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Race on the River News

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Did you know?

- ❑ That Scouts in the UK can earn a badge for paddling a Dragon Boat?
- ❑ That the fifth day of the fifth month in the Chinese calendar is the official day for the Chinese Dragon Boat celebration. This year it is June 5th.
- ❑ Historically, the Dragon Boat festival honors Qu Yuan, a statesman and poet.
- ❑ That it is the Chinese year of the Ram?

Look Who's On Board

The following teams have registered for the *Race on the River 2003*! Don't be left behind, register now and join these paddlers!

- ❑ Advocate Printing
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- ❑ Women Alike Support Team
- ❑ Colchester Community Workshop River Rafters
- ❑ Pictou County Special Olympics "The Milky Waves"
- ❑ The Colchester East Hants Health Authority PaceMakers
- ❑ St. Martha's Muskateers
- ❑ Michelin
- ❑ Aberdeen Mental Health Services
- ❑ Aberdeen Hospital

Teams are encouraged to dress up in costumes, carry colourful banners, and shout out team cheers. Don't forget - there is a special prize for the most entertaining team!



Century Saw and Marine have again generously donated a kayak to the *Race on the River*. The kayak will be awarded to one of the top three pledge raisers.

A word from our charities

In the next three issues of Dragon Bytes we will be highlighting one of our three charities. This issue we are pleased to include words from Marcy Raynard, representing Special Olympics.

" The 1st annual Dragon Boat Festival in New Glasgow graciously included Pictou County and Truro Special Olympics. The proceeds of \$20,000. is to be divided between the two regions. This generous amount of money was incorporated into our yearly budget that consists of uniforms and equipment for our athletes, also transportation, registration, and lodging for approximately 80 coaches and athletes to go to Summer and Winter Games. Every two years there are Nationals which require a substantial amount of money to send athletes across Canada.

Special Olympics is please to be a part of the Dragon Boat Festival for the second year in a row.

Thank you to everyone that has helped support these worthy causes."

Our Charities

The proceeds of this year's pledge campaign will be split between three charities. Women Alike Breast Cancer Support Group will receive 40% of the pledges raised, Special Olympics of Pictou County, Antigonish County, and Colchester County will receive 30%, and the Nova Scotia Amateur Sport Fund will receive 30%.

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