

Welcome to the 2010 Season!

Fundraising

The fundraising efforts for the 2010 season are well underway. The 2010 executive had set a goal of raising more than \$10,000 for the 2010 season.

So far,

Thanksgiving Paintball Day \$790.00

Christmas Basket Draw \$430.00

Little Caesar's Pizza \$1130.00

Scott's Industrial Waste \$ 700 (still being confirmed)

what's next?

Sports Pools (i.e. hockey playoffs)

Spring Yard Sale (tentatively May 1st)

Bottle Drive following the May long weekend

Possible 2nd Waste collection day in June

Toonie Drive in late July

The funds raised through these efforts will be put towards the Capital Expenditures Initiatives. For the 2010 season these include:

- 1 The purchase of a new K4 to replace the 1970's K4 Commander, which is currently being held together by duct tape. lol
- 2 The purchase of recreational kayaks, these are suitable for the new paddler as they are stable, durable and much less expensive than racing kayaks. Newer paddlers will have a more positive initial experience and then transition to race boats as confidence and skill increase. These can also be used in conjunction with any recreational programs the club might promote.
- 3 The purchase of a new aluminum safety boat and outboard motor.
- 4 The purchase of recreational equipment (i.e. balls) and personal Fitness equipment (ie. Swiss balls, weights) to supplement dry land activities.
- 5 The continued replacement of race boats, K1's, C1's, and within the next couple years a new C2 will be required.

The Gananoque Canoe club has been seeking grant and donation opportunities to supplement our fundraising activities so that we may achieve our goals. Your continued support is absolutely essential to our success.

****Please consider donating items for the Yard sale while you are doing your spring-cleaning. I will have a poster within the next week that you can print and distribute to family friends and coworkers requesting the donation of gently used items. ****

AND the Home Regatta July 10th ...

The Home regatta is by far the single most important event in terms of raising funds for the club. Last year the club was successful in raising more than \$3000.00

during the one-day event. Money is raised through race sponsorship, food sales, raffle table and draws. This year we have decided to adopt the mandatory fundraising approach used by many organizations and have a raffle as part of the regatta day. Each family registering with the club will be responsible for 30 raffle tickets. This ensures that each family makes a positive contribution to the club's fundraising efforts and further ensures a substantial return to the regatta's bottom line. Tickets will be available at the time of registration. Outside of the usual family, friends and co-workers, opportunities to sell your tickets could include volunteering at the yard sale, the 2nd waste day, Open House or other community events. After volunteering at the first Ewaste day I am quite sure many would have gladly purchased a \$2 ticket in exchange for getting rid of their waste for free. We will host a parent information meeting in May at which time we can discuss ways in which to make The Gananoque Regatta a successful event. As the saying goes " many hands make a war canoe light" *...or something like that.*

Funds raised through the regatta are used to support the operational and social expenses of the club. They are used to take the club to regattas, they are used on clubhouse and equipment maintenance, they are used to purchase the 'little' things like canoe knee blocks and soccer balls, they are used to host the year-end banquet and they will be used to support the Coaching Education initiatives.

Volunteers

The Gananoque Canoe Club is a not-for-profit organization run by volunteer members and their families. Our club has a healthy membership, is financially sound, and provides excellent programs for Gananoque and area residents. However, we are extremely short on volunteers.

Every member and parent(s) needs to be a volunteer. Without the support of the entire membership the workload for the few is heavy and contributes to the burnout factor.

Being a volunteer with the club can be simple matter. On the first Tuesday of each month the executive meets. The next meeting is scheduled for the Curling Club, April 6th at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend. This keeps the membership involved with the club and you can volunteer or contribute to projects as they arise. We are in need of volunteers for:

1. The spring yard Sale: Thursday and Friday evening to sort and price, and then Saturday morning for the sale.
2. The organizing of the Bottle drive- someone to spearhead the project and organize the routes, 10-20 parents to supervise and return the bottles for redemption, and the entire youth membership to collect the bottles.
3. The Open House and Alumni Day- Each year the club hosts an Open House to promote our summer programs. We have registration in the office, a BBQ, new members are invited to come down and try the boats, and we would like to promote the attendance of alumni. It also would be an ideal time to launch the new K4 and have a celebration of the coming season. This would be a great committee project for those who like to organize social events.
4. Regatta Day requires the assistance of the entire club. Ideally each member supports the day by providing an hour or two of their time in some capacity.

We ask for help in securing race sponsorships from business or individuals. We accept donated food items for the breakfast table, the official's lunch, and desert for the fish fry. We operate a raffle table with donated items from members and business. We also need volunteer line judges, volunteers to give out ribbons, volunteer boat drivers, and the list goes on and on. Please plan on volunteering in some capacity.

5. The Year End Banquet- Janice Vanderscheer has graciously volunteered to head the banquet committee. This year we would like to host the banquet on Saturday August 21st at the club and host a Family Fun day/Regatta in celebration of what I am sure will be a great year.
6. The canoe club attends various regattas throughout the season. We can always use help.

Please consider volunteering for one project and sharing the load for our home regatta. Let me know if one particular project is of interest to you.

Regattas

Participation in regattas is optional.
Dates on the regatta schedule that are of interest:

- 1 July 10th -Gananoque Home Regatta -races for Atom, Peewee, and Bantam. Please plan on attending our regatta, it is a great day for the club and the community.
- 2 July 17th and 18th - Carleton Place Regatta - races for Atom, Peewee and Bantam on Saturday, Midget and up Sunday.
- 3 July 31st, Aug 1st and 2nd- Rideau Canoe Club hosts the EOD Qualifying regatta for Peewee and up.
- 4 August 14th and 15th Provincial Championships/Trillium in Sudbury for athletes who have qualified at the Rideau regatta.
- 5 There are several other events on the Ontario racing schedule for those interested in pursuing sprint racing as a serious sport. Please let me know if you are interested.
- 6 Gananoque Family Fun Regatta Day and Year End Banquet- August 21st....in the works

***Important- Participation in regattas is optional, however a commitment is required if your child wishes to be considered for team boat participation at regattas. Ideally team boats would be selected and training together in the week(s) prior to the regatta and it is essential that the coaching staff be aware of who will be in attendance on race day. If you chose not to participate in regattas your child will train team boats primarily with other children in the same situation. Also please note that many parents willingly drive other children to and from regattas so please do not opt out of regattas based on a transportation issue. We are here to help whenever possible. Also note that EOD regatta at Rideau and the Provincial/Trillium Regatta will require the payment of race fees in advance.

Registration

Registration will begin on Saturday March 27th at the Lansdowne Council Chambers from 9 until 12.

The second registration date is April 10th at the Gananoque Arena from 9 until

noon.

We are still considering other registration opportunities (i.e. Open House) and will keep you informed.

The Competitive Race season will run from Monday July 5th through Saturday August 21st. This is 7 weeks of Programming. We will be operating primarily between the hours of 10 am - 3 pm with other practices (earlier morning or evening) being scheduled by coaches as needed. Lunch hour will be supervised at an additional cost and must be paid in advance.

Spring Training will hopefully be under way by May 25th (weather permitting) and will run after school from 3:30 until 5:30.

We will be providing before and after care for those in need. This will be in cooperation with the Day Camp being run from Linklater school for an additional weekly fee per child.

2010 Fees

Single Membership \$400.00

Second Family Member \$300.00

Family Membership (3 or more) \$800.00

Social Membership \$150.00

Each family will be responsible for 30 raffle tickets the cost of which will be added to membership fees at the time of registration.

Payment for the 2010 season must be received prior to July 1st. Post dated cheques may be made for April 15, May 1, June 1, and July 1.

Spring Training - approximately 6 weeks after school for members registered for the 2010 season. \$25.00 **Weather permitting**- River water temperature must exceed 10 degrees (ideally more) before the kids can get on the water.

Before and After Care 8am - 10am and 3pm -5pm \$25.00 **per week per child** paid in advance.

*Membership with The Gananoque Canoe Club may qualify families for financial assistance from the P.O.P. Program

***Additional Fees may be incurred by those members who wish to compete in certain regattas. For example, both the EOD's and the Provincial Championships have race entry fees which must be collected prior to racing.