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DRAGON BOAT TEAMS GET READY FOR JUNE 14

Attention news desk:

Peterborough—More than 100 community dragon boat teams are getting ready to paddle madly to the finish line on Little Lake on Saturday, June 14, in 54 four-boat races during the morning and afternoon.

The team to beat — Motley Crew — the over-all 2006 and 2007 festival winners. The Crew's winning time last year was 1:46:15. Currently, teams are practicing each weekday on the hour, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30, pushing off from the T-Wharf on Crescent Street.

The competition June 14 starts 20 minutes after the opening ceremonies at 8:00 a.m., when local dignitaries join in the traditional eye-dotting ceremony to bless the boats for the paddlers. Morning heats determine the placement of teams according to fastest times for the afternoon races.

The special breast cancer survivor race featuring five survivor teams from across Ontario will be held at noon, followed by the Peterborough Singers Pop Ensemble singing during the traditional flower ceremony. Announcer Paul Laing will read the names of former members from the survivor teams who have lost their battle against breast cancer—a powerful reminder of what the festival is all about.

Also featured around 5:00 p.m. are the ladies division final races and the grand mixed championship with six boats racing to the finish line.

Last year, the festival reached its \$1 million-dollar goal and is now on its way towards the second million. All the proceeds stay in the community and will go towards purchasing three digital mammography machines for the new hospital that serves the region.

Kawartha Credit Union is the Platinum sponsor for the seventh consecutive year. Other 2008 sponsors include: Gold—CHEX TV/Wolf/Kruz, Minute Maid/Coca Cola Ltd., and Country 105/91.9 BOB FM/Energy 99.7; Silver—Scotiabank Group, Tim Hortons, The Peterborough Examiner and AON; Bronze—Studio N, Peterborough This Week, Coach Canada and Mark's Work Warehouse; Teak—McLeods Eco Water, Robert Lightbody, Saturn of Peterborough, Purolator, Price Chopper, Saville Publishing, Russelle Toyota, Sysco Food Services, Global TeleSales, Commercial Press and Design, Shirley McDowell/ReMax, and Odium Spectrum.

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2007 RESULTS

Total raised \$256,181.95 (pledges and revenue)

Portion donated to the PRHC \$235,778.75 (pledges and revenue).

Portion to Survivors Abreast \$14,403.19 (from revenue)

Hold over for Festival 2008 \$6,000 (from revenue)

Mixed Teams Championship

Motley Crew 1:46.15

Jack McGee's Snapt Dragons 1:46:35

Paddle Pumpers at 1:47:93

Price Choppers (1:48.90)

Cavan Bog Buccaneers (1:49.62)

GE Nuclear Power Dragons (1:51.68).

Ladies Teams Championship

Hamilton's Knot A Breast (1:54.27)

North Bay's Warriors of Hope (1:59:32)

Toronto's Dragons Abreast (2:00:68)

Pickering's Pink Sensations (2:05:67)

Breast Cancer Survivor Race

Hamilton's Knot A Breast (1:51:64)

North Bay's Warriors of Hope (1:55:35)

Pickering's Pink Sensations (1:55:40)

Toronto's Dragons Abreast (1:57:50).

Pledge Winners

Top Teams

Scotia Rowers 4U (\$22,218.49)

The Purnauts (\$12,097.82)

LCBO Flaming Spirits (\$10,255.90)

GE Motor Maniacs (\$6,563.89)

Survivors Abreast (\$6,547.00)

Annie's Oars (\$6,541.00)

Cavan Bog Buccaneers (\$6,299.00)

Top Individuals

Linda Martinell (\$15,379.56)

Matt Drysdale (\$9,880.40)

Dave Nicholls (\$8,027.00)