

THE CATCH



South Niagara Canoe Club Newsletter

March 2017

The Ottawa Ice Dragon Boat Festival

February 17-18, 2017 at Dow's Lake



Brenda Arndt, Liz Guitard, and Ann Reid in Ottawa. Photo from Ann's Facebook post.

In conjunction with Canada's 150th Anniversary Celebration, the Ottawa Ice Dragon Boat Festival proudly introduces the exciting new sport of ice dragon boating to North America for the very first time. This momentous event is presented in partnership with the International Ice Dragon Boat Federation (IIDBF). The IIDBF is the official organization of ice dragon boat sports which is dedicated to the spread and development of ice dragon boat sport worldwide. IIDBF has published constitutions, articles, racing rules and regulations as well as racing technical specifications for international ice dragon boat races. The IIDBF held 8 international races including: Harbin, Changlinghu, Mudanjiang, Ordos, and Budapest, between December 2015 and February 2016. Approximately 10 thousand people had joined in this series of events.

The inaugural Ottawa Ice Dragon Boat Festival registration sold out in 10 minutes. Organizers quickly opened a second block to meet the unprecedented demand which also proceeded to sell out. Sixty teams registered from California, Florida, New York, Ontario and Quebec.

See www.icedragonboat.ca and www.iidbf.org



Brenda, Liz, and Ann pose with team Ice Pix and Luo Zhongyi, IIDBF Chairman. Photo from Ann's Facebook post.



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Correction!

The Welland Dragon Boat Festival is now
Saturday June 10, 2017.

See www.wellanddragonboatfestival.com
for details. Early bird deadline: April 1, 2017.

Volunteers needed at the following WIFC 2017 events

Go to www.wifc.ca/site/volunteer to sign up and for information on the different volunteer roles available.

Go to www.wifc.ca/site/2017-season to see other events happening at WIFC.

May 13: ROWONTARIO Spring Regatta

July 8-9: ROWONTARIO Camp

July 16: ROWONTARIO Masters Championships

July 18-20: North American Indigenous Games—Canoe Kayak events

July 29-30: ROWONTARIO Championships

August 3-6: Canadian Dragon Boat Championships

August 22-27: Canadian Sprint Canoe Kayak Championships

September 8-10: Canoe Polo World Championships Test Event

Welland is Reconsidering Motorboat Ban

See Welland Tribune article from March 1 by Allan Benner. Please fill out online survey at www.welland.ca or fill out print version of survey available at Welland Civic Square, Welland Recreational Canal Corporation, and Welland Community Wellness Complex. Survey Deadline is March 31.

Public consultation meetings are March 11 at 1pm, March 16 at 7pm, and March 28 at 7pm, 90 minutes long at the Welland Community Wellness Complex, 145 Lincoln Street, Welland.

Lifting the motorboat ban could mean that motorboats, sea doos, and jetskis may be sharing the Welland Recreational waterway with kayaks, canoes, and dragon boats.



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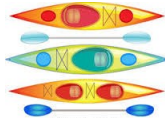
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Pictures and story ideas for **The Catch** can
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News from the Board of Directors

Please refer to updated policies on our website SNCC.CA for more information or speak to any of your friendly neighbourhood Board members.



Boat Storage Policy: A new addition to this policy allows for paddlers in the Developmental Canoe/Kayak program to store the boat they use in their program for free with SNCC.

Fundraising, Sponsorship, and Donation Policy: Now, each program/crew can fundraise for their own goals provided their plans are approved by the Board of Directors and the paddlers are willing to divide the proceeds 80% for them and 20% for South Niagara Canoe Club.

Drug and Alcohol Policy: SNCC promotes a healthy and active lifestyle. Thus, SNCC prohibits the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco during events such as practices and training camps.



Budget for 2017 Paddling Season

The Board will begin budget discussions for the upcoming Spring/Summer/Fall paddling sessions. Costs may rise in programming fees and in membership fees to cover increased expenses such as higher insurance rates for the club's new boats. See SNCC.CA for updates.



The Move and The Build at Welland International Flatwater Centre

A space is being secured at the WIFC that can accommodate SNCC's growth with programs such as ParaCanoe and Full Day Kids Camp!

Full Day Canoe Kids Summer Camp

Details are still being worked out, but the website will be updated with dates and costs for the new full day camp at SNCC that will be offered Summer 2017. Spread the word to any families looking for something to do this summer.



SNCC adds a Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat Team

In addition to a recreation Women's Team and a recreation Mixed Team, SNCC will now have a Breast Cancer Survivor (BCS) Team. Survivors are welcome to join any dragon boat crew that suits their interest and fitness level. As well, Survivors can choose to race with the BCS team at BCS events.