

Paddlers Spotlight



Championships or the World Club Crew Championships. But BCS racing will officially become part of the IDBF World Corcom Championships when the 2009 event comes to Miami, USA and the "Pink Ladies" now have their own International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission within the IDBF.

There will also be a Pink Honour Race during lunch breaks of the upcoming Penang Club Crew Worlds to fulfill the dream of a local Malaysian paddler who has received approval for this exhibition race from the IDBF.

For another spotlight on how Breast Cancer Survivors create awareness and build their support network just take a look at the Indy SurviveOars Team in the USA.

The Indy SurviveOars is a group of dedicated Breast Cancer Survivors and their supporters from Indianapolis and surrounding areas who are introducing Dragon Boat Racing to Indiana. Indiana resident and Breast Cancer Survivor Lisa Heiden Peters is one of the Indy SurviveOars' founders and says that dragon boating offers more than emotional support to the paddlers. Current research shows that exercise may actually decrease the occurrence of lymphedema, an incapacitating swelling of the arm common in breast cancer survivors.

The mission of the Indy Survive Oars is to help provide breast cancer survivors with a strong message of hope, inspiration and encouragement by creating a "floating support group." The mission is manifested through the development of a competitive dragon boat team, estimated to be the 50th breast cancer team in the United States. The name, Indy SurviveOars, reflects the hometown connection and positive spirit displayed among Hoosier breast cancer survivors.

Back in April 2008 they launched what is believed to be the very first all pink Dragon Boat. While there may be existing pink boats, this one includes a special pink dragon head and tail – making it unique and very special to the ladies in Indianapolis.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Michelle Hanton from Australia on behalf of this magazine's editorial team. Michelle is the Executive President of the IBCPC's Steering Committee and just has received an Order of Australia Medal for her tremendous work and efforts as the founder of Dragons Abreast Australia, through which she fights for the good course of women's health.

Finally, I have to express my deep personal respect for all the spirit, the passion, the power and strength of our comrade Pink Lady Paddlers and let them know that if they need a publishing medium, they will always be welcome to work with Dragon Boat World International.

Helping to promote your cause through DBWI is what I can do to support you ladies

Therefore, **"PINK PADDLES UP!"**



The first all pink dragon boat. The boat was launched in April '08 by the Indy SurviveOars Team from Indianapolis.

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