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Sunshine Coast Dragons Regatta – October 2010



THE DRAGON'S HEAD



QDBF MC Meeting – October

Agenda Item Highlights

- Updating provisional sweeps in Queensland, currently 31 sweeps are going through the process.
- Action on the State Squad - organising the planning involving the Head Coach, Team Coaches, Team Managers and Paddlers.
- State Titles, discussion which days for racing – mixed, women and open with 10's racing to be confirmed.
- Looking at having a Barcode system for paddler registration at the State Titles.
- Dragon boat/s for film production, Gold Coast.

General Business

- Club attendance at regattas - it was apparent that several clubs were absent from the Sunshine Coast Regatta.
- IConnect - Support and Sponsorship Proposal.

The next meeting of the QDBF MC is Tuesday 16th November at Sport House, 150 Caxton Street Milton. You are welcome to attend, please contact the Admin Director via email (admin@qdbf.com.au) so numbers can be catered for.



Congratulations to Sunshine Coast Dragon – Fantastic Regatta

Sunshine Coast Dragons ran a top regatta on Sunday the 17th October. There was great weather all day which ensured a great day of racing.

Sunshine Coast Dragons also demonstrate another way of running a successful regatta at Lake Kawana (opposite direction) was great going with the wind!

The regatta results have now been uploaded to the QDBF website – go through the drop down menu “Our Sport in Qld”.

Profile

Jo Grammatico, Sub-Committee Coordinator, QDBF

Why Dragon Boating, why not.....? Since taking up the sport 12 years ago, I have never looked back. It has given me motivation and the opportunity to meet some fantastic people which have formed some great long lasting bonds. The camaraderie within clubs is fascinating at times and I am proud to be involved.

Some words that best describe you as a sweep are.....? loud, controlling....surely everyone should know by now.

The question I'm most often asked is Woggy, what time do we have to be there again? How much was that? Where do we have to be? Do you know if.....

My guiltiest pleasure is.....? Anything sweet.....Love my junk food.....

My secret skill is..... Don't think any of them are secrets but I'd have to say I'm a damn awesome sweep.....

The best thing about dragon boating I enjoy doing is.....? The people and of course, the racing and the opportunity to represent my club locally, on a state level and nationally. Next goal is internationally!!!.....

The one thing other than dragon boating that would improve my life is....? My bank balance of course.....

What do you bring to your dragon boat Club...? Raw Passion, Dedication and Loyalty – I'll do anything for my club.....



Coming up . . . Gold Coast Dragons – PAN PAC Games, Regatta Waters Lake Oxenford– Nov 12 to 13

Brisbane River Dragons – 500m Sport Regatta, Kawana Waters – Sunday 5 December

Coomera Dragons – 500m Sport Regatta, Regatta Waters Lake Oxenford – Sunday 30th January

Manly Dragons – 500m Sport Regatta, Regatta Waters Lake Oxenford – Sunday 13th February

QDBF Coaching and Official Courses

Through the Qld Sport & Rec Development Grant, QDBF has been able to assist all Queensland clubs by conducting AusDBF Level 1 Dragon Boat Coaching and Officials Courses this year.

These courses have proven to be hugely successful and extremely beneficial to all clubs and club members who have attended. The feedback from all attendees has been very positive, highly motivational and educational, with inter club interaction and networking a bonus for all.

The Coaches Course held in Brisbane in September was attended by 15 club coaches and coaching assistants from SE Qld Clubs, while the course held in Mackay in October was attended by 9 from Rockhampton, Mackay and Cairns dragon boat clubs.

This will eventually result in 24 newly accredited AusDBF coaches in the next 12 months in Queensland.

The Officials Course held in Brisbane in August resulted in 21 Accredited AusDBF Officials- ranging from Level 1 to Level 3 – with nine SE Qld clubs represented.

UPCOMING COURSES

Official's Course - Bundaberg-20/21 November, 2010

Coaching Course - Hervey Bay- 27/28 November, 2010

QDBF is funding up to three members from each club to attend the Officials Course (cost \$120 ea), and is funding 50% for two club members to attend the Coaches Course (\$250 ea full fee).

If any club member is interested in attending please contact Karen at development@qdbf.com.au

Queensland State Squad

QDBF will be calling for Expressions of Interest shortly for Queensland coaches and Team Managers and paddlers.

The timeline will be as followed as close as possible:

25 October – Queensland Coaches and Team Managers Expressions of Interest sent out

25 October – Paddler online registration opens.

Tuesday 5th November – Positions close for Queensland State Squad coaches and Team Managers.

Tuesday 16th – November – Management Committee meets and approve State Squad coaches and Team Managers nominations.

December – Two State Squad sessions.

January – Two State Squad sessions.

February – Two State Squad session. (decide teams, book flights)

March – Two State squad sessions.

AusDBF Titles 30 March – 3rd April 2011



BRD SPORTS REGATTA

Sunday 5th December 2010
Lake Kawana, Sunshine Coast

NOTE: There will be **no DNQ for paddlers or clubs** combining to make up teams – no excuse not to be there on the day and experience some great racing!

Start getting your teams together for a day of good competition racing, fun & great prizes.

- **Mixed 1.5km, Pursuit Race**
- **Mixed 10s, Open 200m Knock Out Race**
- **10s Pink 200m Knock Out Race**
- **Mens/Women (open/masters) 500m Races**

Entry forms and full details will be distributed through QDBF soon.

Enquiries to : administration@brisbaneriverdragons.com



THE DRAGON'S HEAD



The large exuberant force that Te Waka takes to regattas and other events often leads the local dragon boat community to believe that Te Waka is one of the largest clubs in South East Queensland. However, with our membership numbers bordering on 55, Te Waka is not as large as is often thought. What we do have though is plenty of spirit and a high participation rate! We often turn up to local regattas with around 75% of our paddlers racing plus our supporters.

Te Waka Taniwha (Te Waka - the boat, Taniwha - dragon in Maori) was formed in 2000 by a group of friends wanting to revel in the sport's social nature. The club's name reflects the origins of the foundation members but it is now made up of many diverse cultures (Kiwi, Australian, English, Mauritian, German, Dutch, Slovakian, Niue, Fijian to name a few) and has an age range of 13 to 60+.

Originally located on the Gold Coast, the club moved north to Brisbane in 2002. In 2007, an influx of new members saw the club and its committee reinvigorated. With this new lease on life, the club has seen membership numbers grow and with the assistance of grant funds and some supportive sponsors, new boats and the associated equipment have been acquired.

For the past eight years the club has trained out of the public boat ramp at Ross Street, Newstead in Brisbane. Our distinctive black dragon boats can be seen anywhere between the Gateway Bridge to New Farm on the Brisbane River as well as in calmer waters on Breakfast Creek. We share our water with a variety of other craft from CityCats, cruise ships, barges, container ships and navy vessels as well as sailing and rowing boats, jet skis, outriggers and kayaks

Like any club, Te Waka owes everything to its members. Achieving so much in such a short timeframe has to be credited



to some very dedicated people who have a strong passion and desire to see the club succeed.

We pride ourselves on our friendly and welcoming atmosphere which encourages a strong club mentality. Most of our members have come to the club through friends and family but we have also worked closely with the Brisbane City Council for several years conducting regular Come & Try Days throughout the year as part of its Active Parks & GOLD Programs. These days provide an opportunity to introduce others to our sport, and a number of our members have joined the club after enjoying a community or corporate day.

Over the last few years, the club has had a significant number of members successfully represent Queensland at the National Titles and also represent Australia on an international stage. The confidence gained by these experiences has been invaluable for the future development of the club.

Our success in recent years at Queensland State Titles and the experience gained from attending National Titles makes us proud to be one of Queensland's top teams and represent the sport of dragon boating to the wider community. We are also excited about what the future holds for us!



Why we must have 10's racing

As discussed by our members at Queensland's AGM and rules workshop that was held in late June it was suggested that we should bring in Ten's racing.

As a meeting was being held in Sydney early September to discuss AusDBF rules & regs this idea was floated at this meeting by South Australia and obviously backed by QDBF.

A lot of discussion went on around the table on the pros and cons of having Ten's racing included in the Nationals for 2011. If Ten's racing is to get the go ahead then a lot of the race-exception rules under AusDBF 3.1.2 Club Championships could be dropped.

The main idea behind this is that clubs that are not able to field a team in Twenty's racing and previously sought exemptions with paddlers from other clubs, or race below the minimum number of 18, or even sought paddlers from outside their club state would be able to field a crew in the ten's division. This would allow the clubs which had limited numbers to still race under their club colours and stay together instead of paddler seeking exemptions to paddle with other clubs.

It also helps clubs that may have more women and a few men and perhaps race their women in the twenty's division and combine there females and few men to race in the mixed ten's division. This could also be applied to the Grand Masters and Masters divisions for those clubs that may have a larger member base of either division.

Ten's racing was held in Macau this year and one of our newest clubs Lanakila benefited by being able to race in this division.

The Technical Director for AusDBF has been approached to see if this is viable at he 2011 Nationals and has presented some options. This info has already been sent out to members in an email titled AusDBF teleconference.

AusDBF National Team – Florida 2011

If you haven't heard by now AusDBF has started calling for expressions of interest for the National team to be called Aurora's

Head Coach

Sergei Cucca has been appointed as Australian Head Coach. He will be overseeing selections and working with senior coaches around Australia to ensure the best paddlers are chosen for the team and prepared for World Championships 2011.

Paddler selection

The first round of selection – the Talent Identification Trial will select a maximum of 50 male and 50 female athletes for each age division to attend the first Training Camp. The first selection trial will assess general and special fitness. All athletes will be required to pay a \$10 application fee. This money will be used to cover some expenses of the Australian team.

Following the first Training Camp a maximum of 36 male and 36 female paddlers per category will be selected.

The process of selection for final crews will be continuous throughout the campaign. Paddlers will be selected on multiple criteria, rather than a single result in any individual test. Paddlers will have to fulfil at least three of the four main selection criteria to be selected for the Australian team.

To apply for a trial position with the 2011 Australian Auroras Squad competing at the World Championships, please use this link - <http://v2.jotform.com/form/10115645302>

Details of the selection process were distributed to all Clubs in early October.

All Sweeps and Drummers will be asked to help organise the first round of selections for paddlers in their State or Territory.

For more info please go to AusDBF website

<http://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf/?q=adbhome1>

Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF) Awards 2010

QDBF entered two nominations in this years QORF Awards.

1. For the **The Brisbane City Council Award for Outstanding Achievement (Organisation)** QDBF nominated Brisbane River Dragons. This nomination has been selected as a finalist in the category
2. For the **The Brisbane City Council Outdoor Event Award** QDBF nominated itself for the 2010 State Titles. This nomination also has been selected as a finalist in the category.

Awards will be awarded at a function on Friday 29 October, fingers crossed for Queensland Dragon Boating success!



A 10 man dragon boat, the type used at Macau for the International World Club Championships 2010.

Sport & Recreation GRANT APPROVED

QDBF has been advised that a grant application for further club development has been approved. QDBF will be receiving \$97,500 over 3 years – from 2011 to 2013.

This is a different funding package to our previous Regional development grant, we can continue to develop and promote the sport but not so focused on regional, but a more even spread across all clubs.

Funded Activity Areas Include:

ENGAGING PEOPLE IN PHYSICALLY ACTIVE RECREATION

- Come & Try programs
- Youth programs
- Community Festival regattas

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Accreditation Courses
- Mentoring programs
- Volunteer Development

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

- Marketing and advertising

Bookings Now On QDBF Website

You can now go to the QDBF website to view all current bookings for the QDBF Trailer and the QDBF KayakPros (2 machines available). Please contact the Events Director via email events@qdbf.com.au to make a booking.

To view current booking go to the QDBF website to EVENTS/TRAINING/BOOKINGS and drop down to Booking Details.

Month	Club	Item	Qty Required	Location	Comments
OCTOBER 2010	De Bona	KayakPro	Booked out 8-10 2010 Booked in 18-10-2010	Seaborn	
	Burwood Coast Dragons	Trailer	17-10-2010	Nerang Marina	
	Gravelly Creek Dragons	KayakPro	Booked out 15-10-2010 Booked in 24-10-2010	Drummond	
NOVEMBER 2010	De Bona	Item	Qty Required	Location	Comments
	Nerang Coast Dragons	KayakPro	Booked out 8-11-2010 Booked in 18-11-2010	Nerang	
	Gold Coast Dragons Pty Health Masters Program	Trailer	13 & 19-11-2010	Highgate Marina, Coolangubra	
	Lundale	KayakPro	Booked out 14-11-2010 Booked in 28-11-2010	Dee Dee	
DECEMBER 2010	De Bona	Item	Qty Required	Location	Comments
	Burwood Coast Dragons	Trailer	8-12-2010	Linn National Dam	

Classifieds

Dragon Boat for Sale

\$2,000-00

Includes dragon boat, head, tail, sweep oar, stainless steel rollick.

Contact: Broadwater Dragons

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