



THE RACINE DRAGON BOAT CLUB

Racine, Wisconsin

2010 Season nearing a close!

It seems like yesterday that the boats went into the water. The 2010 season has been very busy and successful for the club. Along with four Chicago crews using our boats, the McKinley Middle School staff held a team building day before the start of school. This is all great exposure for the club. Thank you to all that made these practices possible.

This was a big year for equipment replacement and repair. The yellow boat had fiberglass work in the early part of the year and at present time the white boat is in for similar repairs. We purchased 20 new black Apex Durablade paddles, 2 steering oars and misc. repair parts.

Reef Pointe Marina was gracious to allow the Rotary to hold practices for the Great Midwest Dragon Boat Festival at the clubs dock. It was a huge help in logistics of equipment, parking, and helping the Rotary reach their goal. A big thank you to Reef Pointe Marina (operated by Skipper Bud's) for providing us the dock space.

As most already know, RDBC sponsored the medals for the [Great Midwest Dragon Boat Festival](#). This was our way to give back to the dragon boat community and recognize all skill levels of paddlers. The positive feedback tells us our efforts paid off! Let's hope next year the quantity of teams will increase. The date for next year's festival has been set for July 15th-16th. Start spreading the word.

Anyone stepping into the boats MUST sign a waiver and pay the appropriate club fee. Waivers can be found on our website or in the clip board located in the dock box.

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Steersmen Update

Welcome and thank you to Jim Day and Jerry Fox for learning to steer. We are happy to have you on the back of the boat. Club members, as you are sharing your enthusiasm for dragon boating, please remember to watch for people that might make good steersmen, and mention the opportunity to them. We would like to get at least 3 new people each year that we are training, and if they are interested in steering more than paddling, that's even better.

A special thank you to Paul Schiele for all he has added to the club and dragon boat community. Paul has accepted a new job opportunity in Arizona and will be leaving soon, thanks Paul we will miss you.

Oshkosh Dragon Boat Festival

The [Oshkosh Community Dragon Boat Festival](#) is September 25th. Once again our club is being compensated for providing Race Management, Steersmen personnel, and equipment. Our boats will come out of the water on Thursday the 23rd (after practices) and head up to Oshkosh. Along with our club teams Arashi, Motley Crew and Pink Paddling Power, the Pale Ale Paddlers from Racine will also compete. Good luck to everyone. Let's show what a great paddling community Racine is.



Pink Paddling Power's Season has been much like the waves on Lake Michigan: some ups, some downs, and just like we love the lake, we love our sport. We have met 3 new steersman candidates, and they had lessons from Bryan during our practices. This gave Bryan more time to help each one of the Pink Paddlers; and this individual attention has paid off. We won our division in the Racine Festival in July. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Racine Dragon Boat Club for the fantastic job they did with the medals for the Racine Festival. This sincere thanks comes on behalf of both cancer survivor teams.

We also brought gold home from the Dubuque Dragon Boat Festival, September 11 and 12! Those Taiwan boats can be intimidating, but with the help and encouragement from a great steersman who trains the Dragon Divas from Saint Paul, we had great runs in our 2-heat races (interesting race set-up) both Saturday and Sunday. Paddling the might Mississippi was challenging; but we are stronger for having done it and we had a great time

Speaking of great steersmen, we are so proud of our Bryan Siebenlist! Chattanooga was just the proving ground for what Pink Paddling Power has known for so long. With 3 national championships added to his many other championship races, he just demonstrated where great skill and good karma can take a person, and where a great steersman can take a good team. Pink Paddling Power is so lucky to have Bryan for our steersman/coach.

We started the season with 5 new members. What fantastic women have joined our team! We have also had health problems and set-backs that have restricted the participation of paddlers. We are so happy when our members can rejoin the group and get back into the boat. We feel lucky that our team is made up of such strong winners.

We are looking forward to making a great Racine showing with all of our club's teams in Oshkosh! The attached picture was taken in Dubuque. The young lady in the front was our flag catcher.

MOTLEY CREW



Motley Crew has enjoyed a summer of fun and dragon boating. We practiced hard and had some fun on the boat and then enjoyed some great conversation and an occasional drink after practice.

We participated in Madison's inaugural dragon boat festival, the Capital Lakes DragonFest and came in third place. Our international team (we had Martina a German exchange student on the team) had a great time and the scenic venue was great for dragon boating. I hope more teams from the Racine area will consider participating there next year.

At the Great Midwest Dragonboat Festival in Racine you will not find a team named Motley Crew but you will find us there. The Kenosha West Row-tarians and the Spring Dental Group's Dragon Breath have Motley Crew members as well as an occasional sprinkle of members on other teams. This year's Dragon Breath team came in third place. At a team picnic the sponsors of the Dragon Breath team were presented with a dragon boat trophy as a thank you for their long running support of the team in the Racine Festival.

We are looking forward to the Oshkosh Dragon Boat Festival and hope to finish in the top three as we have in the past. I would also like to thank those that have served on the Racine Dragon Boat Club Board this year. It is that kind of dedication to the sport of dragon boating that keeps all of us on the water and having fun.



arashi

This season was a rebuilding year for Arashi as we welcomed 8 new members to the crew in 2010. Together as a team our hard practice brought us a silver medal in Racine and bronze in Superior. Off the boat we love to party and do a great job of it!

This past weekend 12 members paddled in the GWN Challenge in Toronto, and brought back a gold and silver medal. We also had the opportunity to experience and witness the high level of competition of Canadian events. We are proud of Judy Goodman, she won the women's push-up competition in Toronto with a total of 107!

The connections we make at these events not only help strengthen our team but the club as a whole. This past year several of our team members helped put Racine on the dragon boat map. Cortnie Pfarr, Judy Goodman, and Janine Chiaverotti participated in the U.S. Nationals with Lincoln Park Boat Club. They returned with 3 gold medals, LPBC won the entire event and secured a spot at the Club Crew World Championships held in Hong Kong in 2012. Also this summer J.Jay Delariman and Curt Chiaverotti both paddled with separate Canadian crews in Macau, China at the 2010 Club Crew World Championships. Congratulations to Curt on your 3 gold and 2 silver medals. The team has learned a lot from their experiences.

We are looking forward to Oshkosh and wish all the club teams of RDBC good luck. Paddles Up!