



## Junior Club – Queensland Dragon Boating – Information Session

Following on from the meeting held between QDBF Management Committee, parents, clubs and other interested parties on the 18th of June, QDBF has decided to move forward with the development of the Junior Club. Please read attached letter, to progress this concept to the next stage there will be a meeting held on Sunday 17 July, 10-30am to 2-00pm at the:

**East Brisbane Community Centre,**  
538 Vulture Street East, East Brisbane

QDBF have called for Expressions of Interest from individuals for the following roles – Club Manager, Club Coach and Club Committee. Applications have been received by QDBF, which closed on the 10th July.

At the July 12th QDBF Management Committee Meeting the committee voted and filled these positions and the outcome will be released at the meeting on the 17 July.

The meeting format is as follows:

INTRODUCTIONS  
PARENTS BRIEFING  
JUNIORS WORKSHOP  
LUNCH BREAK  
OUTCOMES-DECISION ON CLUB NAME, SHIRT AND CULTURE

### INTRODUCTIONS

Advise Parents & Juniors together the concept of the QDBF Junior Club, Introduce the subcommittee, manager, coaches, president of QDBF.  
Advise the desired outcome for the workshop

### PARENTS/CLUB BRIEFING

Capture Parents contact details  
Advise parents and clubs of the Junior Clubs contact details including Committee, Coaches. Manager & QDBF  
Clarify Parent Club and Junior Club relationship  
Membership costs and other possible costs that may be incurred  
Questions from clubs and parents

### JUNIORS WORKSHOP

Culture/Vibe of Club and Sport, what do they want and expect from a Junior Club  
Information on what QDBF will expect from the Junior Club members  
Capture Juniors contact details

### OTHER ISSUES

General discussion, ideas, possible issues

## QDBF Annual General Meeting 2011

Please note that the QDBF Annual General Meeting is being held on Saturday 27th August 2011. There is also a Special General Meeting being held prior to the AGM.

The location is Cambria Room, Springwood Hotel, Cnr Springwood and Rochedale Roads Springwood Q 4127.

Schedule start: 12.30pm for 1.00pm

Additional information concerning the AGM will be forwarded to all clubs prior to the AGM.

The AGM is an opportunity for any club member to nominate for a position on the Management Committee. Contact the Administration Director for a position description

**The following QDBF positions will be declared vacant:**

President  
Vice President  
Finance Director  
Administration Director  
Technical Director  
Insurance Director & Registrar  
Events & Equipment Director  
Marketing & Communications Director  
Development Director  
Subcommittees Coordinator

## QDBF Sweep Workshop July 3rd 2011

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Wynnum Manly Yacht Club a group of 40 dragon boat paddlers from around Queensland, gathered to listen to QDBF's Paul Jarvis give basic techniques, instructions and guidelines on the process of achieving the accredited levels of a sweep. Supporting Paul was a number of other QDBF management committee members answering questions and offering information about club and corporate events.

I had been told that there was a chronic shortage of sweeps in Queensland and this course was the first for 2011.

You can't get a newer beginner than me, my introduction to Dragon Boat paddling only started last October 2010 and with absolutely no experience in boating or marine regulations, this has been a huge learning curve.

At my club, Redlands Sea Dragons, we have only one local accredited sweep, at present with a few members in training. I was one of 6 members, who were keen to learn more about the Art of Sweeping. Each person at the workshop was given a QDBF Sweep Guide book and an Australian Dragon Boat Federation Sweep Accreditation log book, which I believed was a positive way of saying, you can do this, just complete the training, pass the exams, get through the levels and fill in the log book. Just like learning to drive a car. WOW how easy .....

Over the 2 hours we covered safety, equipment, including strobe lights at night, fluoro life jackets, sweep calls, on the water rules, physical skills, getting on and off the water at a boat ramp, or pontoon, capsizing procedures, water safety, the environment and the information kept coming!

We took a 30 minute break from the

classroom and headed out to the boat ramp where we had a real dragon boat with paddlers, with visual examples of the sweeps stance and responsibilities, paddle positions, loading, reversing, the man of action was a pro named Skip... he kept the mood light and humorous, but kept the suggestions and explanations flowing.

To complete the course we learnt about regatta tactics before a race and during, this was a huge topic and we only just touched on many areas.

There is so much involved in standing up at the back of a Dragon Boat and I acknowledged that I had a long way to go before I could do it confidently.

Sweep trainees who I have spoken to say it is quite daunting to be standing up on your own, especially the first time. Before you put your hand up to help out the club, or just to challenge yourself, it would be an excellent idea to have a concise look at the Sweep Guide, the sweep is solely responsible for a 12 m boat and 2 tonnes of human cargo.

It would be an admirable decision not to continue with training, if your fitness and wellness and knowledge were not high, or able to achieve this level.

I didn't stay for lunch which was supplied by QDBF, the pile of food looked yummy, and the networking and socializing of all the participants

A beneficial and rewarding day for all who attended. There were 33 beginners/trainee/provisional sweeps and 26 Level 3 Accredited sweeps from 15 clubs- from Cairns in the north to Mt Warning in the south. Funded by the Sport & Rec Development Grant.

would have been intense, but I'm sure the information and theory learnt would be discussed too.

Very well organised event and my thanks would have to go to the women who put the whole event together, I'm sure Kate Middleton a 'royal sweep', whom I saw sweeping in Canada on the TV, would have been impressed too!

Looking forward to the next workshop.

*A dragon boat ain't going nowhere, without the SWEEP!*

Ciao Fran  
(Fran Mocerino - Redlands) *Very new, inexperienced sweep from Redlands!*



# Qld State Squad Campaign for 2012



Lanakila girls (from left: Olga Berking, Peta Byram, Donna Napier & Kirsten Lange)

All State Squad papers and forms have been prepared and were approved at the July meeting of the QDBF Management Committee. Some highlights include:

- all paddlers must nominate for their age category,
- a maximum of 20% of paddlers allowed from outside their age category
- Standardised testing across all age categories
- Club coaches to approve/endorse a paddler nomination for the state squad.

For paddler information, the proposed deadlines for the Queensland State Squad 2012 is:

EOI's for Coaches and Team Managers to be sent out by **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

EOI's for Coaches and Team Managers close by **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Selection of Coaches & Managers by **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

Announcement to Coaches & Team Managers by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Announcement of Coaches & Team Managers with EOI's for Paddlers by **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

EOI's for Paddlers, Sweeps & Drummers to be sent out by **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Coaches & Team Managers Initial Briefing (straight after QDBF AGM) **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Coaches & Team Managers 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Full Coaching Programs to be supplied by Coaches (including proposed times to training dates specified below and any others you propose, proposed training venues, resources being used, testing of paddlers and final selection/announcement) by **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Confirmed training details to be supplied to all Paddlers, Sweeps & Drummers by **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**Season Launch – 1<sup>st</sup> Session for Qld Squad Trials (TESTING),** Colmslie, 11am **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

EOI's for Paddlers, Sweeps & Drummers close by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Session for Qld Trials (TESTING)** – Coaches Choice (Venue/Time TBC for each category) **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Session for Qld Trials (TESTING)** – Coaches Choice (Venue/Time TBC for each category) **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Coaches Squad/Team Selections by **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Squad/Team Selection Announcements to Paddlers by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**1<sup>st</sup> Qld Squad Session (Category)** – Coaches Choice (Venue/Time TBC for each category) **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Qld Squad Session (Category)** – Coaches Choice (Venue/Time TBC for each category) **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Qld Squad Session (Category)** – Coaches Choice (Venue/Time TBC for each category) **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Final Participant & Crew Lists (Category/Divisions) to be submitted to SSC by **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

**4<sup>th</sup> Qld Squad Session (Category)** – Coaches Choice (Venue/Time TBC for each category) **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**5<sup>th</sup> Qld Squad Session (TEAM PHOTOS) – (Full Squad) -** Colmslie, 11am **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Announcements of Divisional Crews to Paddlers by **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Final Qld Squad Session** at Docklands, Melbourne (Time TBC) **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

State vs State Race Day at Docklands, Melbourne **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

## Paddle for Prostate Charity Regatta



Another perfect day in Paradise, well Paradise Point actually!!

What a glorious morning! Smooth water, blue sky and sunshine albeit just a tad crisp and cool.

The day ran like clockwork, starting early with many 'hands on' at Paradise Point to unload the fleet of 14 dragon boats. This represents a massive increase from the 9 boats entered in this event in 2010.

Crews were set off every two minutes from the start line in their seeded order, right on the minute, a fabulous effort from the start volunteers and also the sweeps.

10:30am	DAGC	AllSorts
10:32am	Lanawater	BRD
10:34am	Tweed/Grafton	Coomera
10:36am	Redlands	Currumbin
10:38am	Burleigh	Coolangatta Mt Warning
10:40am	Manly	Sunshine Coast
10:42am	Te Waka	Broadkila

Without incident all the entrants finished the 7.5klms strongly to the rousing commentary from Breeze FM and the enthusiastic applause from spectators gathered on the deck at Sanctuary Cove. Congratulations to all the crews. The time differential over the entire fleet from 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> was a mere 14 minutes, a very competitive pace.

This is the fourth year the 'Challenge' has been run since the inaugural race in 2008. The Event is dedicated to increasing awareness of Prostate Cancer & to fund raise for The Cancer Council Queensland. In the process a fun day has been created for our members to paddle in an incredibly idyllic environment.

An event such as this could not take place without the wonderful work carried out by our trusty team of volunteers who freely give of their time every year, thank you again to:

Gold Coast Dragons, Julie, Janine, Robyn, Helen, Dale and Andy

Dragons Abreast Gold Coast, Debi, Del, Rosemary, Bindi, Fay, Lorraine, Mary and Cherril



Te Waka collecting the winners trophy



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Crew 7.5klms	Results	Crew Dash for Cash	Results
DAGC	51:19 mins	All Sorts	Scratched
All Sorts	44:55	Redlands	Scratched
Redlands	44:44	Lanawater	Scratched
Lanawater	43:46	Coomera	Scratched
BRD	42:59	DAGC	1:14:84 mins
Sunshine Coast	40:49	BRD	1:07:06
Coomera	40:38	Manly	1:04:75
Tweed/Grafton	40:28	Burleigh	1:03:11
Currumbin	40:13	Sunshine Coast	1:02:93
Burleigh	39:50	C'gatta Mt Warning	1:02:03
C'gatta Mt Warning	39:47 3rd	Broadkila	1:01:60
Broadkila	38:57	Tweed/Grafton	1:01:22 3rd
Manly	38:57 2nd	Currumbin	59:69 secs 2nd
Te Waka	37:41 1st	Te Waka	54:56 1st

**Tweed/Grafton** donated their 3rd Cash Prize of \$100.00 back to the Cancer Council

**Currumbin** will be purchasing a much needed boat cover for one of their dragon boats with their 2nd cash prize of \$300.00

**Te Waka** have donated half of their 1st prize cash \$600.00 ( i.e. donated \$300.00) back to the Cancer Council. The balance will go into a fund to assist their paddlers going to Hong Kong for the 2012 IDBF World Club Crew Championships.

# THE DRAGON'S HEAD

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QDBF Paul Jarvis - Technical Director & Karen Jarvis - Development Director

BRD, Blair Gamble

In addition, this year again, all the safety boats (drivers included) were loaned to QDBF with out charge, a huge thank you to of BRD, Broadwater & Gold Coast Dragons for your continued generosity.

Now to ROGER LARGE, what can I say? An outstanding effort! Working tirelessly behind the scenes for months prior to this event, Roger liaises with the Sponsors Sanctuary Cove & Breeze FM, meets with Gold Coast Council & Waterways, gathers donations, raffle prizes, organises food vendors, transportation and the location set up. Thank you Roger for your drive and dedication to this cause and it appears that we are close to raising \$5000.00 for the Cancer Council Qld. (Final figures to be confirmed)

I believe from the interested enquiries fielded on the day, valuable exposure was given to both our sport and our chosen charity. All in all a most enjoyable and successful day!

See you all again next year !

Maggie Boyce  
QDBF Events & Equipment Director



## Bridge Banners

Two large banners were displayed on the Bedivere Street Overpass at Carindale for 1 week in June to promote the sport of dragon boating. They covered the inbound and outbound lanes of Old Cleveland Road. Successful applicants are able to have banners displayed for a total of two weeks per 12 months period.



## Article 1 – Tin Can Bay Dragon Boat Celebrations!

Wide Bay Regional paddlers and the local community celebrated the 'double-fifth' when the Cooloola Dragon Boat Club presented an exciting day of Dragon Boat Racing with some colourful events on the Program.

### Awakening the Dragon – 'Dotting of the Eye' Ceremony

As the modern form of Dragon Boat Racing rapidly develops into an internationally contested sport, with Olympic recognition 'in its sights', it is sometimes easy to forget our sport's ancient origins.

From the Ceremonial 'Dotting of the Eye', to the colourful Chinese Lion Dance, this event was set to entertain and educate both paddlers and the general public, with some of the traditions and customs associated with the ancient origins of the sport of Dragon Boat Racing.

The local Member for Gympie, David Gibson MP, took part in the ceremonies, deftly Dotting the Eyes of one of the assembled dragons, while respected members of the visiting Regional Clubs 'gave life' to the remaining three.... This was followed by 'wetting the dragons' heads and a very vigorous tossing of Zong-Zi – the glutinous rice dumplings superbly created by Chris, one of our Club Members.

Having reassured our local Member that we weren't going to tie a large rock around his feet and throw him into the river by way of re-enacting the legend of Qu Yuan.... (such 'sacrifices' only occur in politics David!)... he and our much valued paddling 'elder', Bill Stamm, happily boarded the boat, to scatter rice in a symbolic gesture, as the dragon was shown around Snapper Creek.

Tin Can Bay Yacht Club Commodore, Ken Bubb, artfully burned gold paper as a symbolic sacrifice and bows were exchanged between 'the dragon' and those assembled on shore, further showing respect to the dragon and the water spirits.

It was then time to bring the Lions alive....

### Chinese Lion Dance Performances

The two performances by the Mantis Kung Fu Academy's Lion Dance Team entertained the 213 participants and were a popular attraction for local community members who turned out in good numbers to view the proceedings.

Thanks mainly to the financial assistance provided by QDBF, we were able to include this significant cultural feature, which is often a highlight at Dragon Boat Festivals around the world... The Dancing Lions perform to ward off evil spirits and bring Luck, Fortune and Joy to all those attending the event. ...The Lion Dance Team certainly added colour and spectacle to our special event.

### THE DRAGON BOAT RACES

A great day of racing followed the Ceremonies, with the 'Community Challenge' races alternating on the program with the hotly contested – Round 1 of the 2011 Wide Bay Regional Dragon Boat Regatta Series.

### Round 1 – Wide Bay Regional Series

Dragon Boat teams from Cooloola, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg & the Town of 1770 began their four- round series, to determine who will be 'Regional Champions' in 2011.

After a very successful inaugural series last year, won by the Hervey Bay contingent, all four Clubs were eager to take to the water, with the big improvers being the Town of 1770 Crew.... It was a closely contested Final between 1770



Each dragon was 'awakened'!

and Cooloola, but the 'home team' was unable to get their dragons head in front, indicating that the very young 1770 Dragon Boat Club might just be the ones to watch this season!

### Cooloola Community Challenge

Nine community/corporate crews contested the 'Community Challenge' this time around, displaying some paddling potential that wouldn't go astray within our Club!?... the ever so casual 'Grottie Yachties' (TCB Yacht Club Crew), got serious in the Grand Final, but weren't up to the challenge from the 'Mighty 10' (Mitre 10 Team).... Our 'challenge' now is to get some of this 'potential' back in the dragon boat on a regular basis!

The community teams were ably assisted on the day by strokes & sweeps from the Regional Clubs and the fun and friendly rivalry throughout the program resulted in a very special Dragon Boat Celebration in Tin Can Bay!

What a great Day!... and we'll see you all in July....

Gayle Barnett (Events Director, CDBC)



Local Member for Gympie - David Gibson MP... was a little concerned that he was being offered as a 'sacrifice'!

## Article 2 – Wide Bay Regatta Series - Tin Can Bay - Saturday 4th June

Gayle Barnett & her trusty team of Cooloola Club members & volunteers put on another fabulous and timely executed event.

The day began with a traditional boat blessing ceremony, in addition the presence of the Mantis Kung Fu Academy Lion Dancers from Burleigh were a highlight for the competitors and spectators alike. It is gratifying to see the cultural aspect of our sport embraced

The racing was brisk and fierce despite the obvious camaraderie evolving between the regional teams... this was serious stuff!! It is wonderful to see the

interest and enthusiasm captured and continuously developing within the Clubs in regional Queensland.

Congratulations to all the clubs on your achievements – the 200m Final Race results are as follows:

1st Town of 1770 1:07:08 2nd Cooloola 1:10:08 3rd Hervey Bay 1:10:85 4th Bundaberg 1:14:08

Over the weekend of 17th & 18th May, Ross & I visited 1770 ( Sat 17th), Bundaberg and Hervey Bay Clubs ( Sun 18th) we spent a collective 10 hours on water in the various locations conducting

typical training sessions, in addition to some land based work as part of the QDBF Regional Development Grant Program.

It was a fabulous opportunity to see these clubs in action and identify some real emerging talent from within the region.

The Regional Regatta series creates structure and provides a goal for all these clubs to train and compete against their peers... culminating in such positive results as experienced at Tin Can Bay on the 4th of June. Keep up the good work everyone!!

Happy Paddling  
Maggie Boyce QDBF Events & Equipment Director



Cooloola Crew



Winners are Grinners Town of 1770



Hervey Bay Crew



Dragon entertainment

## Marketing Kits

### Head/Tail Stands, Pull Up Banner, Large Banner

The QDBF, through the Sport and Recreation Development Grant has developed 5 Marketing Kits. These kits are for use by ALL clubs in Queensland.

The kits include a wooden stand for dragon head and tail, pull up banner, and a large flat banner.

These banners are bright, very effective, and generic and can be used by all, it directs all interested people to the QDBF website.

There are five designated areas where these kits are stored, and it will be up to a club to plan and arrange for their area kit to be delivered for use.

1. **Northern Qld** – Townsville Dragon Boat Club – [tdbc.president@gmail.com](mailto:tdbc.president@gmail.com)
2. **Central Qld** – Bundaberg Dragon Boat Club – [tri-kev123@hotmail.com](mailto:tri-kev123@hotmail.com)
3. **Sunshine Coast** – Dragon Boat Club – [j.gilm@bigpond.net.au](mailto:j.gilm@bigpond.net.au)
4. **Brisbane** – stored in QDBF storage shed at the Port – [events@qdbf.com.au](mailto:events@qdbf.com.au)
5. **Gold Coast** – Broadwater Dragons – [info@broadwaterdragons.com](mailto:info@broadwaterdragons.com)



## TV Advertisements – Mid Aug & Sept

The QDBF have undertaken to run a series of TV advertisements to publicise dragon boating to the wider community and to assist with recruitment of new members.

These advertisements will begin as follows:

The **Regional Areas** of Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba in mid August 2011 on Channel 7Two

**Gold Coast** in mid August on Channel SCTen

Greater **Brisbane Area** including Metropolitan, Ipswich, areas from Beaudesert to Coolumb and Gold Coast (where signal penetrates the Gold Coast) beginning of September 2011 on Channel 7Two.

When the advertisements begin we would like clubs to provide feedback to QDBF from their members if they see or have people contact them regarding the advertisements to allow us to gauge their effectiveness. From this feedback the Management Committee will decide if it warrants running the advertisement a second time.



All Clubs, please ensure that your club details are correct on the QDBF website as this will be the first point of contact. The website now has a direct button from the Home page to all dragon boat clubs.

Please supply amended information sheets or website details to [admin@qdbf.com.au](mailto:admin@qdbf.com.au) ASAP.

## CLUB ALERT – Re Communication

The QDBF goes to great lengths to ensure that there is an active communication link between QDBF Management Committee and all Clubs. QDBF Admin sends all information from IDBF, AusDBF, and QDBF to the three nominated club members from each Club. It is up to Clubs to inform their members of all relevant information that it receives.

To all Clubs, please advise QDBF when your nominated Club details change due to AGM, change of email addresses, etc.

Club members, please contact your Club Secretary to ensure that you are receiving all relevant information.

## Griffith University English Language Institute (GELI) - Come & Try session

Thirty eight students and teachers from GELI were introduced to the sport of dragon boating on Thursday 7th July on the Nerang River, Gold Coast. With assistance from the QDBF Development Sport & Recreation Grant, and Broadwater Dragons members, a fun filled afternoon was enjoyed by all. The GELI teacher approached Broadwater Dragons to conduct an "Experience with Dragon Boating", as part of their studies, and to facilitate a healthy sports option for a later date.

The students are from Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea and Saudi Arabia, and are improving their English language skills before starting their chosen degree at Griffith Uni, Gold Coast. It was a very interesting Come & Try session, as many could speak or understand only a limited amount of English, which meant all instructions were carried out visually, and with hand actions. Under the firm guidance of our QDBF Accredited sweeps - Irene Warren and Lorrie Ledwell, the two hour session concluded without incident, and everyone said they had an awesome time. All paddlers wore life jackets.

Their Teacher commented - "The students had an absolute blast and it was one of the highest ranking activities in attendance that the GELI students have attended so far this year. Thank you to all involved. Greatly appreciated by all students and teachers".



## Kamini Jain Training Camp

### Calling for Expressions of Interest for this Camp

To be held in Noosa over the weekend of 8th & 9th October 2011.

Accommodation will be at Skippers Cove Apartments on the Noosa River.

The format will be similar to the format from 2010 Tallebudgera Camp. Most of the content will be on water with a minimal amount of classroom/video playback etc.

Estimated costs \$250.00 per paddler... exact costing will be advised when numbers are confirmed.

The Camp is open to all coaches and paddlers who would like to benefit from

Kamini's coaching skill. Kamini is a High Performance Coach from False Creek Racing Canoe Club in Vancouver, Canada and also is the Coach for the Canadian 'Premier' Squad competing at the 10th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championship at Tampa Bay in August 2011.

Kamini and her co coach Leanne Zrum will be in Brisbane Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October and are available to conduct 90 minutes on water sessions with any interested Clubs. Cost \$500.00 maximum 2 boats only i.e. one coach per boat.



Crew from 2010 Training Camp

Please direct any questions/enquiries to Maggie Boyce [events@qdbf.com.au](mailto:events@qdbf.com.au) and also cc [mboyce@primus.com.au](mailto:mboyce@primus.com.au) so that I am sure to pick up your emails when I am overseas.

I will be in USA/Canada from 27 July so please only email or text me after that date.

## Funding Assistance for the Qld Aurora's

The QDBF is continuing their support of our State's paddlers to achieve their goals to compete at the highest possible level of competition by representing Australia at the IDBF World Dragon Boat Championships. These are to be held in Tampa, Florida, USA, from 1st to 7th August this year.

The selection for the Aurora's teams has been a well-planned campaign with three major camps in Canberra, Sydney, and the Gold Coast. QDBF is very proud to announce that of the 159 member squad selected throughout Australia, 33 members are from Queensland.

To assist our Queensland paddlers, QDBF has provided each paddler with \$100 each, to congratulate them for their efforts, commitment and determination to achieve their goal.

Congratulations from all QDBF Members. Good luck with your Auroras campaign.

## Regional Regatta Equipment Kits

The QDBF has supplied a large Regatta Equipment Kit for both the North Qld and Wide Bay Regional Regatta Series to assist the host club to run their regatta.

The kits include loud hailer, air horns, stop watches, 2 way radios, anchors, ropes, and files- all to be stored in a large box for easy transport.

The North Qld kit will be stored by Townsville Dragon Boat Club- as all three regional regattas- hosted by Cairns, Mackay and Townsville- are to be held in Townsville on the beautiful Ross River. The Wide Bay Regional Regatta kit will be stored by Bundaberg Dragons, and transported to each of the regattas in 1770, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg and Tin Can Bay.

These kits are funded through the Sport & Rec Development grant, and will prove invaluable in assisting host clubs to run efficient regattas.



## Classifieds

If you or your club has any items for sale or purchase please send to the QDBF for inclusion. Items will be listed for two consecutive issues unless advised that they have been purchased. An item description, cost, condition and contact details are to be supplied.

This is a free service to all Queensland dragon boat clubs and their paddlers.

Send your classifieds to marketing@qdbf.com.au by the first weekend of each month. These items are to be paddling related from paddles, paddle bags to dragon boats and trailers and also can include lease items.

## Funding Approval

The Redlands Sea Dragons are eagerly awaiting the delivery of 2 new boats, a 20 seater and a 10 seater. The purchase of these boats was made possible by a grant of \$13,000 from the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund in round 71. We would like to thank the Queensland Government and the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund Board of Trustees for awarding us this grant.

## Merlin Excalibur Paddle for Sale

The Excalibur is a highly modified CD2 that is the ultimate coaching or personal learning tool for the beginner or the elite paddler looking to perfect their stroke or identify their strengths and weakness's.

Fitted with strain and positional sensors, Excalibur enables the paddler to record almost every aspect of their stroke. The data is recorded to an onboard memory that can hold about 90minutes of data at the recommended settings and about 30minutes at hi resolution. The data can then be downloaded to a computer.

Analysis of the data is done using the included software that also lets you examine and adjust the settings within the paddle.

Included with the paddle is Bag, Manuals, Software, Batteries and Charger, USB cable for connection to Computer and instruction on how to use and understand the information collected.

\$1,500.00 including GST

Contact by email: gary.ellis4@bigpond.com or mobile: 0417 749 460



## Moved to Queensland

I am writing to introduce myself, I am a AOCRA member and boat builder and repairer. I moved recently from Adelaide to Queensland to live permanently.

As a boat builder with 22 years in the business, I use to give service and repair as expertise in Champion dragon boats and other kinds of small boats or large jobs. Because of my good reputation, I am offering my services, at a low rate to my friends at dragon boat and canoe clubs. I can provide contacts about my jobs for Australian Dragon Boats Asociation, and AOCRA clubs if requested.

If you think that you may need help for repairs or for advice about maintenance at your club in the Brisbane area please let me know, I work on weekend, in between a good paddling session, I'm always making new friends.

Horacio

Email: horacebeachboy@gmail.com

Lanakila Paddling Club  
Pala Beach, Coomera, Gold Coast, Australia

invites your team to compete in our

# DRAGON BOAT CORPORATE CHALLENGE

10 OR 20 PADDLERS  
FAST AND FURIOUS FUN  
THE ULTIMATE TEAM CHALLENGE!!

Sunday 24th July 2011  
Emerald Lakes, Gold Coast  
10s and 20s race divisions  
For more information  
P 0439 780 268  
lanakila\_paddling@hotmail.com  
www.lanakilapaddlingclub.com  
10% of money raised donated to the Danvers Landing Family Trust Fund.

## Share your news

Got some news, information or pics that could be included in *The Dragon's Head* newsletter? Send your contributions to [info@qdbf.com.au](mailto:info@qdbf.com.au). Even if you just send your club newsletters – be great to hear what you are all up to.