Special reduced dues are available for Club SAKE youth team members (\$20 with service commitment).

Please submit your signed waiver and dues payment to your captain before your next paddling outing. Dues must be paid by Feb. 28 in order to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. The waiver form may be accessed at: www.clubsake.com/documents/ClubSakeWaiver2010.pdf