



BULLETIN #9

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IBCPC Program

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IBCPC: The Sandy Smith Global Race



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Greetings from the Festival organizers and the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission (IBCPC). Together we have arranged a varied and wonderful program throughout the day on Friday June 11, culminating in the late afternoon with the Festival parade and opening ceremonies.

In this Bulletin #9 we hope you enjoy reading the two IBCPC notices featured in the following four pages.

The first IBCPC notice is about the IBCPC program from 9:00am to 2:30pm arranged in conjunction with Festival organizers. (Festival workshops, which will run simultaneously, will be featured in Bulletin #10).

You will remember that Bulletin #6 was all about the significance of The Sandy Smith Global Race. In the second IBCPC notice in this bulletin, IBCPC describes the teams' role in selecting representation for this important race.

Happy reading!



INTERNATIONAL BREAST CANCER PADDLERS COMMISSION



**Peterborough Program
Friday June 11, 2010
Time: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm**

What is the IBCPC? Efforts have been underway for many years to establish an organization that would link breast cancer dragon boat organizations around the world and ensure that international participatory festivals are raising awareness about life after a diagnosis of and treatment for breast cancer.

To this end the IBCPC Inaugural Meeting was held in Caloundra, Australia on 28 September 2007. Forty five teams attended this meeting and a Steering Committee was established to work on the structure of the organization and put together a process for the selection of the successful bid for the next participatory festival. The Steering Committee is now planning its second full meeting and an exciting day on June 11, 2010 in Peterborough and hopes to see you there.

For more information on IBCPC (including Minutes, Inaugural Meeting September 2007) please visit the IBCPC website: www.ibcpc.com

IBCPC Program Friday June 11, 2010 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

The IBCPC Program will run simultaneously with the Peterborough Festival Workshops Program. Teams will be able to send representatives to both programs.

The IBCPC Program will be held at:

Peterborough Naval Association
24 Whitlaw Street
Peterborough, Ontario

Why is this day important? In September 2007 the IBCPC Steering Committee undertook to make recommendations for the formalization of the IBCPC and to develop and implement a bid process for the next festival in 2010 (Peterborough).

Also Dr Don McKenzie (Abreast In A Boat, Vancouver, 1996) and Eleanor Nielsen (Dragons Abreast, Toronto, 1997) will be leading a discussion about the future of breast cancer dragon boat paddling. (See program details below)

Who is to attend? Each team participating in the Peterborough Festival is invited to send two representatives to each IBCPC event. You can chose to send the same two people to all the events or different people to each event.

**IBCPC Registration 8:30 to 9:00 am
Check in over a cup of coffee and catch up with old friends!**

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1. Business Meeting: 9:00 am to 10:45 am

- The agenda will include a report on the Steering Committee's activities since the last meeting in Caloundra.
- Important agenda items will be the presentation of a proposed Constitution and the election of the next Steering Committee.
- Documentation for this meeting will be made available prior to the meeting.

2. The Evolving Nature of Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Paddling: 11:00 am to 12:30

Presenters: Dr Don McKenzie (founder, Abreast In A Boat, Vancouver) and:
Eleanor Nielsen (IBCPC Steering Committee member)

It is 14 years since the first breast cancer dragon boat team, Abreast In A Boat took to the water in Vancouver. As the number of teams increase and the early ones "age", many are facing new and different challenges. How do we maintain our focus? How can we support the larger community of people living with breast cancer? These are just some of the questions that will be discussed at this event.

3. How to make a successful bid for the next IBCPC Festival: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

- Steering Committee members will give an overview of the bidding process that was established for the Peterborough festival and will be used for the next festival, likely to be held in 2014.
- If you are interested in hosting the next festival please come to this important workshop and bring your questions.

Please forward the following information to Jenny Yule at committee@ibcpc.com no later than Saturday, May 1, 2010.

1. Team Name & Location
2. Team Website if Available
3. Two Representatives to the IBCPC Program
 - Name
 - Address (include Street, City, Province/State Country & Postal Code)
 - Telephone Number (Include Country & Area Codes)
 - Email address

Request: We would like to develop a comprehensive and up to date email list. One of the difficulties in maintaining such a list is that contacts change periodically. We would like to ask each team to consider getting a generic email address so if your contact changes the address will still be the same.

Thank you for your interest and we hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Hanton, Australia
Jenny Yule, Vancouver, Canada
Mary McAvoy, New Zealand

Eleanor Nielsen, Toronto, Canada
Jane Frost, Vancouver, Canada
Sandi Buhmaster-Jelinski, United States

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INTERNATIONAL BREAST CANCER PADDLERS COMMISSION



**The Sandy Smith Global Race, Peterborough, 2010
Sunday, June 13, 2010**

To all teams participating in the International Dragon Boat Festival 2010 for Breast Cancer Survivors:

A highlight of our time in Peterborough, Canada, will be The Sandy Smith Global Race, named after Sandy Smith of Abreast In A Boat. Sandy was A.I.A.B.'s international liaison for years and helped many teams get started. Her story was told in Bulletin #6. This event will culminate in the flower ceremony/flowers on the water ceremony. The main purpose of this event is to represent the global nature of breast cancer and the countries represented at an IBCPC Festival – hence each boat comprises paddlers from each of those countries and continents.

The large number of teams registered this year provides us with the exciting challenge of giving every team a chance to participate, while maintaining the global international representation. There will be five such boats for this event.

We ask for your understanding of the following process.

Participation

1. As host nation and to ensure that our guests, visiting teams from other countries, have an opportunity to participate in this special event, the organizers ask that **each Canadian team select only one paddling representative.**
2. **We invite each visiting team from other countries to select two representatives**—a left and a right paddler. How you do this is up to you. For example, in Vancouver and Caloundra, many teams chose to draw names. We do not need to know paddler's names.
3. We also need **drummers and steers persons/sterns.** All teams are invited to submit names with an explanation according to the criteria below. The organizers will have the final say in selecting drummers and steers from those names submitted. If your team has a drummer or steer, they will only have one paddler in the boats.

General criteria are:

Steers:

- from as many different countries as possible

- skilled and capable steers people
- other comments as the team sees fit

Drummers:

- from as many different countries as possible
- currently facing recurrence and unable to paddle
- first time participating internationally
- other comments as the team sees fit

Logistics

1. Prior to The Sandy Smith Global Race, all representatives will be asked to gather at a common area and will be directed to their place in boats.
 - Drummers and steers people/sterns will be chosen before this and informed of their selection.
 - Please note that these positions are highly prized amongst paddlers and we will do the best we can to minimize disappointment while maintaining our message of inclusiveness and the international nature breast cancer paddling has become.
2. Five teams will stay on the water at the end of the race preceding The Sandy Smith Global Race, and they too will participate in the flowers on the water ceremony. (Total of 10 teams).
 - **Those five teams will not have representatives on the composite boats as they already have full crews who will participate in this prestigious ceremony.**

Preparation

What you need to do before arrival in Peterborough

1. Select your representative(s) for a composite boat.
2. If your steersperson/stern and/or drummer fit the criteria listed, submit their names and an explanation to the committee@ibcpc.com **by May 1.**
3. Please explain this process to your team. We need their full support in order to achieve the spirit of cooperation Sandy represented.

Thank you on behalf of the IBCPC Steering Committee!

Sincerely, Eleanor Nielsen