



# Dragon Bytes

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## **Fifth Annual *Race on the River* set to go!**

Mark your calendars for August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, this year's dates for the *Race on the River* Dragon Boat Festival on the bustling East River!

This year we will be celebrating the fifth year of community dragon boating in Pictou County in a big way. The Festival atmosphere will start in on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with an "Evening of Celebration" to awaken the Dragon. Come and dance and celebrate with Crocketts Corner and other local entertainers at the Nova Scotia Community College in Stellarton. Keep posted for information on how to get tickets to this event.

### presents Race on the River 2006!

Sobeys is on board again this year as Presenting Sponsor of Race on the River. Without the generous support of our corporate partners the Race would not float.

We would also like to thank the following corporate partners for their generous support:

#### **Gold Sponsor**

Advocate Printing and Publishing

#### **Bronze Sponsors**

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Please remember these companies when doing business in and around Pictou County!

### **Terry Kelly**

Opening Night  
Headliner

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Advocate Printing and Publishing and the Maritime Inns and Resorts, Terry Kelly will be appearing as the headliner on the Festival Opening night, Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>. Also appearing to help us celebrate our Fifth Annual event will be local entertainers, Innervoice, Brenna Conrad, John 'Spyder' MacDonald, Fleur Mainville and others.

Come and dance with the Cape Breastoners to the music of these talented artists!

### *Race on the River 2006* **Executive**

Chair	Susan Hartley
Vice Chair	Joel Sellers
Past Chair	Roger Swarbrick
Secretary	Sandra Anderson
Treasurer	Crystal Smith



## Welcome To the Year of the Dog!

2006 – year of the dog

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Information on the Dog from  
[chinese.astrology.com](http://chinese.astrology.com):

”In the West, the dog is man's best friend, but in Chinese Astrology this Sign is a little more unpredictable than that. Dogs are loyal, faithful and honest and always stick to their firm codes of ethics. However, this Sign has trouble trusting others. It's generally quite trustworthy itself -- except for the occasional "little white lies" the Dog tells in order to make things go more smoothly. The Dog makes a wonderful, discreet and loyal friend (despite any white lies) and is an excellent listener. This Sign tends to root for the underdog and its keen sense of right and wrong makes it duty-bound to the core. The Dog's mantra seems to be, Live right, look out for the little people and fight injustice whenever possible.

This Sign is happiest when able to be quite physically active. The Dog is more concerned with the welfare of his family and friends and will do whatever it takes to help them out of a tight squeeze or a rough spot. Once Dogs determine a subject of interest, they usually master that before taking off for a new adventure. They like to finish what they start. They are honest and trustworthy people, ethically strong and morally kept. They make loyal friends and companions.”

Sounds like the Dog would make an excellent participant at our Festival – rooting for the underdog; loyal to his paddling partners and our cause, and a masterful athlete who will race to the finish!

### Team Captain's TO DO LIST

1. Send in your registration
2. Mark your calendars:
  - June 3 – Kick off the Festival season with the
  - TBA- Team Captain's Meeting – details to follow
  - August 7-10 – Practice Week
  - August 10 – Last day to turn in pledges for prizes
3. Hold a team meeting
  - Name a pledge captain
  - Plan fundraising activities – if you need a letter to support getting a lottery license let Susan know.
  - Design a banner, cheer, costume
  - Invite a Director from the New Glasgow Dragon Boat Society to hype the event to team members and colleagues
4. Post the Dragon Bytes in a common area or circulate it.

### Who's on Board

These teams have already registered and are eager to get paddling and raising pledges!

- Advocate Printers' Devils
- Aliant Spitfires
- Crombie Crushers
- MacAttack
- Michelin Dragon Flies
- Northumberland Nighthawks
- Y Wave Riders

If you have not received a registration form please contact Susan at [sc.hartley@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:sc.hartley@ns.sympatico.ca)

## The Pledge Page

The Board of Directors of the New Glasgow Dragon Boat Society determine the beneficiaries of the Race on the River every Spring. This year they are please to announce the following Beneficiaries of the funds raised by participants of the Race on the River :

- ❖ Primary Beneficiary organization – Women Alike Breast Cancer Survivors Support Assn
- ❖ Special Olympics of Northern Nova Scotia
- ❖ Pictou County Prostate Cancer Support Association
- ❖ Nova Scotia Amateur Sport Fund

This year at least 20% of the funds raised will be directed specifically to Cancer research, as the two Cancer support Associations have been asked to direct funds in this way. An additional 40% of the funds raised will be going to support community programs, awareness initiatives, and other training or research programs related to the prevention and treatment of cancer, as well as the needs of breast and prostate cancer survivors and their families in our area.

Thirty percent of the funds raised will be directed toward the Special Olympics programs in Northern Nova Scotia. In the past these programs have been able to grow in terms of numbers of athletes able to participate in events, training of coaches, and the acquisition of equipment as a result of the funds raised at the Race on the River.

The remaining ten percent of the funds raised will be directed toward supporting the development of sport and healthy lifestyles through the work of the Amateur Sport Fund. Sports programs, coaches, and individual athletes benefit from the funds allocated through the Amateur Sport Fund. This has included many amateur athletes from our area, including Leanne Dalling, the recent recipient of a Bronze medal at the World Powerlifting Championships.

### Pledge Program

While you and your teammates are raising funds for our Beneficiaries you can also be working toward this year's exciting pledge prizes. As in past years participants will receive this year's Race on the River's collectible hat for raising at least \$50. in pledges. The full pledge program will be described in future Dragon Bytes, so stay tuned and don't forget to distribute the Bytes so that everyone on your team is encouraged to get out there and raise pledges.

Pledge forms should be distributed by early May. Only teams that have paid their full registration fee can receive pledge forms.