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Captain News

1. EXTENDED BOARD MEETING – MAY 17

Captains and/or reps (no more than 2 per team) are invited to an Extended Board Meeting on May 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (location TBD). We will be discussing the club goals for the year, safety and revisions to our Non-profit Handbook. We will also be discussing committee and volunteer needs to accomplish our goals. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to the invite that will be going out.

2. CLUB SAKE A-BOARD SIGNS

Club SAKE A-Board Signs look great (by unscientific informal survey) and the Club has 10 signs so each team may pick one up to use during the racing season. When membership brochures are available, we will add plastic holders. If you want a sign for your team, please email Gordon (gordhom@yahoo.com) to arrange a Saturday time at the Leschi dock to pick it up. The only criteria is that you take care of the sign, do not leave it exposed for long periods of time to the elements, and be sure to put it out at your races and team events (don't forget to bring it to the Seattle race). If you want to put it out on the sidewalk during practice, please let me know so I can get you a cable lock. Thanks for helping to promote Club Sake.

3. BOAT AVAILABILITY ON MAY 2

We will be providing two (2) boats on Saturday, May 2, for the Windermere Cup. One boat will be taken from each dock. Captains: Please coordinate with other teams who practice when you do to share the remaining boats (practice schedules can be found here: <http://www.clubsave.com/practicetimes.html>). Also, we'd like to have a good showing at the Windermere Cup to promote dragon boating in Seattle. Please consider making the Windermere Cup your practice for Saturday and encourage your paddlers to participate.

Member News

1. **WINDERMERE CUP 2009 – DESPERATELY SEEKING PADDLERS & VOLUNTEERS**

We still need paddlers for Saturday, May 2, for the Windermere Cup. This is a great opportunity to have thousands of people cheer you on as you race down the Montlake Cut promoting the great sport of dragon boating in Seattle. We want to fill two (2) boats and need several more people to accomplish that goal. Let's make Club SAKE shine and fill the boats. If you are interested, please contact Matthew at matthew.goossen@gmail.com.

We are also looking for land-based volunteers that will walk among the crowd and distribute CLUB SAKE brochures.

2. PADDLERS NEEDED FOR TACOMA RACE – MAY 16

Vintage SAKE is looking for a few more paddlers for the Rainier Cup to be held in Tacoma on Saturday, May 16. Please contact Anita (anita98103@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

3. PADDLERS NEEDED FOR PORTLAND RACE – JUNE 6 & 7

Absolut and Vintage are going to the Portland race in June, registering under two separate boats. We each need a few more paddlers. If you would like to join either team, please let us know. Email steveyin@hotmail.com or anita98103@yahoo.com. The deadline to respond is Sunday May 10.

3. SAFETY COMMITTEE

We are in the process of reviewing the current rules and regulations for possible amendments to current safety rules. Peyton Gaunt will be putting together a committee of experienced dragon boaters to review the rules and make recommendations to the board. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Peyton at pgaunt@comcast.net,