



**Dear Team Captains,**

**Bulletin # 1**

Thank you for registering your team for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Port Perry Dragon Boat Festival!

Over the next few weeks, you will receive 3 bulletins regarding the festival; these bulletins will contain important information that you (or your team) need to know prior to race day. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### ***Rosters & Waivers***

All team rosters and waivers are to be completed online using our registration platform. You will receive a custom link in May with instructions as to how to complete your team roster and individual waivers. Should you not receive this by May 10<sup>th</sup>, please let me know!

### ***Dragon Boat Canada – Rules of Racing***

All of the festivals provided by Alkame Dragon Boat Services will follow the current rules of dragon boat racing as outlined by Dragon Boat Canada. Some important rules to highlight:

- All Mixed teams must race with a minimum of 8 women and a maximum of 10 men.
- Women's teams must also have a female steersperson and drummer.
- Roster checks will be completed in all racing finals; please ensure that all of your paddlers are listed on your roster and that each paddler brings their photo ID to the final race. Paddlers not listed on your roster will not be permitted to race. To see a complete list of the Rules of Racing, please visit: [www.dragonboat.ca](http://www.dragonboat.ca)

### ***Practices & Steerspeople***

Each team that registers for the 2019 Port Perry Dragon Boat Festival has the opportunity to practice twice prior to race day. Practices will be held at the festival site in Palmer Park on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup>, between 5:00pm-8:00pm. Steerspeople will be provided at no cost to your team for festival day, however should you require a steersperson for practices, they must be booked in advance at a cost of \$100/practice. To book your practice time, or to book a steersperson, please email [katy.dunlop@alkame.ca](mailto:katy.dunlop@alkame.ca).

### ***Pledge Program***

Returning for 2019, the Port Perry Dragon Boat Festival will be once again be offering the Pledge Program to raise money for the Port Perry Hospital Foundation and the Scugog Lake Stewards. Register your team online to begin raising money today! <https://www.pphfoundation.ca/community-events/port-perry-dragon-boat-festival-2019/>. Attached to this email you will also find paper pledge forms, tally sheets and additional information regarding the pledge program. If you have any questions regarding this program specifically, please reach out to: Rachel Agnoluzzi, [ragnoluzzi@lakeridgehealth.on.ca](mailto:ragnoluzzi@lakeridgehealth.on.ca)

### ***Contests & Awards!***

Returning for 2019, Port Perry contests will include the Best Dressed Team as well as an award for the Tonsil Toss (Best Team Cheer)! We will also be presenting the Durham Dragon Award to the local Scugog Community Team who has the best overall time, and new for 2019 we will be presenting the Seniors Cup to the fastest team with paddlers who are 50+!

**Paddles Up!**