

SPRING 2010

THE RACINE DRAGON BOAT CLUB

Racine, Wisconsin

2010 Season has begun!

Thank you to all that took time out from busy schedules to attend the annual RDBC club meeting on April 13th. The board appreciates all input from club members.

The by-law amendments were voted on and approved at the meeting, a copy of the club by-laws can be found on our website under the news link. One of many positive changes is the team representative board positions. Each team can appoint a team representative that will attend and participate at all board meetings for the club.

At this time we have 3 confirmed teams set up and ready to go. Arashi, Motley Crew, and Pink Paddling Power have all submitted their rosters and confirmed the day of week for practice. Please forward the name of your team representative that will fill the new board position by May 15th. Practice schedules for the confirmed teams are as follows:

Arashi - Monday & Thursday

Motley Crew - Tuesday

Pink Paddling Power - Wednesday

The boats are in and docked at the same location as last year in Reef Point Marina. Over the winter the boats were given some TLC, (i.e. fiberglass repair, gunwale sanding/varnishing, and new steering arm). We will be purchasing 2 new steering oars and additional black paddles. **Reminder, all equipment is property of RDBC and must always be returned to the dock box at the end of practices.**

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 Needed

We had about 6 new people interested in trying steering after the festival last year, but for various reasons, none of them went any further than just trying it. Currently, we have 2 new people interested in training this year. 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.

We have started mentioning to new teams forming that they could/should also try to recruit someone to steer while they are filling their team and we would train them. We are also asking other clubs how they manage steering and are starting to consider that we may need to start paying the steersmen.

Congratulations to the new Board!

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