



A FEW WORDS FROM GREG:

I am very excited about 2014! It is amazing to consider what we have accomplished in the short time DragonBoat Beaufort has been in existence:

- We have about 100 paddlers on the team roster and over 50 members “in good standing.”
- We held our first RACE DAY in 2013:
 - 23 teams participated
 - Over 70 volunteers
 - Over 3000 spectators
- We operate an outreach program for local people who are cancer survivors or who are undergoing cancer treatment.

We have BIG PLANS for 2014 so you need to get actively involved! There are MANY opportunities beyond paddling.

We have not been idle during the winter:

- Braveheart is enjoying a winter break and Miss Julie is getting a much needed rehab – all in preparation for the start of the 2014 paddling season!
- While it’s too cold to paddle, we are meeting Saturday mornings (9 am) at the Depot (on Depot St) at the start of the Spanish Moss Trail for exercise and camaraderie!



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

- Angie Calhoun
- Walt Burnside
- Joy Craig
- Rich Seymour

NEW OFFICERS:

- President-Elect: Andrew Nichols
- Treasurer: Doris Bland
- Secretary: Mary Kay Donaldson

WOODMAN CHALLENGE:

At our Holiday Bash last December, Bob and Corinne Woodman made a challenge – they would match donations for a second dragonboat up to \$5000. We made it! Combined we raised \$12,180! Many, many thanks to Bob and Corinne and to our donors:



Diamond Donors: Art Markel, Barb Ettl (drum), Bernie Moscovitz, Erica & John Dickerson, Greg Rawls, Sam & Elizabeth Levin, Stephanie Wenrick.

Emerald Donors: Angie Calhoun (dragon head), Carole Davidson (dragon tail), Clare Taylor (graphics), Donna Hartley, Kathy & Dick Haas, Mary Ann & Jeff Thomas, Susan & Wayne Rushton, Sy & Betty Commanday.

Jade Donors: Andy & Catherine Lyons, Brenda Grossberg, Chris Jones, Doris & Richard Bladn, Gerry Bixler, Jim & Doreen Peirce, Kate, Olin, Linda Etchells, Mary Ann Mikell, Mike Cornwell, Nancy Frigon, Patrica Musgrave, Rich Seymour, Penny & Robert Pearson, Tori Austin, Rosa-Leah Leek, Breast Cancer Awareness, Patricia Schad.

We still need donations to purchase PFDs, paddles and other equipment, so if you are interested, please contact fundraising@dragonboatbeaufort.org.

Also, another dragonboat means we will need more people trained to steer and coach! If interested, contact coach@dragonboatbeaufort.org.

DISCOUNT MEMBERSHIP AT LIFEFIT:

DBB has arranged a discount membership at Beaufort Memorial’s LifeFit Wellness Center for \$35/month. Contact Mary Kay at secretary@dragonboatbeaufort.org for more information.



DBB ACTION PLAN:

In response to feedback from the team, we're targeting a few specific goals for 2014:

- Produce and implement a successful 2014 RACE DAY.
- Implement more social activities.
- Implement "Newbee" program.
- Get more members involved in day-to-day operations by moving more responsibilities from the Board to the general membership.
- Train more steerers and coaches.
- Increase communication internally and externally.
- Enhance and expand outreach programs.
- Attend at least 3 dragonboat festivals.

RACE DAY 2014:

We are proud to announce that **RACE DAY 2014** will be Saturday, July 26 during the Beaufort Water Festival! We have the whole day so we're hoping to be able to accommodate 36 teams. It took 70 volunteers to put on RACE DAY 2013 so with our expanded format we expect we'll need 80-90 volunteers.



If you are interested in volunteering for RACE DAY, send an email to info@dragonboatbeaufort.org. We especially need someone to volunteer to be Communications Manager.

We have our first Diamond Sponsor – Revolution Ballroom – Many thanks! We have more sponsorship opportunities available:

- Diamond Sponsors: \$5000
- Emerald Sponsors: \$3000
- Pearl Sponsors: \$1000
- Jade Sponsors: \$500

CHARLESTON DRAGONBOAT FESTIVAL

The Charleston Dragonboat Festival will be May 3rd at Brittlebank Park in Charleston. If you are interested in competing on our team (and winning more medals), you will need to be a member "in good standing" (which means you paid your annual dues!) and come to practice and train! We will need at least 20 paddlers and one drummer. More information to come...



OTHER DRAGONBOAT FESTIVALS:

We are targeting going to at least 3 festivals this year. Below is a schedule of dragonboat festivals in the southeast. Which ones look most interesting to you? Let us know!

- Hernando Dragonboat Festival
 - Hernando, FL - Saturday, March 15, 2014
- Orlando Dragon Boat Challenge
 - Orlando, FL - Saturday, March 22, 2014
- Walgreens Cocoa Beach Dragon Boat Festival
 - Coca Beach, FL - Saturday, April 12, 2014
- Uptown Columbus Dragonboat Festival
 - Columbus, GA - Saturday, May 10, 2014
- Charlotte Dragonboat Festival
 - Cornelius, NC - Saturday, May 17, 2014
- Walgreens Orlando International Dragon Boat Festival
 - Downtown Disney, Orlando, FL - Saturday, October 18, 2014
- Sarasota Dragonboat Festival
 - Sarasota, FL - Friday, October 24, 2014



MEMBERSHIP:

In 2012 a mixed DragonBoat racing team made up of cancer survivors, sponsors and supporters was formed in Beaufort. As an organization offering survivors the opportunity to regain physical and psychological strength through paddling, camaraderie and team racing as well as providing local cancer patients with needs they might not be able to afford, DragonBoat Beaufort has grown into a viable and recognized charitable organization.

The interest has grown to the point where people, not capable of paddling themselves but fascinated by the fastest growing water sport in the world and the mission DBB itself represents, have expressed interest in a “social or associate” membership. They want to be part of DBB and all that they do but just not be “in the boat.”

The current membership and the Board of Directors welcomes that idea and the folks interested in that concept.....it’s a great one! Ordinarily, an annual membership with full access to boats, equipment and competition is \$75. This “social” membership will have an annual fee of \$35 with full access to meetings, voting, social activities and “rooting section” for those competing; furthermore, if at any time, someone wants to move into the paddling world, the \$35 will be applicable towards a full membership.

Contact membership@dragonboatbeaufort.org for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Practice Schedule Coordinator
- Safety Boat Captain Coordinator
- Race Day volunteer
- We need someone to wash the PFDs before the start of paddling season.

Send an email to president@dragonboatbeaufort.org.

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NECESSARY WEB LINKS:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/DragonBoat-Beaufort/392672937413896?fref=ts>
- Signup Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4CADA922AA8-dragonboat>



DragonBoat Beaufort 2014 Board of Directors

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