



Spring 2017

Registration and Recruiting Starts NOW for the 2017 Season!! Email: twss@dragonboatbarrie.com for more information. Please feel free to share this with any women you think would be interested in joining the team. I do check the email regularly but if you don't hear from me please be patient.

Practices: Weekly practices start mid May once the ice is off the water and will occur every **Tuesday** until mid to late September. Practices are scheduled tentatively from **6:30 - 7:30**.

Our First Regatta (as always) is at the end of MAY!!!

Festivals for 2017:

Annual Toronto Women's Dragon Boat – Brampton – Sunday May 28* ^{Confirmed}

Still to be determined (2): Survey to be sent out and reviewed with the Coach.

- **Hamilton Waterfest Dragon Boat Race** –July 9*
- **Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival** – July 15
- **Guelph Dragon Boat Challenge** & The University Triple Crown– July 29
- **2017 Canadian Dragon Boat Championships** –Welland Flat Water Centre, Aug 4 – 6th
 - TWSS would enter as a Division III Community/Recreation Team –
- **Barrie Dragon Boat Festival** - Aug 26th
 - DBB has 3 teams competing - if it works out TWSS will be in the Women's Division, but it depends on the regatta rules for 2017.
- **GWN Challenge** –Marilyn Bell Park, Toronto, Saturday September 10–11* ^{5 races over 2 days}
 - For 2017 women will not be competing on the mixed team.
- **Stratford Rotary Dragon Boat Festival** – Stratford ON - Sept 16
- **Christie Lake Dragon Boat Race** “Like No Other” 2017 – Sept 23* ^{this is a fun regatta}

Fees: 2017 - DBB Membership Fees are increasing:

- \$15.00 until March 31, 2017
- \$20.00 as of April 1, 2017- as decided by the DBB Board at last meeting

TWSS Team Fees: The 2017 Fees are still to be determined but it is estimated to be \$ 225.00 - (increase in cost for 2017- coaching, boat rentals and regatta registration). Team Fee – will include the cost of regattas, practices, boat rentals, coaching and steers person. Fees are due by May 1, 2017.



NOTABLE NOTES:

- *Spring Conditioning* – The Training Room - Next session is \$70.00 for 10 sessions with Amanda - Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Start Date to be announced - I figure it will be mid-March - \$ money is due before the 1st session. Check the DBB website for online payment options. Or let me know and we can make alternative arrangements -
- *Dragon Boat Barrie Membership Fees Increase* to \$20.00 on April 1, 2017
- *Dragon Boat Launch Party* – May 4 - Location TBA- Theme -*Murder Mystery Night* – Board members and Team Captains are all part of the Cast -If you are interested in a roll let me know.
- *TWSS Teams Shirts* -I have a few still available –limited sizes & styles \$40 – New Orders: TBA
- *Fundraising - Meats Again?* - Hopefully we will be running a Meat Fundraiser in May. Fundraising helped reduce the cost to paddlers and kept TWSS out of the RED in 2017.
- *Team Sponsorship* – If you know a business that would like to sponsor the team please let me know - I will be happy to work with you to develop a proposal and plan or meet with your contact. Sponsorship helped keep our cost low.
- *Club Mixers* - The Club and Captains will be looking at adding Club Practices once or twice a month to mix it up a bit. Dates and times to be determined. More info to follow.
- *LOOKING FOR ASSISTANT CAPTAINS* - Starting off this year with a little help would be great. TWSS is in its 2nd full year of competing and I may need a bit of help with getting it going. Please let me know if you are interested or can lend a hand for the 2017 season.

Don't We Look Good with BLING!!!



Back Row: Kelly, Stephanie, Christine, Marrienne, Lisa Kirsty, Donna, Dannielle, Kim, Nicole, Amber (with Lena Ivy), Sam
Front Row: Joanne, Nicola, Susan, Jan, Katie H, Katie G, Allison, Karen, ?? My eyes are bad!?? , Meghan