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Dear Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge participant.

The Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge is extremely grateful that you have chosen to spend June 5th, 2004 with us to celebrate the 8th Annual Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge. We wish you the best of luck in all your racing endeavors.

We would like to extend a special thanks to our sponsors and suppliers without whom this event would not be possible:

- **Presenting Sponsor**
Ontario Power Generation Pickering Nuclear
- **Platinum / Bank Sponsor**
Scotiabank
- City of Pickering
- Great White North Communications Inc.
- Belleville Dragon Boat Club
- G & G Electronics
- True North Sports Wear

We would also like to extend a special thanks to all crews for choosing this event in record numbers, 2004 will represent the largest pdbc.challenge ever, third consecutive sold-out event and astonishingly 8th consecutive team entry increase. This event has undertaken major technical developments to ensure that the athletes, community members, sponsors, suppliers and volunteers all achieve their desired results.

The 8th Annual pdbc.challenge will feature a new specialty racing division for university crews. Championship Cups will now be awarded in the following divisions: Overall Championship – Oikawa Cup, Bankers Cup, High School Cup, University Cup, Womens Cup and Breast Cancer Survivor Cup.

On behalf of the organizing committee a special Thank you is extended to those crews traveling far distances for this event: Wong's Dragonslayers, Alliance, Verdun, Sudbury Chiropractic & Montreal Women.

A special welcome is also extended to the Pink Sensations, the Pickering Dragon Boat Club's first Breast Cancer Survivor Crew, making their regatta debut.

Please find attached in this package:

- ✓ Parking Information
- ✓ Technical Fact Sheet
- ✓ Jeff Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
- ✓ Race Format / Guidelines
- ✓ Food Court / Vendor Guide

Regards.

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Parking Information

- Your careful consideration of the following parking procedures is imperative to the successful operation and longevity of this event. IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT ADHERED, THE SAFETY OF ALL ATHLETES, VOLUNTEERS, SPECTATORS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED. INDEFINITE DELAYS WILL OCCUR IN THE EVENT OF COMPROMISED SAFETY. Given this danger an unprecedented amount of parking infrastructure has been established to ensure smooth, enjoyable and cost effective transportation to and from the 8th Annual Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge.
- All regular city by-laws / parking restrictions will be in effect for this day. The residential area surrounding Bruce Handscomb Park includes a 3 hour maximum parking by-law, this will be enforced on Saturday June 5th, 2004. pdbc distributed parking passes DO NOT SUPERCEDE CITY PARKING BY-LAWS AND ARE NOT SATISFACTORY FOR VIOLATION OF CITY PARKING CODES.
- This area will be patrolled by three police officers and one city by-law officer from 6am – 6pm and cars found in violation of city by-laws WILL BE TAGGED AND TOWED.
- A CITY BY-LAW HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO DECLARE OKLAHOMA ST. AND BREEZY DR. THE OFFICIAL EMERGENCY ROUTE AND THEREFORE THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ON THESE STREETS. The emergency route will also be utilized by the shuttle bus and as such must be kept clear.
- Given these circumstances the pdbc has sourced significant additional and alternate routes to ensure appropriate access to all.
- **The price of gas is currently \$0.90, the 2004 pdbc.challenge is completely accessible by Go Transit. Athletes are strongly encouraged to take GO Transit to this event if at all possible.**
- Three free shuttle buses (50 passengers each) will depart from the Pickering GO station (approximately 10 minute intervals). The first shuttle will depart at approximately 6:30am.
- A pdbc.challenge volunteer will coordinating the GO station shuttle bus loading / unloading area. Priority space will be given to those paddlers in upcoming races. Please be patient if you arrive early for your race.
- All parking and transportation to and from the festival is 100% free. The organizing committee is kindly asking each team to consider making a donation at the GO station. All monies raised will go directly to the Jeff Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more details see the Jeff Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund.



- Initial parking will take place at the Pickering GO station overflow parking lot located one block northeast of the main parking lot. One Bus will services this lot. Upon reaching capacity all buses will depart from the main GO station parking lot.
 - The shuttle bus will make a stop adjacent to the West Shore Community Centre (approximately 1km from race site). All able-bodied riders are asked to exit here and walk to the race site in order to minimize congestion and ensure smooth operation of the parking plan. Please take absolute precautions in crossing Bayly dr.
 - If one car wishes to shuttle athletes from the GO station they may do so at the West Shore Community Centre. No such vehicles will be permitted past the police on traffic management duty.
 - For taxi information please call Pick 'n' Go at 905.837.1111.
 - Each crew will receive by mail 1 parking pass to accommodate large materials. Specific procedural instructions have been sent to each team captain.
 - The GO station is located at the corner of Liverpool rd and Bayly dr. approximately 3 blocks east and one block north of the race site and has been indicated on the map.
 - The Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge organizing committee is extremely confident this parking plan will meet the needs of all competitors, volunteers, captains and local residents. **BASED ON THIS PLAN THE NEED DOES NOT EXIST TO PARK IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA.**
 - The 2004 Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge organizing committee has gone to great lengths to ensure the residents of Pickering are not disrupted during this busy day. We sincerely appreciate your assistance and patience in minimizing parking congestion in the residential area.
- Many thanks for all your efforts from the organizing committee.



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Technical Fact Sheet

- The pdbc has worked diligently with Great White North Communications (recognized for the production of the 2003 North American Club Crew Championships) to provide crews with unprecedented technical standards for the *2004 pdb.challenge* including: **innovative championship calibre race course, held starts, elevated finish line video, certified officiating and timing personnel.**
- **Innovative championship calibre race course:** the 2004 pdb.challenge will institute a race course which will feature 6 evenly measured racing lanes and 5 smaller ghost lanes, thus providing a dead zone in between each racing lane. This innovative design will prove to minimize wash riding strategies and maximize fair racing.
- **Held Starts:** A starting dock will be moored at the beginning of each lane to ensure fair and even starts. The start docks will be situated to the right side at the stern of each dragonboat. The boat holder will control the dragonboat by holding the gunnel adjacent to the steersperson, eliminating interference with any paddler and minimizing the havoc of high winds.
- **Elevated Finish Line Video:** Due to the amount of close finishes that traditionally occur at festivals of this nature the value and importance of appropriate video equipment to decipher placements is immeasurable. This event will utilize a long range lens at an elevated angle, operated by an experienced operator to ensure the accuracy of all close races.
- **Officiating / Timing Personnel:** All race officials and timing personnel have ample regatta experience and no affiliation with the pdbc or pdbc crews. This regatta will feature 2 referee boats for all races, to properly officiate 6 lanes of substantial width. Regatta timetable and scoreboard coordinators are volunteers.
- **Registration Form / Payment / Roster / Waiver / Description:** No crew will be permitted to race until they have submitted all of the above materials. Team managers are asked to submit all outstanding roster and waiver forms to the information booth upon arrival. Upon receiving a 5/5 rating the crew will receive a set of wristbands with a corresponding team number. No athlete will be permitted to race without an appropriate wristband. The information booth will be available as of 7am.



- **Team Description:** Each crew is asked to provide a typed team description of approximately 100 words at check-in.
- **Captain's Meeting:** A short captain's meeting will commence at 7:15am to discuss weather conditions, course layout, marshalling procedures and to field team manager questions. All decisions of the chief official are final. Team feedback forms will be available at the information booth to file grievances with any aspect of the event / race.
- **Race Schedule:** The first race will start promptly @ 8:00am (weather permitting). All subsequent races will take place at 11 minute intervals. It is critical that all crews are prepared for their race time as races will not be held for any reason ... any potential conflicts must be noted in advance of the event or at the conclusion of the captain's meeting. The pdbc will have volunteer steerspersons available in the event of a steersperson conflict. All crews are expected to paddle directly to the start line via the return lane on the west side of the race course, teams attempting alternate warm-up routes may be disqualified at the referees discretion. Each crew is guaranteed a minimum of three (3) races (weather permitting). All races will cover a distance in the range of 500 metres (exact distance to be communicated at captain's meeting) and consist of six lanes.
- **Tents:** Team tents are not provided by the organizing committee. A designated team congregation area will be set aside so as not to inhibit sightlines of the race course. Individual team tents are permitted however must be pitched in this area only.
- For any additional information please do not hesitate to contact the Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge hotline and a representative would be happy to return your message 416.561.9089.

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Jeff Miller Memorial Scholarshi Fund Loonie / Toonie Drop

All paddlers participating in the Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge come to Bruce Handscomb Park filled with excitement and a spirit of belonging. It's the start of race season, you're working with focused and committed teammates and you're ready for early season success.

Jeff Miller was such an individual. His life ended sooner than expected due to an unfortunate illness but his engaging spirit is remembered by many in the paddling community. It is with pride and respect that each year the Pickering Dragon Boat Club awards a \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school student to honour Jeff's memory. The individual chosen must exemplify Jeff's spirit of commitment and passion to paddling, show initiative as a team member and be respected by fellow teammates.

This year, the Pickering Dragon Boat Club is trying to raise more funds to honour Jeff's memory and be able to award more than one scholarship.

If you are a returning paddler, you know that the Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge is one regatta that has free parking and free shuttle bus service to and from its site. This year we are asking that a small portion of the money you would normally spend on either of these, be dropped into a container at the GO Train station to assist us in awarding more scholarships to deserving high school athletes. A loonie or toonie from each participant would go a long way.

If you wish to make a team contribution, this can be done by your team captain as s/he arrives for registration.

At lunchtime, the Pickering Dragon Boat Club will announce the amount raised and hopefully honour Jeff's memory by presenting two or three scholarships !

Plan to drop a loonie or toonie, to help us to extend Jeff's spirit of determination, courage and passion into our paddling community.



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Safety

- a. Each crew member is solely responsible for his / her own safety at all times while engaging in activities relating to practicing and racing in dragon boats.
- b. Personal Canadian Government Approved Flotation Devices (PFD's) are mandatory for all practices and races. Inflatable PFD's are not permitted.
- c. Team Managers must be fully aware of crew members swimming abilities.

Teams

- a. A registered team member is anyone who is listed on the team roster and has completed a waiver form.
- b. The event organizers reserve the right to check the names of the crewmembers in the boat with the names recorded on the team roster prior to all races.
- c. Team rosters do not have to be declared until race day. Teams using ineligible paddlers will be disqualified from racing that day.
- d. Mixed teams using less than the required eight female paddlers will be disqualified.
- e. Participation on more than one crew is not permitted. Women may paddle on two crews as long as one crew is a single-gendered female crew.

The Team Manager / Captain / Representative Responsibilities

- a. Team Conduct
- b. Communicating and distributing information to the team
- c. Gathering and submitting all necessary consent and or waiver forms
- d. Acting as the liaison with event organizers
- e. Represent the team members for race issues such as protests, penalties, and disqualification.



Judging / Disqualification

- a. Judging and disqualification will be the sole discretion of the Race Officials as communicated through the Chief Official.

Eligibility

High School Cup

- a. Only students currently enrolled in the school, which they are representing, may participate in the High School Cup or HS Cup qualifying races.
- b. No student in their sixth year of enrollment at a given school or over the age of 20 may participate in the HS Cup or HS Cup qualifying races.
- c. In the event of a protest by a given crew the teacher representative must sign a written affidavit verifying the status of the student.

Bank Cup

- a. Eligibility for the Bank Cup consists of a recognized financial institution as the primary sponsoring entity of the crew. All athletes do not have to be employees of the institution to be eligible.

Womens Cup / Breast Cancer Cup

- All athletes competing in this competition and qualifying races for this competition must be female.
- Steerspersons and drummers do not have to be female.



Race Format

Preliminary Round

Crews have been randomly drawn to compete in the preliminary round of competition. Crews will be seeded 1 – 96 based on their completion time of the preliminary race. This seed number will place teams in the appropriate racing class for the semi-final and final rounds of competition in the afternoon.

Specialty Races

Women, Breast Cancer Survivor, University, High School and Bank entries will race each other to ensure similar racing conditions – the top 6 times in each division will advance to the Cup final which will take place after the preliminary round of racing. All specialty crews will be seeded amongst the 96 crew total in terms of advancement towards the semi-final and final rounds of competition.

Semi-final Round

Teams are grouped in divisions consisting of 12 boats each and subsequently reseeded for a semi-final round. Divisions will be labeled alphabetically from fastest to slowest (a,b,c) and will race in reverse order (c,b,a).

The top three finishers (1st, 2nd & 3rd) in each semi-final advance to the divisional championship final.
The bottom three finishers (4th, 5th & 6th) advance to the divisional consolation round.



Championship / Consolation Round

Teams will race a final race in either the championship or consolation group of their division to determine official divisional placement.

Awards

Official Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge award ceremony will take place at the stage from 6 – 7pm or immediately following the conclusion of the Oikawa Cup 'A Division Championship final'.

Teams wishing to leave early and eligible for prizes may retrieve them from the information booth once official results have been established.

Medals – 30 medals will be distributed to crews eligible to receive them. If any crew requires additional medals they must purchase them at their own expense.

Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge Awards

A Division Championship:	- Oikawa Cup
	- Gold, Silver, Bronze medals
B, C, D, E, F, G, H division Championship:	- Divisional championship plaque
High School Cup:	- Potter Station Power Inc. Cup
	- Gold, Silver, Bronze medals
Bank Cup:	- Scotiabank Cup
	- Gold, Silver, Bronze medals
Womens Cup:	- Tim Winbourne Cup
	- Gold, Silver, Bronze medals
Breast Cancer Cup:	- Breast Cancer Cup
	- Gold, Silver, Bronze medals

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The Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge has partnered with supporting organizations to provide competing athletes with their food and beverage requirements for race day.

WRCC

The West Rouge Canoe Club is a not-for profit canoe and kayak club specializing in summer youth programming. The WRCC will be offering all kinds of BBQ fare for all portions of the day, including: peameal bacon, hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and chicken burgers. The WRCC will also have a wide variety of beverages available.

G&G Electronics

G&G is not only the Electronics supplier and major sponsor of the Pickering Dragon Boat Challenge, but also volunteers their athletes to man a Food Court station specializing in Pizza and Subs.

Hawaiian Dairy Ice Cream

The tastiest Hawaiian Ice Cream you'll taste. Now this would go great with extremely hot weather ... wouldn't it.

JCCC Shaved Ice

Compliments of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre ... another hot summer favourite.



Vendor Area

In 2004 the Vendor area will be located at the south end of Bruce Handscomb park. South of the fenced area and west of the south docks. This area is where the washrooms have been located at previous festivals.

True North Sports Wear

Official t-shirt supplier of the 2004 pdb.challenge, True North Sportwear will be selling: shirts, shorts, vests, jackets, fleeces ... any dragonboat apparel you require.

Squidwear

Dragonboat apparel.

Baby Dragon

Dragonboat apparel

Regatta Sport

RS specializes in anything watersports related. Apparel, equipment etc.

Dragon Boat World Magazine

The first, only and finest dragonboat magazine ever produced.

APEX Paddles

IDBF approved carbon-kevlar composite paddles for high-performance paddlers.

Simon River Sports

Demonstrating paddles, boats and other boating specific equipment.