



DBB President Struts His/Her Stuff at Beaufort Beauties!

Our very own President, Greg Rawls, will be representing DragonBoat Beaufort at Beaufort Beauties on **Saturday, March 29 at 7:30pm at the Shed in Port Royal**. This is a hilarious and popular fundraiser and all money raised goes to great local causes – DragonBoat Beaufort, Main Street Beaufort, Lowcountry Habitat for Humanity and Healing Heroes of the Lowcountry Fund. The pageant will feature an opening number, evening gown competition, talent competition and question & answer for the contestants. Come on out and support Greg (aka Lulu LaRue) and DragonBoat Beaufort! Contact Kate Olin (kate.olin@gmail.com) for tickets (\$35).



Making the transformation from a hairy guy to a glamorous Dragon Queen requires the removal of a lot of hair! So, the amount of hair Greg will remove is directly related to how much money he raises!

- If he raises \$500, he will shave his sideburns
- If he raises \$1,000, he will shave his beard
- If he raises \$1,500, he will shave his arm pits
- If he raises \$2,000, he will shave his legs
- If he raises \$3,000, he will shave his head
- If he raises \$5,000, he will have a bikini wax (biggest donor earns the right to verify this!)

So go to this link and donate to a great cause! <http://www.plumfund.com/pf/kg6jm>

Spread the word with the DBB Biz Card

Get your own supply of 20 small DBB cards to hand out to friends, at parties, at work, anywhere you have the chance to promote what we do and how fabulous it is. The *updated* card has contact info on one side and our mission statement on the other. Contact Clare at membership@dragonboatbeaufort.org



Southeastern Regional Dragon Boat Association

DragonBoat Beaufort is a member of the Southeastern Regional Dragon Boat Association but you can join as an individual by going to this link: <https://www.srdba.org/join-srdba/>

DBB Outreach

DragonBoat Beaufort operates an outreach program where we reach in to each other so we can reach out to the community.

If you have a personal situation that you would want us to be aware of, or know of a situation where our organization might be able to help, please send an email to outreach@dragonboatbeaufort.org.

Part of our mission is outreach through one-and-one grants to local cancer patients and DBB members with needs they are unable to afford or for which they lack coverage; and through support and counseling for cancer patients in treatment and in remission, including support for their caregivers.

We Need Volunteers!!!!

It takes a lot to make DragonBoat Beaufort happen so we're looking for volunteers to help:

Safety Boat Coordinator: Establish a list of qualified Safety Boat Captains (work with Beaufort Power Squadron) and schedule a Safety Boat Captain and First Mate for each scheduled practice.

Practice Schedule Coordinator: Set up practice schedule, ensure that a qualified Steerer is scheduled for each practice and ensure that someone is at the dock at least 30 minutes before practice starts to set up the dragonboat for practice.



DragonBoat Race Day 2014

We are proud to announce that DRAGONBOAT 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. Past President John Dickerson will again assume the role of Head Dragon for this terrific event.

We have our first Diamond Sponsor – Revolution Ballroom – many thanks! We have four levels sponsorship opportunities available plus we will start recruiting teams soon. If you know of someone, a company or a group who would to get behind our great cancer survivor event, we have brochures to help you explain the benefits of sponsorship. Contact Kathy Haas at Haaskd@aol.com

- **Diamond** 6 Sponsors: \$5000
- **Emerald** 5 Sponsors: \$3000
- **Ruby** 8 Sponsors: \$1,500
- **Pearl** Unlimited Sponsors: \$1000
- **Jade** Unlimited Sponsors: \$500



High Five Will Be Our Race Day Event Manager

DragonBoat Race Day will be produced by High Five Dragon Boat, the company that won the bid for our festival. High Five serves many US dragon boat sporting events from sanctioned competitive races to small town local festivals. Their focus lies in a professional approach to their services, with a dedication towards quality and customer service for their event partners. They train and hire American workers, with proceeds of their events reinvested in America. Their mission is to grow the sport of dragon boating through community involvement and charitable contributions. High Five Dragon Boat is headquartered in Tampa, FL (www.highfivedragonboat.com). They will be doing the Race Day Website with a huge assist from Andy Nicholls

Race Day Volunteer Teams – Sign Up!

Interested in being a volunteer for Race Day 2014? There are LOTS of opportunities and areas where we need volunteers:

Volunteer Management:

Assistant Volunteer Manager

Fund Raising:

Team Members

Communications/Marketing/PR:

Team Members

Information Technology:

Team Members

Race Day Water Management:

Equipment Coordinator

Start Dock Coordinator

Rescue Squad Coordinator

Loading Dock Master

Boat Loaders

Boat Wranglers

Race Day Land Management:

Marshaling Team

Drop-Off Welcome



Greeter
Registration
Race Management

Teams Management:

Practice Week Coordinator
Practice Coaches
Practice Steerers
Practice Week Team

Merchandising:

Fun Committee Coordinator
Awards Coordinator

To add your enthusiasm and expertise to DBB's race Day, send a message to president@DragonBoatBeaufort.com.

Starting Paddling Season - Braveheart Back in Water

Due to a long/cold/rainy winter, our paddling season is going to be delayed. The current water temperature is 50°F. This is too cold for safety in the unlikely event of a boat capsizing. We want to wait until the water temperature reaches 60°F before we get back on the water. An email will go out to all members when the paddling season starts.

Miss Julie is reBorn!

Over the winter, Miss Julie has been undergoing a facelift! Thanks to John Kraft of Southern Wholesale Carpets, she now has new carpeting that looks GREAT (like grey flannel). All of the old wiring has been removed, along with its many splices and a new wire harness will be installed next week. The re-born Miss Julie will be equipped with all new (working) instruments, depth sounder, VHF radio and antenna, running lights. Heavy braided straps will secure the new emergency grab rope to both sides and front on the boat. We expect to have all





work finished by late March, in time for temperature totals (water + air) = 100F or better. Thanks go to Stephanie Wenrick, Gerry Bixler and Rich Seymour for their great work. We could use some help refurbishing a few of the seat cushions.

New Social Membership

Thanks to all of you DragonBoat Beaufort has grown to become a viable, recognized charitable organization. The buzz has grown to the point where people who are not able or interested in paddling want to get involved and support DBB's mission. These people have expressed interest in a "social" or "associate" membership: they want to be part of DBB, just not "in the boat."

The Board of Directors welcomed this great idea! Our annual membership with full access to boats, equipment and competition is \$75. Social membership will have an annual fee of \$35 with full access to meetings, voting, social activities and the festival "cheering section". If, at any time, someone wants to move to the paddling world, the \$35 will be applicable towards a paddling membership. Contact membership@dragonboatbeaufort.org for more information.

DragonBoat Beaufort Membership

DragonBoat Beaufort currently has 75 members in "good standing" which means their dues for 2014 are paid. Several more have said they will "join" when our season starts. Meanwhile, welcome to our newest members: Marilyn Booher, Maureen Conroy, Linda Etchells, Brenda Fallon, Linda Gillet, Brenda Grossberg, Terri Jones, Linda Lee, Barbara Murphy, Marty & Barbara Nash (because he smartly mentioned this), Doreen Pierce, Vivian Satterlee, Fran Tuttle, Carol Davis. The following will hopefully be back in the boat once we are out on the river. If you know any of them, give them a call! Debra Murray, Carol Kajano, April Raspberry, Val Tannuzzi, Carol Walter, Marilyn Wallace, Rochelle Ferguson, Wendy Groller, Maureen Chapman, Marshalee Clark, Lois Hadinger, Jon Haden, Wendy Huston, Barbara Kelly, Debra Murray, Susie Roos, Suzanne Wolf and Pat "Red" Yates. Contact Clare to get official!

If you would like the membership list in a pdf format (some of you couldn't open the Excel sheet), please contact Clare membership@dragonboatbeaufort.org.



With our second boat in the works, we will be launching a strong **membership drive** to increase the number of committed paddlers and steerspeople. Some ideas include: bring a friend to try it out, a once-monthly Newbie Day, more visits to area community services including the Paula Williams Breast Cancer Group, to raise awareness and increase our paddler and social membership.

Update on Second Boat

We will be making the purchase in the spring. It will probably be the same as Braveheart – a BuK (Boots-Und-Kunststoffbau) a leading German manufacturer of dragon boats (Drachenboote). Thanks to all the people who donated to the purchase of our second dragon boat: Sam Levin, Art Markel, Bernie Moscovitz, John & Erica Dickerson, Greg Rawls, Stephanie Wenrick, Barb Ettl, Rhonda Marek, Carol Davidson, Angie Calhoun, Susan & Wayne Rushton, Kathy Haas, Clare Taylor, Donna Hartley, Mary Ann Thomas, Chris Jones, Brenda Grossberg, Andy & Catherine Lyons, Mike Cornwell, Patricia Musgrave, Kate Olin, Jim & Doreen Pierce, Doris & Richard Bland, Robert Pearson, Rich Seymour, Mary Ann Mikell, Tori Austin, Breast Cancer Awareness, Linda Etchells, Rosa-Leah Leek, Patricia Schad, Penny Pearson, Gerry Bixler, Nancy Frigon and Sy & Betty Commanday. Wow! Y'all are fabulous!!

Festival Calendar 2014

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! coach@dragonboatbeaufort.org

- **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

Submit your news!! Comments and feedback welcomed! president@dragonboatbeaufort.org

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DragonBoat Beaufort 2014 Board of Directors

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