

The background of the poster features a scenic view of a lake with mountains in the distance. In the foreground, there is a grassy field. A dragon boat with a large dragon head at the front is on the water, with several rowers visible. The sky is filled with falling petals in shades of pink, purple, and teal. The text "AIX LES BAINS RIVIERA DES ALPES" is written in small letters above the year "2026". The main title "Dragon Boat Festival" is in large, bold letters, with "IBCPC Participatory" written above it.

AIX LES BAINS RIVIERA DES ALPES  
2026  
IBCPC Participatory  
**Dragon Boat**  
Festival

**THE EVENT BROCHURE**









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## **Meri GIBSON**

*IBCPC Global President*



Dear Friends, Paddlers, and Members of the Global Breast Cancer Community,



The International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC) is a global umbrella organisation representing breast cancer dragon boat teams across the world. Since its establishment in 2010 with 60 pioneering teams, the IBCPC has grown into a powerful movement that now includes more than 400 member teams in 42 countries. This remarkable expansion reflects a shared commitment to survivorship, wellbeing, and the deep connections formed through paddling together.

Since the inaugural IBCPC Participatory Festival in 2010, each gathering has increased in size, visibility, and global influence. Festivals held in cities such as Peterborough (Canada), Sarasota (USA), Florence (Italy), and Lake Karāpiro (New Zealand) have become vibrant celebrations of life, strength, and community. These events not only honour survivorship but also foster unity among people from diverse cultures who share a common journey.

The 2026 Festival in Aix-les-Bains will be the largest and most ambitious IBCPC Festival to date. Framed by the breathtaking French Alps and set beside the serene waters of Lac du Bourget, the festival will welcome an unprecedented number of paddlers, supporters, families, and friends. With expanded racing opportunities, enriched cultural programming, and warm French hospitality, this festival will set a new benchmark for participation, inclusion, and celebration.

Over six inspiring days, paddlers will take part in training sessions, energising races, thoughtful congress discussions, and meaningful shared experiences. One of the most cherished moments, the Flower Ceremony—will once again invite us to pause, honour our journeys, and remember those who have shaped our lives. As each petal touches the water, it becomes a symbol of unity, hope, and the enduring spirit that ties our global community together.

This festival is far more than a sporting event. It stands as a living legacy of empowerment, resilience, and solidarity. The success of this extraordinary gathering is made possible by the dedication of countless individuals and organisations whose passion and commitment sustain the IBCPC movement.



Our heartfelt appreciation goes to:

- Local clubs and volunteers whose tireless work create an exceptional experience for all participants.
- Cancer support organisations whose advocacy, compassion, and care uplift our global community.
- Sponsors and partners whose invaluable contributions enable us to host an unforgettable festival.
- The paddlers and teams whose courage, camaraderie, and joy are the true heartbeat of our movement.

I sincerely thank the festival organizers for each and every day they have spent bringing this wonderful festival to life. It has not been an easy task but one they have embraced with great enthusiasm and passion.

Together, we continue to grow, support, and inspire one another. The 2026 Festival in Aix-les-Bains will stand as a powerful testament to our unity and our unwavering commitment to thriving beyond breast cancer.

With sincere anticipation and joy,

**Meri GIBSON**

*Global President, IBCPC.*





**« There will be laughter, tears, and silences, but above all, there will be a tremendous wave of hope. »**



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## **Christine JANIN**

*Doctor and the first French woman to reach the summit of Everest (8,848 m) on 5 October 1990, as well as the first European to complete the Seven Summits challenge.*

*The first woman in the world to reach the North Pole on skis in 62 days, in 1992.*

*Sponsor of the 'Drôles de Rames' Annecy BCS crew.*

I am honoured to be taking part in the 2026 IBCPC France Festival, an event close to my heart dedicated to sharing, solidarity and pushing oneself beyond one's limits.

As a doctor and the first French woman to climb Mount Everest, I founded the «À Chacun Son Everest!» association in 1994. It has already helped nearly 2,700 women in remission from breast cancer to recover during this challenging period. Standing alongside them today at the 2026 IBCPC France Festival, as well as all those who fight and move forward, serves as a reminder of the healing power of sport and its ability to rebuild confidence in one's body and in life.

On a dragon boat, it's never just about sport. There is the strength of the group, the warmth of each other's gaze and the sense of sisterhood that supports you when your energy wavers. There will be laughter, tears, and silences, but above all, there will be a tremendous wave of hope.

The moments we will live here in Aix-les-Bains will remain etched in our hearts because they tell a story greater than ourselves: one of courage, resilience and the inexhaustible force of life.

Bravo to all these extraordinary women! By pushing themselves forward together, they remind us that nothing is impossible when we move forward united.







Dear friends, dear paddlers from all around the world,

Our IBCPC journey began in 2018 in Florence, Tuscany. At the time, we belonged to two different teams, each proudly representing France and its community of breast cancer survivors. We did not know each other yet. Our true meeting took place a few months later, in August 2018, during the very first United Ladies challenge: 260 kilometres paddled in four days along the Loire River.

It was during this extraordinary adventure that our friendship was born. Paddling together quickly became both natural and deeply joyful. Before long, we felt the desire to share this passion not only with our teammates, but also with all those we met along the way – French crews, international crews, and so many people united by the same spirit.

Since then, unforgettable memories have followed one another: seven Dragon Boat festivals in Annecy, two Snow Dragon Boat festivals in Le Grand-Bornand, two bootcamps, two Maxi Lake events in Annecy, a crossing of Brussels alongside the Ribonnettes, five editions of the United Ladies challenge and, of course, the IBCPC Festival 2023 in Karapiro, New Zealand. But the journey continues. Convinced that many breast cancer survivors in France are ready to paddle under this name and in this light, we embraced a new challenge: bringing a French team to the World Nations Championships in Brandenburg in July 2025. This ambitious project became possible thanks to the generous support of Claudio Schermi, President of the IDBF, Meri Gibson, President of the IBCPC, and Hugues Giraudet, President of the association «Dragon Boat Federation» in France. There is still work ahead to ensure the future of this team, but we remain confident.

With the same energy and determination, we have also spent the past four years working to organise the IBCPC Festival 2026 here in Aix-les-Bains. “Pagaie Plus Loin”, “Dragon Boat Attitude” and “Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes” are the driving forces behind this project. Following the cancellation of the 2020 Club Crew World Championships due to the pandemic, these teams proudly carried France’s bid to host this 5th IBCPC Festival, bringing together the two oldest French BCS crews, which we have the honour of leading.

This festival is far more than a sporting event. It represents our shared commitment, our collective strength and the solidarity that unites us in this fight for life. Today, more than 4,500 of us are gathered on the shores of Lake Bourget. We are proud to share this adventure with you and look forward to writing this new chapter together.



**Agnes PANIGONI**  
*Les Droles de Rames –  
Annecy  
Chairwoman*



**Claire FIASCHI**

*Ensemble pour Elles,  
Dragon Ladies de Reims  
Chairwoman  
& National Representative  
for IBCPC Northern France*





## **Hugues GIRAUDET**

*Co-President of «Pagaie Plus Loin»,  
Organising Committee of the  
2026 IBCPC France Festival*



Dear paddlers, dear members of the global dragon boat family,

France is honoured to welcome the IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival to Aix-les-Bains, on the shores of Lake Bourget. This is the first time that our country has had the privilege of hosting this unique global gathering, which will be the largest dragon boat event ever organised in France.

Pagaie Plus Loin, the association that I co-chair, is coordinating and carrying out this ambitious project. By drawing on the expertise of a large number of associations and private organisations, we have managed to bring out the best in each one to build this extraordinary event together.

The choice of Aix-les-Bains and Lake Bourget – the largest natural glacial lake in France, nestled in the heart of the Alps – is highly strategic. This exceptional setting, combining grandeur and serenity, offers the ideal environment for our week of sharing and rebuilding.

An event of this magnitude could never have been realised without the invaluable support of Aix-les-Bains Town Hall, the Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes Agency, the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region and the local dragon boat clubs. Local, departmental and regional authorities, as well as national authorities, have enthusiastically mobilised to make this event a reality.

An organisation of this scale could not be realised without the exceptional dedication of all the volunteers who work behind the scenes. A large team of highly committed volunteers has worked tirelessly alongside us to ensure this success. I would like to extend a huge thank you to them for their help, dedication and tireless work – you are the beating heart of this project!

I would also like to thank all the private sponsors and partners who, through their generosity and commitment, have made this collective adventure possible.

This festival has a significant impact on people, society and the territory by promoting reconstruction and sisterhood, and raising global awareness of breast cancer through sports and solidarity.

We are not just organising an event; we are creating a significant chapter in the history of the IBCPC and dragon boat practice in France! This festival will leave a lasting legacy and, I hope, represent a decisive turning point in the development of dragon boating in our country.

Together, let us make our mark as a symbol of courage, hope and life!

Welcome to you all. Let's paddle together with joy, strength and determination!  
With all my affection and gratitude.





## Sylvain MUNIER

*Coordinator and initiator of the  
2026 IBCPC France Festival*



Since 2001, I have been involved with the Annecy Kayak Club. Deeply passionate about paddle sports, I discovered dragon boat racing in 2008 and was immediately struck by the collective strength of this discipline and the profound human values it conveys.

If we are gathered here today, it is above all because of one extraordinary encounter.

That encounter was with Geneviève Garreau – a courageous and inspiring woman who planted the very first seed of this remarkable adventure. With the creation of Les Drôles de Rames, that seed took root and, through the years, continued to grow and flourish through the many experiences we have shared together.

From the Vogalonga in Venice to the Cancer, Sport and Health Conference, from festivals in France, Switzerland and Senegal to European and World Championships, from the United Ladies to the countless moments spent together on the water – each of these milestones has helped shape a journey rich in meaning, friendship and emotion. These simple yet essential moments, where self-transcendence, solidarity and the joy of togetherness become one, remain at the heart of all that we celebrate today.

Geneviève laid the first stone and helped build strong and lasting foundations. Thereafter, many other women and men carried this vision forward with the same dedication, energy and conviction.



*Geneviève GARREAU*

Today, that shared adventure brings us together for an exceptional occasion: more than 4,500 women from across the world, united in celebration of the strength, courage and solidarity of the Dragon Ladies.

This event is, above all, a tribute to all the “Genevièves” of this world – to those extraordinary women and men whose generosity, commitment and humanity continue to sustain and advance this magnificent collective adventure.

Together with the entire organizing team, we have given the very best of ourselves over the past three years to make this IBCPC 2026 edition in Aix-les-Bains a truly unforgettable moment of sharing, emotion and fellowship.

May this adventure continue to inspire, to unite, and to shine a light on the extraordinary strength of the Dragon Ladies throughout the world.

Welcome to all.



AIX LES BAINS  
RIVIERA  
DES ALPES



*« In recent years Dragon Boat racing has experienced a spectacular growth on our lake, mostly thanks to the BCS paddlers .»*

**Michel FRUGIER**

*President of Aix les Bains Riviera des Alpes Agency*

Twenty years after the organization of the World Sailing Championships of 49er we are very honoured to welcome, on our Bourget Lake, the IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival.

The Aix-les-Bains Riviera of the Alps territory is a renowned wellness destination combining the largest natural lake in France, the Alpine peaks, the leading thermal spa resort in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, an unspoiled nature, and a town rich in Art and History.

Our Bourget lake has been awarded the “France Station Nautique – 4 stars” label, which recognizes the excellence of French nautical destinations. Here, canoeing, sailing, rowing, diving, water skiing, paddleboarding, and a wide range of other water sports are practiced.

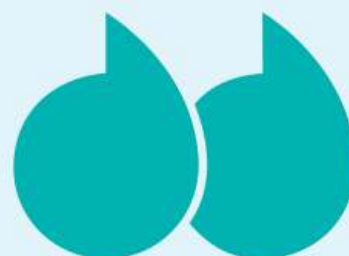
In recent years Dragon boat racing has experienced a spectacular growth on our lake, mostly thanks to the BCS paddlers. For this reason, hosting the world’s largest Dragon boat festival dedicated to women affected by breast cancer appeared to us as an obvious choice. The values embodied by this event, resilience, sorority, solidarity, wellbeing and caring for others perfectly reflect the spirit of the Aix Riviera territory.

The 4,500 participants along with their teams and supporters will discover all the French and local specialties including our gastronomy, our wines, and our culture.

We have selected « Aqualac » to welcome this competition, located on our centennial Art Deco style beach in Aix-les-Bains. This iconic site will be the ideal setting for this Dragon boat festival.

This exceptional international water sports event will highlight the wild and unspoiled beauty of our Bourget Lake.

For sure!







From 24 to 30 August 2026, Aix-les-Bains will proudly host the 2026 IBCPC France Festival, a remarkable event of exceptional human and symbolic significance.

This extraordinary event will take place on the waters of Lake Bourget, marking the first time it has been held in France. For one week, this remarkable setting will be transformed into a stage for encounters and powerful emotions, set to the rhythm of women's teams from around the globe.

You carry a powerful message of courage, resilience and solidarity in the face of breast cancer. Through your determination and collective energy, you elevate this sport beyond mere competition to a true human adventure focused on rebuilding, sharing and hope.

Beyond the sporting aspect, this festival will above all celebrate life and pushing one's limits. It will celebrate essential values that we fully share: effort, solidarity, and the strength of the collective.

Our city and its inhabitants are committed to welcoming you in the best possible way, with the aim of making this week an unforgettable experience marked by warmth, interaction and discovery. We are confident that Lake Bourget's exceptional setting will contribute to the success of this wonderful international event.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the participants, volunteers, and organisers and wish you a wonderful festival.

***«This festival will celebrate essential values that we fully share: effort, solidarity, and the strength of the collective.»***

**Renaud BERETTI**

*Mayor of Aix-les-Bains  
President of Grand Lac*



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This summer, France has the honour of welcoming more than 4,500 women and men from 25 countries. Together, you represent far more than a sporting event. You embody courage, resilience, solidarity and the extraordinary strength that emerges when people move forward together.

I had the privilege of meeting some of you on Lake Annecy and even sharing a dragon boat with you. What struck me was not only your determination, but your energy, your laughter and your generosity. On the water, I understood something essential: a dragon boat moves forward because every person contributes to a common effort. No one succeeds alone. No one is left behind.

Each of you carries a unique story. A story marked by the challenge of breast cancer, but above all by the decision to reclaim life. Breast cancer affects millions of women around the world and men as well. Behind every diagnosis lies a person, a family, hopes, fears and dreams. Through your commitment, you remind us that illness does not define a life. What defines a life is the courage to keep moving forward.



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Your presence here sends a powerful message far beyond this festival. It speaks to every person currently facing treatment, every family navigating uncertainty and every community committed to prevention, research and better care.

You are ambassadors for health, but above all, ambassadors for hope.

You are not gathered here because of the cancer you faced. You are gathered here because of the life you chose to reclaim. Welcome to France. Welcome to Aix-les-Bains. And thank you for inspiring us all.

**Aurore BERGÉ**

*French Minister for Equality*





**MINISTÈRE  
DES SPORTS,  
DE LA JEUNESSE  
ET DE LA VIE  
ASSOCIATIVE**

*Liberté  
Égalité  
Fraternité*

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Dear Dragon Ladies,

As Minister for Sports, Youth and Community Life, but also as a resident of Aix les Bains deeply attached to this region, I welcome you to the heart of an exceptional natural setting, between lake and mountains, on the occasion of the 2026 IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival.

Through your commitment, you remind us that sport is an essential lever for rebuilding, for surpassing oneself, and for sharing. With every stroke of the paddle, you carry a powerful message: sport allows life after cancer to mean renewed energy, joy, and collective victories.

This event is fully in keeping with the national Sport-Health Strategy 2025-2030 driven by the Government, which aims to remove barriers to sports participation for all citizens, regardless of age or health condition. In this spirit, a few weeks ago we launched a pilot programme in seven French regions to reimburse adapted physical activity as part of the care pathway for people living with cancer.

This event fully illustrates the capacity of sport to help each and every person move toward greater wellbeing, confidence, and social connection.

I invite you to give the very best of yourselves, while savouring every moment: the beauty of the lakes, the majesty of the surrounding mountains, and above all the richness of the bonds you forge with one another through the universal language of sport.

I would also like to thank and commend the energy and passion of the organisers of this event, which brings you all together around the values of sport and health, wellbeing, and conviviality.



**Marina FERRARI**

*French Minister for Sports, Youth and Community Life*



**« It reminds us that sport is not only about performance, but about dignity, recovery, and the joy of moving forward together. »**



## **Fabrice PANNEKOUCKE**

*President of the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes*

## **Laurent WAUQUIEZ**

*Special advisor of the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes*

The IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival is more than a sporting event. It's a powerful symbol of resilience, solidarity, and hope, carried across the water by women who have turned illness into strength and collective energy. We would like to thank the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission for their work and their commitment. With this festival, paddlers who are or were affected by cancer can participate to a common event.

Through dragon boating, breast cancer survivors from all over the world come together to demonstrate that sport can be a formidable force for recovery, empowerment, and self-confidence. Each stroke tells a story of courage, perseverance, and renewed trust in the body. Each boat embodies the strength of the collective, where no one advances alone and where unity makes all the difference.

For the first time the IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival will be held in France, and more precisely on the shores of the Lac du Bourget in Aix-les-Bains. The Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes is proud to support such an important event in our magnificent alpine landscapes. Over the course of a full week, in late August, 4 500 participants will attend one of the races over distances of 200 or 500 meters.

Hosting the IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival is an honor. It is a celebration of life, of movement, and of the extraordinary capacity of individuals to transform hardship into momentum. It reminds us that sport is not only about performance, but about dignity, recovery, and the joy of moving forward together.

We wish you an excellent Dragon Boat festival.







Dear Dragon Ladies,

As a Member of Parliament for Haute-Savoie and President of the Delegation for Women's Rights of our National Assembly, what a joy to see so many women gathered for this 2026 IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival in our beautiful territory, nestled between lakes and mountains. This extraordinary gathering of courage, resilience and sisterhood bears witness to the strength and spirit of every woman present here today. You have my deepest admiration! You are not simply participants in a sporting event: you are ambassadors of hope, proving that life after cancer can be filled with vitality, joy and shared triumphs. The waves you create on the water echo the waves of change you inspire worldwide, reminding us all that together, we are stronger.

Your fight is close to my heart, and in my role as a Member of Parliament, I work every day so that sport may be a vehicle for health, healing... and joy!

So while you compete with everything you have, enjoy yourselves, soak in this beautiful lake and these majestic mountains, which reflect the beauty of your collective journey – one of perseverance, camaraderie and renewal.

To each and every Dragon Lady, I extend my deepest admiration and my wholehearted sporting encouragement. May this festival be a celebration of your courage, a reminder of your strength, and a source of memories that will last a lifetime.

With warmth and solidarity,

Now go out there, paddle hard, race fierce – and let sisterhood lead the way!

### **Véronique RIOTTON**

*Member of Parliament for Haute-Savoie, France, Chair of the National Assembly's Delegation for Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities*



**« May this festival be a celebration of your courage,  
a reminder of your strength  
and a source of memories that will last a lifetime. »**



*« You do not climb a summit alone. You move forward together, at your own pace, supporting one another. Dragon Boat embodies that same philosophy. A crew only succeeds when it breathes, paddles, and moves as one. »*



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## **Michael RUYSSCHAERT**

*General Manager of Explore Savoie*

Welcoming the IBCPC to Savoie is a tremendous source of pride. But above all, it is deeply moving.

On the waters of Lake Bourget, it is not just boats that will move forward. It is women from all over the world, each with her own story, each carrying a journey marked by courage, resilience, and an extraordinary energy for life. In Savoie, we strongly believe in the power of the collective. Our mountains teach us this lesson every day: you do not climb a summit alone. You move forward together, at your own pace, supporting one another. Dragon boat embodies that same philosophy. A crew only succeeds when it breathes, paddles, and moves as one. There is no individual performance without solidarity.

Through Explore Savoie, we stand for a territory that is real, vibrant, and deeply human. A place where people come to reconnect – with themselves, with others, and with what truly matters. The 2026 IBCPC Festival naturally reflects that spirit. It goes far beyond sport. It speaks of courage, sisterhood, kindness, and transformation. It speaks of the ability to turn adversity into shared strength.

Hosting this event here, between lake and mountains, feels meaningful. The water soothes. The peaks inspire. Together, they create a setting that encourages renewal and forward momentum.

To all participants, volunteers, families, and teams from across the five continents: welcome to Savoie. May these days be powerful, joyful, and filled with light.

**EXPLORE  
SAVOIE**





**Pascal BONNETAIN**  
*French Canoe Federation President*



The French Canoe Kayak and Paddle Sports Federation is delighted by IBCPC's choice to host the world's largest gathering of Dragon Ladies on Lac du Bourget in Aix-les-Bains, Savoie.

A big thank you to the association Pagaie Plus Loin and the organizers, to the city of Aix-les-Bains, and to all the partners who worked to make this international Dragon Boat festival a success.

This event highlights values dear to the FFCK, such as the importance of sport for health, sisterhood, the joy of paddling, and shared effort.

Congratulations to all the participants and crews who, through their presence, delivered a positive message about life after cancer. Beyond performance, this festival is a wonderful demonstration to our society of the strength of paddle sports.



I wish you great moments of emotion and enjoyment on this beautiful lake in our French Alps.

***« Beyond performance, this festival is a wonderful demonstration to our society of the strength of paddle sports. »***





*« May this Haute-Savoie stage be,  
for everyone involved, a meaningful,  
welcoming, and unifying moment. »*

**Martial SADDIER**

*President of the Departmental  
Council of Haute-Savoie*

On the occasion of the 2026 IBCPC France festival, Haute-Savoie is proud to play a part in this remarkable international initiative by hosting several training sessions for the participating crews in its region.

These preparatory days will carry special significance. They will give participants from different backgrounds the opportunity to come together, prepare alongside one another, and share – beyond the sporting activity itself – values of courage, solidarity, and self-transcendence.

For the Departmental Council of Haute-Savoie, contributing to this stage of the festival is fully consistent with the values we uphold: cohesion, inclusion, and support for all initiatives that place people at the heart of collective action.

Through these training sessions, Haute-Savoie is making its contribution to an event that conveys a universal message of hope, renewal, and confidence.

On behalf of the Departmental Council, I extend my sincerest wishes for success to all participants, organizers, and partners for the IBCPC France 2026 festival. May this Haute-Savoie stage be, for everyone involved, a meaningful, welcoming, and unifying moment.





*« It represents a vibrant, colorful celebration of health and well-being where every stroke of the paddle is powered by the strength of unity. »*

**Antoine ARMAND**

*Mayor of Annecy and  
President of the Grand Annecy Urban Community*

This is a historic milestone and a profound source of pride: France is set to host the IBCPC's iconic "pink wave" of dragon boats at the 2026 Festival in Aix-les-Bains!

With more than 4,500 participants from 37 countries uniting to paddle against breast cancer, the City of Annecy is honored to stand as a key supporter of this extraordinary event, organized by the Annecy-based association Drôles de Rames. As the event's home base, Annecy will welcome training sessions and a prestigious partners' event on the shores of Lake Annecy.



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In Annecy, the cradle of dragon boat racing in France, this sport occupies a cherished place in our local culture and community. Over the years, dragon boat racing has woven itself into the fabric of our lake, our clubs, and our collective spirit. It represents a vibrant, colorful celebration of health and well-being—accessible, inclusive, and deeply communal—where every stroke of the paddle is powered by the strength of unity.

For the "Dragon Ladies," this sport is far more than a race; it is a cornerstone of remission and physical rehabilitation after illness. Recognized as a form of sports therapy, dragon boat racing not only aids recovery but also plays a vital role in preventing relapse.

By gathering crews from every corner of the globe on Lake Bourget, this event will champion universal values: solidarity in the face of adversity, the courage to push beyond limits, and the unbreakable bond of sisterhood. These values transcend borders, reminding us that together, we are stronger.



I extend my heartfelt gratitude and a warm welcome to the organizers, volunteers, and partners whose tireless efforts have made this event possible. Their commitment embodies the cause we hold dear: standing together to confront and overcome this disease. Annecy remains steadfast in its dedication, driven by our passion for this sport and its transformative health benefits.







# AIX LES BAINS RIVIERA DES ALPES



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2026  
IBCP Participatory  
**Dragon Boat**  
Festival



# ATTENDING COUNTRIES



**ARGENTINA**



**AUSTRALIA**



**CANADA**



**CHILE**



**CROATIA**



**DENMARK**



**ITALY**



**NEW ZEALAND**



**SOUTH AFRICA**



**SPAIN**





**AUSTRIA**



**BELGIUM**



**BRAZIL**



**CHINA**



**COLUMBIA**



**COSTA RICA**



**FRANCE**



**GERMANY**



**IRELAND**



**PANAMA**



**SENEGAL**



**SINGAPORE**



**SWENDEN**



**UNITED  
KINGDOM**



**UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA**

## MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

8.30AM > 6.30PM  
**TRAINING SESSIONS**

9AM, 11AM, 2PM, 3PM  
**«SCREEN TO SCENE»**

8.30AM > 6.30PM  
**CINÉ-DÉBAT (FRENCH)**

## TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

8.30AM > 6.30PM  
**TRAINING SESSIONS**

9AM  
**QI GONG**

9AM, 11AM, 2PM, 3PM  
**«SCREEN TO SCENE»**

8.30AM > 6.30PM  
**CINÉ-DÉBAT (FRENCH)**

## WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

8.30AM > 6.30PM  
**TRAINING SESSIONS**

9AM, 11AM  
**QI GONG**

9AM, 11AM, 2PM, 3PM  
**«SCREEN TO SCENE»**

## THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



9AM  
10AM  
3PM  
4.30PM  
7PM



**TEAM LEADERS MEETING**  
**IBCP C CONGRESS**  
**PARADE OF NATIONS**  
**OPENING CEREMONY**  
**MEET&GREET EVENING**



CINEMA «LES TOILES DU LAC»  
CINEMA «LES TOILES DU LAC»  
ESPLANADE DU LAC  
FESTIVAL SITE  
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## FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



8AM  
> 6PM  
8PM



**500M BCS &  
SUPPORTERS RACES**  
**LIVE CONCERT**



FESTIVAL SITE  
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## SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST



8AM  
> 5PM  
5PM  
7PM



**200M BCS &  
SUPPORTERS RACES**  
**SANDY SMITH GLOBAL FINALE  
& FLOWERS CEREMONY**  
**CLOSING PARTY &  
LIVE CONCERT**



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# EVENT SCHEDULE





# UNITED LADIES

THE MOVIE

followed by **medical conferences and talks**  
during the **2026 IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival**, at 'Les Toiles du Lac' cinema



# « From Screen to Scene »

on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

During the 3 days leading up to the 2026 IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival, **14 one-hour film screening and discussion sessions are offered to participants.**

## FIRST PART

### SCREENING OF THE FILM 'UNITED LADIES'

*Each session will be introduced by a screening of the film 'United Ladies'.*

A film that recounts the adventure of women from all walks of life who gathered for 15 days on the Loire River to paddle 750 kilometres.

What they have in common is a life journey that has confronted them with illness, breast cancer that they have decided to overcome and about which they hardly speak. What unites them is their desire to live and share. The sporting challenge becomes an excuse to escape from everyday life and cities in order to reconnect with nature and each other.

## SECOND PART

### MEDICAL CONFERENCES - Q&A SESSION

A specialist will discuss a specific topic related to sport and breast cancer. Participants have voted for the following topics:

- From Challenge to Performance – Competitive sport before, during and after breast cancer
- Breast cancer and genetics: genetic risks in terms of family history
- Living WITH and AFTER breast cancer – From the climb to the descent
- Nutritional benefits for women undergoing breast cancer treatment
- Breast cancer, relationships and intimacy
- Post treatment abandonment syndrome

A Questions & Answers session with the audience will conclude each sessions.



## INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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## MONDAY 24 AUGUST

| Time        | Theme                                                                                           | Specialist                                       |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00–10:00  | <b>From Challenge to Performance – Competitive sport before, during and after breast cancer</b> | Dr Alexandre Tessier                             |
| 11:00–12:00 | <b>Breast cancer and genetics: genetic risks in terms of family history</b>                     | Dr Isabelle Flandin                              |
| 14:00–15:00 | <b>Living WITH and AFTER breast cancer – From the climb to the descent</b>                      | Dr Christine Janin                               |
| 15:00–16:00 | <b>Nutritional benefits for women undergoing breast cancer treatment</b>                        | Dr Bruno Cutuli                                  |
| 20:00–21:00 | <b>Sport &amp; Cancer (in French)</b>                                                           | Dr Alexandre Tessier<br>Dr Charles Mercier Guyon |

## TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

| Time        | Theme                                                                                           | Specialist                                |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 9:00–10:00  | <b>Breast cancer, relationships and intimacy</b>                                                | Dr Isabelle Flandin                       |
| 11:00–12:00 | <b>Living WITH and AFTER breast cancer – From the climb to the descent</b>                      | Dr Christine Janin                        |
| 14:00–15:00 | <b>From Challenge to Performance – Competitive sport before, during and after breast cancer</b> | Dr Alexandre Tessier                      |
| 15:00–16:00 | <b>Post treatment abandonment syndrome</b>                                                      | Dr Hala Akkawi                            |
| 20:00–21:00 | <b>Sport &amp; Cancer (in French)</b>                                                           | Dr Christine Janin<br>Dr Laëtitia Stefani |

## WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

| Time        | Theme                                                                       | Specialist          |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 9:00–10:00  | <b>Breast cancer and genetics: genetic risks in terms of family history</b> | Dr Isabelle Flandin |
| 11:00–12:00 | <b>Nutritional benefits for women undergoing breast cancer treatment</b>    | Dr Bruno Cutuli     |
| 14:00–15:00 | <b>Breast cancer, relationships and intimacy</b>                            | Dr Isabelle Flandin |
| 15:00–16:00 | <b>Post treatment abandonment syndrome</b>                                  | Dr Hala Akkawi      |

# OUR SPECIALISTS PANEL



## Dr Alexandre TESSIER

### **Oncologist & high level triathlete**

Alexandre Tessier is a radiation oncologist at the Annecy Genevois Hospital. After training as a pharmacist and then as a doctor in Grenoble under Professors Bolla and Balosso, he completed a thesis on stereotactic irradiation using synchrotron radiation. As head of the radiotherapy department and subsequently of the oncology centre, he helped establish the Haute-Savoie Cancer Institute (2022). In 2024, he developed the radiotherapy programme at the C-CARE Cancer Centre in Mauritius, before returning to Annecy in 2025. A competitive swimmer and triathlete, he promotes integrative medicine.

*Theme: « From Challenge to Performance – Competitive sport before, during and after breast cancer.»*



## Dr Christine JANIN

### **Medical doctor & mountaineer**

Dr. Christine Janin is a physician, mountaineer, and the first French woman to summit Mount Everest in 1990. She later completed the Seven Summits and became the first woman in the world to reach the North Pole on skis after achieving both milestones. In 1994, she founded À Chacun Son Everest!, a charity supporting children with cancer and women recovering from breast cancer through therapeutic retreats. A passionate advocate for resilience, physical activity, and well-being, she believes sport plays a vital role in healing. She proudly supports the IBCPC France 2026 Festival as patron of the Annecy team “Drôles de Rames.”

*Theme: « Living WITH and AFTER breast cancer – From the climb to the descent. »*



## Dr Hala AKKAWI

### **Acupuncturist with a degree in Sports Medicine**

Hala Akkawi is a practitioner of traditional Chinese medicine specializing in acupuncture, with additional expertise in sports medicine. She supports cancer patients by helping manage the side effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Since joining the breast cancer paddlers association founded by Dr. Frédéric Truchet in Saumur in 2016, she has been actively involved in initiatives promoting recovery, wellbeing, and physical activity. Through Dragon Boat Attitude, she helped organize the “United Ladies” adventure, a four-day paddling journey on the Loire River.

*Theme: « Post treatment abandonment syndrome »*





## Dr Bruno CUTULI

### **Oncologist radiotherapist**

Bruno Cutuli, MD, is a senior Radiation Oncologist specializing in breast cancer. After studying medicine in Reims and completing oncology training at the Curie Institute in Paris, he worked in Strasbourg before joining the ICONE Cancer Center in Reims. With over 20 years of experience, he has co-coordinated the French national breast cancer guidelines and served as President of the French Society of Senology (2016–2021). An internationally recognized speaker, he is also committed to cancer prevention, supportive care, and promoting physical activity. In 2009, he founded France's first Dragon Ladies team for breast cancer survivors.

*Theme: « Nutritional benefits for women undergoing breast cancer treatment »*



## Dr Isabelle FLANDIN

### **Oncologist radiotherapist & former cross country athlete**

Dr. Isabelle Flandin is a radiation oncologist and President of the Institut de Thérapie Sportive (ITS), an association promoting adapted physical activity for people living with chronic diseases, particularly women with breast cancer. A former elite cross-country skier, she strongly believes in the benefits of exercise during and after cancer treatment. In 2018, she joined a team of breast cancer survivors at the Vogalonga in Venice, an inspiring experience that reinforced her commitment to Dragon Boat. Through her medical expertise and passion for sport, she actively supports initiatives that combine health, rehabilitation, and teamwork.

*Themes: « Breast cancer, relationships and intimacy » & « Breast cancer and genetics: family related genetic risks »*



## Dr Charles MERCIER GUYON

### **Medical Doctor**

Dr. Charles Mercier-Guyon is a Medical Doctor based in Annecy, with postgraduate training in Emergency Medicine, Forensic Medicine, and Sports & Trauma Medicine. He serves as Vice President of the CDOS 74 (Departmental Olympic and Sports Committee of Haute-Savoie), overseeing health and sport initiatives, and acts as National Federal Doctor for the UNSS (French school sports union). He holds a State certificate in sports education for scuba diving and underwater sports. He previously directed the Annecy Sports Medicine Centre, where he led medical evaluation and follow-up for breast cancer paddlers in the early 2000s.

*Theme: Sport & Cancer (in French)*



## Dr Laëtitia STEFANI

### **Oncologist**

Dr. Laetitia Stefani is a medical oncologist with a strong interest in promoting physical activity among cancer patients, survivors, and healthcare professionals. Since 2007, she has worked in the Oncology Department at Centre Hospitalier Annecy Genevois, focusing on breast cancer. Outside the hospital, she enjoys outdoor activities that help maintain her physical and mental balance. Living in Annecy, she has supported the growth of the local dragon boat team, Les Drôles de Rames, on Lake Annecy. She is delighted to support the 2026 IBCPC Festival, which promotes an active, united, and joyful way of life.

*Theme: Sport & Cancer (in French)*





# OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR **SPECIALISTS** **PANEL**

who helped shaping Screen to Scene program and support the event.



**Dr Aurélie CAREY**

**Psychiatrist & BCS paddler**

Aurélie Carey is psychiatrist and BCS paddler with «Lille aux Pagaies» team. She discovered Dragon Boating while being treated for breast cancer, diagnosed in 2020. She has since experienced its physical and psychological benefits firsthand, and considers taking part in France's IBCPC Festival both an honor and a victory over cancer.



**Dr Florence VAN DE VELDE**

**Physician specialised in Chronic Pain**

Dr. Florence Van de Velde, a French physician specialised in chronic pain. She leads the Chronic Pain Treatment Center at Aix-les-Bains Hospital. In 2022, she founded «Bivouac et moi,» organizing three-day mountain treks for women with cancer, guided by a physician and a mountain guide in order to rebuild confidence and connect with nature.



**Julie JOYEUX**

**Aix les Bains Hospital Manager**

Julie Joyeux is a hospital manager at Savoy Metropolis Public Hospital, leading an ambitious rebuilding project at the Aix-les-Bains site. She joined the Medical Commission of the IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival, given her hospital's strong commitment to breast cancer care.



**Dr Maxime CHEVREAU**

**Rheumatologist**

Dr. Maxime Chevreau is a rheumatologist and head of the rheumatology department at Centre Hospitalier Métropole Savoie, specializing in musculoskeletal and autoimmune disorders since 2016. In 2019, he established the hospital's osteoporosis Fracture Liaison Service.





# TEAMS INTRODUCTIONS



DRAGON BOAT  
FESTIVAL



# ARGENTINA

## ROSAS DEL PLATA



We are a team of 70 BCS from Tigre , Buenos Aires , Argentina. We started paddling in 2015 and we just celebrated 10 years of “ paddling for life” : REMAR POR LA VIDA as our motto says. We are thrilled to be part of this French gathering of pink sisters and we are looking forward to hug you all and paddle with you , as we did in ITALIA and New Zealand, in previous festivals.

## SELECCION ARGENTINA EN ROSA

We are a great Argentinian team, made up of paddlers from all over the country. Proud to participate for the first time as a national team, we have 24 stories of overcoming breast cancer, which allowed us to prioritize ourselves and unite in a sport that is now our passion.

It gave us another reason to face challenges, both physical and emotional, always seeking unity and the common good as a team. The Argentinian Pink Team is made up of paddlers from 6 different provinces, who, without knowing each other, took on the challenge of training together every 3 months, traveling great distances to build a strong team, both personally and athletically.

Our mission is to bring a clear message to our country: «Having a happy and healthy life after a breast cancer diagnosis is possible,» and «If we are together and united, it is easier to set goals and achieve what we set out to do.







# AUSTRALIA

## AMAZONS PERTH DRAGON BOAT CLUB



At Amazons Perth Dragon Boat Club, every paddle stroke is filled with energy, laughter, and team spirit! Since 2004, we've been bringing breast cancer survivors and their supporters together for exhilarating sessions on the water. Inspired by the fierce Amazon warrior women, our club is all about embracing fun, friendship, and inclusivity, no matter your age or skill level. Dragon boat racing isn't just great exercise, it's a fantastic way to lift spirits and connect in a vibrant, supportive club.

Our members enjoy regular training sessions, social events, and opportunities to participate in local and national regattas. Whether we're celebrating achievements big or small or simply sharing stories over a meal, the sense of camaraderie runs deep. Many have found new confidence, lasting friendships and renewed passion for fitness through joining us.



## AUSSIEDRAGONFLIES



The Aussie Dragonflies are once again excited to participate in our sixth IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival.

Our composite team this year proudly represents seven clubs: Rainbow Dragons Abreast, Clarence River Dragons, Dragons on the Rocks, Flamin' Dragons, Camden Haven Dragons, Great Lakes Pearl Dragons, and Bei Loon Pinks. These clubs span the stunning east coast of New South Wales, from Sydney to Ballina—a coastal stretch of over 740 kilometres featuring magnificent rivers, pristine beaches, and lush rainforests, all rich with wildlife, marine life (including sharks!) and abundant birdlife. We are truly fortunate to enjoy a temperate climate that allows us to paddle and train year-round.

Training together presents its challenges, as travel distances are significant. But this has never lessened the intensity of our camaraderie.





# DRAGONS ABREAST AUSTRALIA



dragon boat clubs.

Dragons Abreast Australia (DAA) is proud to attend the 2026 IBCPC Festival in France with six Breast Cancer Survivor composite crews – Connect, Hope, Inspiration, Spirit, Thrive and Unity. At its heart, DAA is about paddlers – women and men whose lives have been touched by breast cancer and who have found strength, friendship and renewed confidence through dragon boating. Across Australia, DAA represents a community of more than 1,100 paddlers from 30 Member Groups, alongside Breast Cancer Survivor paddlers from a further 30 community

Our France crews bring together paddlers from every state across Australia, joined by teammates from Ireland, the Netherlands, the United States and Canada. Though we train in different boats and on different waterways, we come together at the Festival as one – united by resilience, connection and the shared message that life continues

## DA MELBOURNE PHOENIX



As Melbourne's member club of Dragons Abreast Australia, we pride ourselves on providing a space dedicated only to breast cancer survivors so that we can help bring their 'happy' back by providing an understanding, supportive, and fun place for exercise, friendship and a new life alongside those who have experienced the same journey.

Based in Docklands, our members meet at this central location to train twice weekly in stunning Victoria Harbour. We love paddling into the sunset descending behind the Bolte Bridge!

We don't just love seeing each other at our club events and paddling together at regattas. We do as much as we can to

support and fundraise for Australian organisations undertaking research into the cure for breast cancer (eg. NBCF) and those providing vital support to breast cancer patients and survivors (eg. BCNA). We're so proud of our club, who we are, and what we do!

## DRAGONS ABREAST CANBERRA



Dragons Abreast Canberra (DAC) is a vibrant and supportive dragon boat team with a proud history and an exciting future. Established in 1999, we were the second Dragons Abreast Australia team in the country. Originally known as Tickled Pink, our team became GoAnna in 2012 in honour of our much-loved founder, Anna Wellings-Booth.

We are a thriving and growing community, united by friendship, resilience and a shared love of paddling. Many of our founding paddlers remain active members today, a testament to the strength and spirit of our team.

DAC proudly represents Canberra on the national and international stage.

Set against the stunning backdrop of Lake Burley Griffin, we paddle three times a week all year round, even through Canberra's chilly winters!

Dragons Abreast Canberra provides opportunities for camaraderie, fitness, competition and social connection, both on and off the water.







## DAM BUSTERS BCS

Our mission is to be the voice for breast cancer awareness, support survivors, acknowledge supporters and above all have fun!

We are Determined in spirit And Mighty of heart, busting myths surrounding exercise after breast cancer.

A place to come together – A place to feel at home.

Paddling the waters of Docklands Melbourne, you will find DAM Busters Breast Cancer Survivors Dragon Boat Club embracing life. We began as Dragons Abreast Victoria, the first breast cancer survivor team in Victoria in 2001 and we are proudly one of the oldest, actively paddling dragon boat clubs in Victoria. Over the past 25 years we have travelled near and far to compete in some very unique events including Vogalonga, we were the first Australian dragon boat team to participate, The Great River Race on the Thames, The Ord River Marathon and of course, each and every IBCPC Festival to date.

We are a fun-loving group of survivors, thrivers and supporters who have come together after a common life experience – breast cancer. We are the public and positive face for breast cancer survivors and their families and friends. We bring a message that there is light at the end of the tunnel. This sport offers a great opportunity to give hope to newly diagnosed women, men, their families and friends. Living proof that survivors can regain their energy and health following breast cancer treatment.

No other sport makes us feel the way dragon boating does.



## DRAGONS ABREAST GOLD COAST



Dragons Abreast Gold Coast (DAGC-founded 2001) - a dragon boat club for breast cancer survivors and their supporters. While many teams chase gold medals, we paddle for something more powerful—pink strength, resilience, and unity. DAGC is an inclusive and supportive community that builds lasting friendships - empowering members to heal, grow stronger, and improve fitness through dragon boating. Based on Currumbin Creek (Queensland's Gold Coast) our boats bring a vibrant streak of pink to the water. For France 2026 11 DAGC paddlers are joined by 5 from the South C Warrnambool Club in southern Victoria. Over the years, all paddlers have proudly competed at local, state, national, and/or international levels. For us, simply being in the boat is already a victory—because the most important race is the one against breast cancer. Separated by distance, we are united by a shared spirit to thrive.



## DRAGONS ABREAST MACKAY



Dragons Abreast Mackay was established in 2005 after our founding member Cheryl heard about the benefits of dragon boat paddling for breast cancer survivors. We are known as DAM Oarsome and we paddle 3 times a week, all year round in the beautiful Mackay Marina. We are proud members of Dragons Abreast Australia. After 21 years we are still paddling strongly with the help of our wonderful supporters with a focus on Fun, Fitness and Friendship. Our Motto is «For Others Always». We love to support each other on and off the water, at Race Training, Gym Sessions or at our wonderful social events.

Our club welcomes everyone whether they want to paddle competitively or just enjoy the social aspects of the club and our beautiful Marina. We will be joined in our boat by Emma Hopkinson from Gold Coast and Alison Smith from Ireland. We look forward to catching up with our Global Pink Sisters.



## DRAGONS ABREAST PENRITH



Our dragon boat team is more than a crew – it is a family. United by strength and rhythm we paddle together with purpose. Proudly wearing our vibrant pink uniforms, we advocate for a flourishing life after breast cancer.

Founded in 2004, Dragons Abreast Penrith paddles on the beautiful Nepean River at the foothills of the Blue Mountains. We are inspired by teammates who have been paddling for 2 decades and members with metastatic breast cancer who paddle with courage and joy. We welcome new paddlers strengthening the inclusive bonds forged on and off the water.

We love to race and in 2025, we celebrated a silver medal at the Lunar New Year Festival, two bronze medals at the Australian Championships and victory at the Orange Regional Regatta. We paddle with strength and determination in sports crew racing. We race with grit and gratitude, but paddle for.

## DRAGONS ABREAST SYDNEY



Dragons Abreast Sydney was formed in 2003. We believe that life after breast cancer is about finding your people and rediscovering joy, supporting one another and sharing laughter are at the heart of everything we do.

We paddle on Blackwattle Bay, beneath the ANZAC Bridge, with the Sydney Harbour Bridge in view – right in the heart of the city. Dragon boating is a true team sport, and our ethos is firmly about having a go. We warmly welcome survivors and supporters of all fitness and experience levels into a supportive, inclusive environment.

We love the opportunity to travel, forge new friendships, celebrate resilience, and create unforgettable memories both on and off the water. Fellow breast cancer paddlers are always welcome to come and share a paddle with us in Sydney. Live Long, Paddle Strong - Go DAS Go!







## DRAGONS ABREAST TASMANIA HOBART

Dragons Abreast Tasmania Hobart or DATH for short, grew from small, but enthusiastic beginnings in 2002, to now having over 40 members! We paddle on the picturesque Derwent River in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia's southern-most state and our club nickname is "Boobialla", the name of our first boat. We now have a boat named in honour of two of our founding members.

We take every opportunity to promote Breast Cancer awareness in the community to show that you can lead a full and active life after diagnosis. Supporting each other is also a vital part of our club, whether it's on the water during paddling or off the water through social activities. Our club provides opportunities for members who want to paddle socially and members who want more training with an eye to competition paddling. DATH members have paddled in several International Regattas and now look forward to Aix-les-Bains.



## DRAGONS ABREAST WOLLUMBIN



Dragons Abreast Wollumbin, formerly Dragons Abreast Mt Warning, proudly honours the traditional owners' name for our club which is found in Bundjalung Country. Wollumbin, the first place in Australia touched by the sun, watches over us as we paddle the Tweed River in Northern New South Wales.

Founded in 2007 by breast cancer survivors, our club has grown into a warm, inclusive community built on strength, recovery, and friendship. We paddle together up to three times a week and share many activities beyond the boat. Our new initiative, Healing Together, is a support group for those undergoing or recently completing breast cancer treatment; in partnership with local clinics and hospitals we encourage connection, confidence, and movement. Whether competing, or enjoying long paddles along our beautiful river, we welcome all with open arms.



## MISSABITTATITTI POWER & MISSABITTATITTI PASSION



Dragons Abreast Brisbane Inc (Team Missabittatitti) is a proud member of Dragons Abreast Australia and Queensland's oldest breast cancer dragon boat club.

We paddle year-round on the picturesque Brisbane River near the iconic Gateway Bridge. Our 80 financial members, made up of 63 survivors and 17 supporters, span ages from mid-30s to late-80s, united in friendship, resilience and joy.

Paddling beneath the Gateway Bridge holds special meaning for us. As we return upstream to our dock, we call a traditional Australian greeting, "Cooee" (pronounced koo-EE) beneath each of the two spans. The first Cooee for our Angels Abreast and those doing it tough; the second is for all of us and those who would love to be in the boat. When it echoes, it carries our spirit across the entire bridge.

Having attended every IBCPC Festival, we are proud to bring 60 to France in 2026

## SUNSHINE COAST DRAGONS ABREAST



Just after sunrise on any given Saturday, dragon boats launch onto Queensland waterways, carrying women and men who train in different clubs on river systems and waterways hundreds of kilometres apart.

In France 2026, we paddle together as «Coastal Breast Friends» - an Australian composite crew uniting paddlers from South East Queensland, including the Sunshine Coast, Bribie Island, Redcliffe, Hervey Bay and Brisbane, as well as an adopted teammate from the US. At the heart of the crew is Sunshine Coast Dragons Abreast, a club grounded in fitness, friendship and fun, which recently celebrated its 20-year anniversary.

In Aix-les-Bains, every paddler and supporter of Coastal Breast Friends stands as part of one crew, united on and off the water by shared experience, enduring friendship and memories that we know will stay with us long after the final race.







# AUSTRIA

## VIENNA PINK DRAGONS



The Vienna Pink Dragons are Austria's first dragon boat team for breast cancer survivors. Founded in 2015, we celebrated our 10th anniversary in 2025 – a milestone we marked with the christening of our first standard pink dragon boat and a beautiful party at the shores of the old Danube in Vienna.

What began as a small initiative has grown into a supportive and inspiring community, promoting pink paddling as rehabilitation, empowerment and lifelong friendship. Although we are still a relatively small team, we are growing steadily and welcoming new paddlers every season. In 2023, we found a new home at a traditional Viennese rowing club where we can enjoy excellent training conditions for our training and were welcomed as a pink paddling team.

For the 2026 festival, we proudly paddle with the support of pink sisters from Germany who complete our team for this great Event.

# BELGIUM



## PINK RIBBONETTES UNITED

With the spirit of bringing people together and representing our small country, Belgium, Lili, President of the Pink Ribbonettes in Brussels since 2016, invited the Presidents of the two other Belgian national clubs to join the Brussels Pink Ribbonettes, along with four dragon-lady friends from France, to form our colourful team named the Pink Ribbonettes United. We are supported by our Belgian sponsor "Pink Ribbon," which works alongside us to support anyone affected by breast cancer.



Combining joy, strength, determination, training, and the power of our hearts and our arms is the secret to the team members' success, ready to unite, surpass themselves, and take on the challenge of the 200-metre and 500-metre races at the exceptional event that is IBCPC 2026 – an event we are proud and delighted to take part in!





# BRASIL

## LUA ROSA



The Brazilian Lua Rosa team, officially registered under this name, adopts Meninas Lua Flor as its collective identity, representing the union of three breast cancer survivor paddling teams: Lua Rosa(Fortaleza/CE), Lisa Flor(Maceió/AL), and Meninas do Lago IMEL(Foz do Iguaçu/PR).

Formed in June 2024, the alliance was created to strengthen national and international participation, with the goal of competing in the IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival 2026(France).

Meninas Lua Flor preserves each team's identity while promoting belonging and sisterhood. Lua Rosa created Ceará's first Pink Paddlers team in 2021 and won gold in Barcelona in 2024. Lisa Flor, founded in 2019, is a pioneer in Northeast Brazil, known for advocacy and awareness. Meninas do Lago IMEL is part of a social sports institute supported by Itaipu Binacional, standing out for its community impact and rehabilitation.



## REMAMA DRAGÃO ROSA



Remama Dragão Rosa is a Brazilian team founded in 2013 by Dr. Christina May Moran de Brito, a physiatrist inspired by Dr. Don Mackenzie's work after meeting him.



The program is the result of a partnership between the Cancer Institute of the State of São Paulo (ICESP), Hospital das Clínicas of the University of São Paulo School of Medicine (HC-FMUSP), and the School of Physical Education and Sport of the University of São Paulo (EEFE-USP).

The group started with smaller boats, and in 2017 it received a dragon boat. Now in its 13th year, the program brings together about 50 women at the USP Olympic Rowing Channel twice a week and will be represented by its captain, Etsuko Takaoka Saizaki (8 years in the program), and Helia de Brito Dias Santos (6 years).





# CANADA

## 'TIT BATEAU



We are a composite group representing three teams from across Canada.



'tit Bateau from Shediac, New Brunswick was formed in 2003 and includes survivors and supporters from South Eastern NB, and the bordering area of Nova Scotia.

Waves of Hope was formed in 1999 and is made up of members from Western Manitoba and the Parkland area.

Breasties in the Buff is a newly formed team out of Central Alberta. Paddlers come together to practice on Buffalo Lake.

After some of the 'tit Bateau and Waves of Hope group paddled together in a composite team (and won our division!) at a Concord festival a few years ago, we decided to partner again for races in France. We were then fortunate enough to recruit a steer from Breasties in the Buff, to round out our roster. We all look forward to making beautiful memories, forming lasting friendships, and celebrating survivorship.

## ABREAST IN A BOAT



As Dr. Don McKenzie's pioneering team that launched the breast cancer dragon boat movement, Abreast In A Boat is honoured to join paddlers from around the world in beautiful Aix-les-Bains. Our organization includes six crews across Vancouver's Lower Mainland, with 200 active paddlers and many supportive alumnae. Among them are two "Originals" from the world's first breast cancer survivor crew founded in 1996.

Our travelling paddlers are a spirited composite crew proudly representing all six boats. In 2025, we celebrated 30 years of community, courage, and connection, welcoming global teams to Vancouver's Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival. We carry that same spirit to Aix-les-Bains, excited to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. We are also proud to provide the commemorative pins for the Sandy Smith Global Finale. Good luck, friends – let's paddle together with heart!



## AVALON DRAGONS



We are a breast cancer survivor dragon boat team based in Paradise, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, on the most easterly point of North America.

Formed in 2006, the team constructed our very own wooden dragon boat, the only team in North America to do so. This is an enduring symbol of determination, resilience and teamwork and proves life after breast cancer can be active and full of possibility.



Through dragon boating, we create a supportive and empowering environment where survivors build lasting friendships and promote physical and emotional well-being. Dragon boating is more than a sport for our team; it is a source of strength, confidence, connection and FUN! While we are a team of 55 members, we are proudly represented by a crew of 23. We are honoured to join teams from around the world at this IBCPC Festival in Aix-les-Bains, celebrating survivorship, solidarity, and hope.

## BARRIE'S RIBBONS OF HOPE



Barrie's Ribbons of Hope is a Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat Team made up of strong, resilient women united by survivorship, camaraderie, and unwavering support. Founded in 2003, the team paddles along the shores of Kempenfelt Bay in Barrie, Ontario, finding strength and friendship both on and off the water. With a membership of over 40 paddlers, Ribbons of Hope promotes healthy, active lifestyles for breast cancer survivors through the sport of dragon boating. The team advocates physical fitness, confidence, and overall well-being, while also inspiring and educating others about life beyond breast cancer. Committed to community, Ribbons of Hope actively fundraises for breast cancer-related charities, including the cancer care unit at their local hospital, and continues to grow their visibility, impact, and message of hope! We are very excited to be coming to Aix-les-Bains 2026.



## BREAST BUDDIES HOPE FLOATS



The Breast Buddies Dragon Boat Team was formed in 2001. Paddlers come from Chatham-Kent and Lambton County regions where we join together in the middle and practice along the Sydenham River twice weekly. Hope Floats Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Team was formed in 2011. We are located in Welland, Ontario, Canada. We practice at the beautiful Welland International Flatwater Course.

We are an enthusiast group of fun-loving breast cancer survivors who have taken up the sport of dragon boat racing. Our mission is to promote awareness of a quality of life after a diagnosis of breast cancer. In doing so we hope to impart hope and empowerment to all with this disease. On or off the water, we are a visible sign to others that there is life after a breast cancer diagnosis. Together, the two teams have joined forces with each other to participate together in the IBCPC 2026.





# BREAST FRIENDS EDMONTON



Formed in 1998, Edmonton's Breast Friends Dragon Boat Racing Team has been a pillar of strength and support for breast cancer survivors for nearly three decades.

Breast Friends compete in dragon boat festivals across Canada and internationally, offering members the opportunity to embrace an active, healthy lifestyle while raising awareness and supporting the pursuit of a cure for breast cancer. In 1999, Breast Friends partnered with paddlers in Winnipeg to race as the «Prairie Partners» in Vancouver. The team later attended a gathering in Caloundra, Australia, where the idea of the IBCPC festival came to life. In 2010, Breast Friends participated in the first official IBCPC Festival in Peterborough Ontario and has proudly attended every participatory festival since.

These festivals reinforce what we know to be true - together, we are stronger and together, we can accomplish anything.



# BREASTS AHOY



Breasts Ahoy Southern New Brunswick Breast Cancer Survivor Team that was formed in 2003.

We are a team of dragon boat paddlers from Saint John NB and the surrounding area who have survived breast cancer and wish to celebrate life by paddling together to promote fitness, health and having fun.

We celebrate being alive. We help people who have had breast cancer to understand they can live a full life despite the physical limitations imposed by the disease.

We enjoy paddling twice a week on Treadwell Lake. We do strength training, hiking and snowshoeing through the off season.

We have paddlers from Bosom Buddies from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia paddling with us to complete our team going to France. Their team is also active paddling and doing actives during the off season.



# BUST'N LOOSE



Bust'N Loose is still going strong in our 27th year, practicing on our beautiful, scenic Okanagan Lake in our own boat, Muriel's Spirit, named after our generous sponsor. We are committed to the sport of dragon boat racing and focus on fitness, demonstrating to other survivors that life after breast cancer can be fulfilling and exciting, and assisting them to improve their mental and physical health through paddling.

Our team offers inspiration and encouragement through positive energy and camaraderie, learning from each other and taking pride in our accomplishments. We participate in festivals each summer, organize many fundraisers throughout the year, and volunteer for community events.

We have always been fortunate to have leadership and coaching from dedicated individuals who have inspired and motivated us to train hard and achieve our team goals.



## BUSTING OUT OTTAWA DBC



We are Busting Out from Ottawa, Canada—a diverse team representing many cultures, and stages of life.

Formed in 1998, Busting Out was the third breast cancer survivor dragon boat team in Canada. This year marks our sixth IBCPC festival, and we are proud to represent our community on the international stage alongside teams from around the world.

Our IBCPC France team includes new paddlers who joined in 2025 and are attending their first international festival, alongside longtime members who have been part of our journey nearly since the beginning. Together, we bring fresh energy, shared experience, and strong camaraderie.

We practice on the Rideau River in Canada's capital. Our season is short at only 5 months, and we train and race in both 10- and 20-seater boats. Off the water, we stay connected year-round and are a fun-loving team, always ready to give anything a go.

## BUSTING WITH ENERGY



Busting with Energy was established in 1998 and is based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in the heart of the Canadian Prairies. We paddle on the often unpredictable South Saskatchewan River, and while our season is short, we make the most of every opportunity to be out on the river.

Our team is committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle through dragon boat racing and to providing survivors with reassurance that there is life after breast cancer... and it can be active, challenging and fun!

## CHEMO SAVVY



We are Survivors! We are Hope! We are Chemo Savvy! Chemo Savvy was formed in 1997 in Winnipeg, Canada. Workouts began the spring of 1998, with the first festival that summer. Now, after almost 30 years, Chemo Savvy continues to grow with more than 160 active and alumni members.

Fitness training begins in February as we plan for paddling on the Red River May - September. Our colourful paddles, which are recognized and celebrated everywhere we paddle, are hand painted by members to reflect their personality and healing journey.

We participate in local events to demonstrate it is possible to thrive following breast cancer. We provide health education, promote fitness and encourage positive health choices, especially those related to reducing cancer risk.

The team is active in IBCPC and Paddlers Abreast Canada. Annually we participate in local, national and international festivals.





# CHESTMATES KINGSTON



From the shores of Lake Ontario in Kingston, Canada, Chestmates Kingston has been carving its path on the water since 2001 and is proudly supported by Breast Cancer Action Kingston. From our home in Collins Bay Marina, we paddle twice weekly from May through September. Our fleet—Courage, Hope, and Strength—reflects the spirit that unites our 47 active paddlers. Guided by our dedicated coaches, Sarah Emery, Lori Cox, Sarah Young, and Huw Davies, and

expertly steered by Elaine Agarand, we train together on and off the water. Our 2026 season co-captains Renata Vorano and Sarah Arrowsmith feel privileged to be leading this phenomenal group of women. Throughout the year, we stay connected through dryland training, fundraising, and shared experiences. More than a team, we are a family—paddling in celebration, resilience, and support for one another. Paddles Up!

# DRAGONFLYERS



The Dragonflyers Breast Cancer Paddler Dragon Boat Team, established in 2014, is a group of 30 extraordinary women, ranging in age from 35 to 65+, from Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The team started when a group of passionate student paddlers from the University of Waterloo put out a call for Breast Cancer Survivors who might be interested in joining a “learn to paddle dragon boat” program. What was only supposed to be a six-week program has become a 12-year legacy of racing, supporting each other, and cheering one another on both in the boat and from afar. The Dragonflyers competed in Florence in 2018 and are looking forward to connecting with teams from across the globe in France. One of our favourite parts of any regatta is the flower ceremony, and we can’t wait to experience it with all the other paddlers!



# DRAGONS ABREAST



Top row (left to right) / En haut (à gauche/droite): Ger, Tammy, Theresa, Angela, Fernandi, Iarab. 2nd row / 2e rangée: Nada, Amelia, Elisete, Diane, Marvie. 3rd row / 3e rangée: Juni, Cheryl, Alina, Akky, Dana. Bottom / En bas: Deborah, Louise, Sue, Susan, Flo, Florianne.

Dragons Abreast (DA) picked up their paddles for the first time in 1997\*. After meeting members of Vancouver’s Abreast In A Boat, our founder, Eleanor Nielsen, reasoned there must be at least as many women with breast cancer in Toronto. With Lake Ontario in our front yard, she was inspired to start a team. Today, DA has over 80 members from across the Greater Toronto Area, ranging in age from their 30s to their 90s. We are committed to keeping dragon boating inclusive and accessible to all survivors. And of course, fun!

Over the years we have paddled in five continents and have supported many breast cancer initiatives. We are thrilled to have a crew here in Aix-les-Bains and look forward to a week of sharing, competing and creating new friendships.

*\*That’s right – DA turns 30 next year! We are already planning a racing event and party for September 2027, and yes, you are all invited!*



## DRAGONS OF HOPE



The Dragons of Hope of Thunder Bay, Ontario was founded in 1999 and we celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2024. We are one of just two survivor teams in all of Northern Ontario and our geographic location requires that we travel great distances to participate in dragon boat festivals, which is challenging.

We participate in local events to promote awareness of breast cancer and continue recruitment of those interested in thriving after a breast cancer diagnosis – to encourage a life full of fitness, friendship and fun on the water. Racing in France will be our second international festival, as we participated in Italy in 2018. Our team spans the ages of 40 to 80 years young and we have several new members who are excited to experience racing internationally for the first time, in France.



Hope brought us together - Faith keeps us afloat!

## ISLAND BREASTSTROKERS



The Island Breaststrokes dragon boat team of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada was formed by Marjorie Woodroffe in 1996. We are proud to be the world's second team exclusively for breast cancer survivors. Our team is committed to promoting public awareness of breast cancer, stressing the need for early detection. We are women from all walks of life, proud to prove that regular physical exercise plays a critical role in helping women live through breast cancer and return to an active lifestyle. Team fundraising efforts ensure that costs for

equipment, coaching, boats, festivals and some travel expenses are covered so that all survivors and thrivers who wish to can participate. We have taken our message around the world to Israel, Singapore, Australia, Florence and Miami. We paddle year round on the Salish Sea, on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples. Hych'ka

## KNOT A BREAST



Knot A Breast is a dragon boat team made up of breast cancer survivors who paddle out of Hamilton Ontario, not only for the sport, but for strength, community and hope. Together we paddle with purpose, inspire hope and create a ripple effect of positive change. Each stroke we take in the water represents not only our individual journeys, but also the collective strength of all those who have faced breast cancer. Our history is one of courage, transformation, and inspiration.





## LES PHÉNIX DE LA ROSE DES VENTS



Founded in 2003, our team is made up of thirty-five (35) women between the ages of forty-two and seventy-seven. The paddlers share a common desire and determination to push themselves in order to regain their health. Moreover, camaraderie, solidarity, and closeness are at the heart of life among the Phénix.

We train on the water twice a week from May to October and take part in about three competitions a year. During the winter months, we continue training indoors to stay fit and improve our technique.

The Phénix de la Rose des Vents team encourages physical activity, provides support, and carries hope. Our motto, Phénix to the end!, reflects our determination never to give up before crossing the finish line, as fast as possible!

## NORTH SHORE DRAGON BUSTERS



Surrounded by majestic mountains, the North Shore Dragon Busters paddle on the clear waters of Deep Cove in Vancouver, Canada. With seals, otters, eagles and the occasional orca whale as our neighbors, paddling here strengthens not only our bodies but also our spirits.

We encourage a fit and active lifestyle within a supportive environment. We have fun together on and off the water but are at our best when pulling together as one in our dragon boat.



## PINK CRUSADERS



The Pink Crusaders Dragon Boat Team began in 2014 as a team of breast cancer paddlers (BCP) and has grown into a team of breast cancer, other cancer survivors – along with our incredible supporters. We practice on Lake Ontario in Toronto and stay connected all year long.

Our team competing in France is made up of Pink Crusaders BCP members under the leadership of coach Ann Forbes Arndt, steer Peggy Quirion, and captain Nancy Spies. We are honoured to be joined by guest paddlers from seven other teams across Canada and the United States: Dragons Abreast, Chemo Savvy, The Dragon Flies, Hope Chest, MPA, Wave Warriors, and Valkyrie Dragons.

Together, we are a true composite team – embracing the participatory festival spirit envisioned by Don McKenzie and many others.

We extend heartfelt thanks to our guest paddlers for making this possible. We can't wait to see all of our dragon boat sisters!





## PINK PISTON PADDLERS



We are an enthusiastic and adventurous group of survivors who formed a team in 2006 with the dream of attending the IBCPC Festival in Caloundra, Australia. Since that first goal, the team has gone on to proudly represent our community at IBCPC, provincial and local festivals. Our survivors come from all over the Shuswap Lake region of British Columbia. This year, our team is proudly joined by survivors from Spirit Warriors, Buoyant Buddies, and North Breast Passage. We are deeply thankful for the strong and dedicated supporters whose ongoing commitment makes it possible for us to fill our boat each season.

We paddle from late April through early September. When we are not on the water, our team fundraises by selling our much-loved apple pies and attend community events to raise awareness of the importance of early breast cancer detection.



## PINK SENSATIONS



Durham Region, Ontario, Canada

In 2004, members in a BC support group at Hearth Place Cancer Support Center wished to demonstrate that we can and do overcome breast cancer. Through their determined efforts and shared vision, the Pink Sensations team was created.



Our mission: To model that life after breast cancer can be full, active and empowering!

Our vision: To provide support, camaraderie and shared strength for each other!

Our values: Wellness, inclusivity, compassion, mutual respect and teamwork!

Since 2004, Pink Sensations has paddled twice weekly on Frenchman's Bay from May to September. In addition to local regattas, Pink Sensations have participated in International Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Festivals in Australia, Canada, USA, Italy and now France where we are thrilled to celebrate and model breast cancer survival with survivors from all around the world.

## PRIOR CHEST NUTS



From Canada, a team so true,  
The Prior Chest Nuts, shining through,  
From Arnprior, a town so dear,  
Where hope took root, and conquered fear.

In twenty-ten, a seed was sown,  
By women strong, who'd bravely known,  
The fight against the cancer's sting,  
And found a way, together, to sing.

"If you build it, they will come," they say,  
And twenty-six strong are here today.  
Across five decades, hearts align,  
A sisterhood, a force divine.

The Ottawa Valley, kind and true,  
Supports their dreams, in all they do.  
Through fundraising, a helping hand,  
To travel forth, across the land.

In Aix-les-Bains, the journey leads,  
To meet new friends, to plant new seeds.  
To 'sister' boats, from every nation,  
A shared experience.

So raise a paddle, to the sky,  
For courage, strength, and unity.  
Prior Chest Nuts, proud and loud,  
Amongst the dragons, in the crowd!



# ROWBUST BCS & ROWBUST DRAGON SPIRIT



Rowbust Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat Team is a charitable organization who celebrates life through the sport of dragon boating. Currently 80+ team members serving London, Ontario, Canada and region since 1999. Rowbust is a team committed to education and raising awareness in the community about the positive benefits of dragon boating after the diagnosis of breast cancer. Rowbust recognizes the needs of all breast cancer survivors to be the best and healthiest that they can be. Rowbust also recognizes that dragon boating is a sport and recreational activity that can be pursued by everyone and anyone of all abilities and at every level of competition.

Rowbust is thrilled to be able to send 2 crews to Aix-les-Bains, Rowbust BCP and Rowbust Dragon Spirit are made up entirely of Rowbust members. Two Crews – One incredible TEAM!»



# SEINCR'EAU



Seincr'eau was created in 2011 by our captain, Anne-Marie Couture, who dreamed of founding a team where breast cancer survivors could participate in sports, take care of their health, experience camaraderie and support. Son-Quan Nguyen Lam, a young dragon boat coach who was moved by the cause, volunteered to take on this new team. This dedicated duo continues to support us through the ups and downs, the victories and defeats, the relapses and the remissions. It is a privilege to be around women of all ages and different cultural backgrounds who are models of perseverance and resilience. Even though cancer has united us, on the water, it fades away. We feel alive, like true athletes who want to push their limits. Seincr'eau is a team from Montréal, in the province of Quebec, in Canada. We continue to evolve and the next generation gives us hope and inspires us to move forward.



# SISTERSHIP DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION



Sistership Calgary proudly celebrates 29 years in 2026. Founded in 1998, the team was Alberta's first dragon boat crew made up of individuals living with breast cancer. What began as learning a new sport has become a powerful journey of healing—rebuilding strength, confidence, and control. Today, Sistership is a vibrant community of 70 women who connect year-round through fitness, social, and community activities. Training includes weekly land sessions and twice-weekly on-water practices at the scenic Glenmore Reservoir. Together, they paddle in celebration of life, survivorship, and the strength of community.





# SUNSHINE DRAGONS ABREAST



«The 2026 Sunshine Dragons Abreast is a composite team of experienced and enthusiastic Western Canadian paddlers representing several teams from across British Columbia (Vancouver Island, Metro Vancouver, the Sunshine Coast, Fraser Valley, Prince George) and Alberta (Edmonton, Lundbreck, Lethbridge area).

Our diversity is our strength and gives us our passion! I can! I will! I am! Coming together with the common commitment of health and wellness, we've shared our stories and quickly built strong bonds and friendships.

We are excited and proud to represent our hometowns and to be cancer survivors travelling to France to experience life to its fullest doing what we love - being in a dragon boat with friends, in Aix-les-Bains, France.»



# SURVIVORS ABREAST



Survivors Abreast is a group of breast cancer survivors from the Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, area in various stages of treatment and recovery. Some of you will even remember us, and our city, from when we hosted the International Festival in 2010! We are committed to living our lives to the fullest and sharing hope, friendship and support with others. For the past 26 years, Survivors Abreast has hosted a one-day community festival called Peterborough's Dragon Boat Festival.

In that time, it has proudly raised \$4.9 million CDN to support cancer care at Peterborough Regional Health Center, the hospital in our community. We are very proud of this achievement!

We are thrilled to be taking part in IBCPC France 2026! Paddles Up!

# TORONTO PHOENIX DRAGON BOAT



«Toronto Phoenix Dragon Boat Team was founded five years ago as part of the Toronto Phoenix Breast Cancer Community (PBCC), established 12 years ago to support and empower breast cancer survivors. Our name, Phoenix, represents rebirth and resilience, inspired by the mythical phoenix rising from the ashes.

Through dragon boat paddling, team members build strength, wellness, and mutual support. We train together online and on-water, supporting each other both physically and emotionally.

Over the past five years, we have earned 11 medals in various competitions and participated in the IBCPC International Dragon Boat Festival in New Zealand, sharing our teamwork and spirit with paddlers worldwide. United by courage and hope, we paddle to celebrate life, inspire others, and demonstrate the power of resilience.»





## TWO ABREAST CÔTE-À-CÔTE



Two Abreast is a Montréal-based team and the very first of its kind in Québec. Founded in 1997, the team carries nearly three decades of history, resilience, and passion. After the challenges of the COVID period, Two Abreast successfully rebuilt and now counts 30 dedicated members. For this festival, we are proud to be represented by a crew of fourteen.

## WISE-À-VIE



Vise-à-Vie, the only Quebec City region dragon boat crew for breast cancer survivors, is much more than a boat racing team. United, we are thirty-two paddlers driven by a shared cadence and on the same course.

With every stroke, we transform adversity into momentum. With every wave, resilience becomes rhythm, solidarity becomes a strong current, and life can regain its full zest, during and after cancer.

We move forward in unison. Our team is the image of courage, a collective movement where no one paddles alone. Despite obstacles and storms, our crew are living proof that anything is possible thanks to the strength of the group and the beauty of the bond that unites us. Vise-à-Vie, founded in 2003, is here to show that despite tempests and trials we can persevere and live life to the fullest.



## WEST ISLAND DRAGONS



«The West Island Dragons is a crew of fierce, funloving dragonladies hailing from Quebec, Canada. Founded in 2003, we are an independent recreational team based out of Pointe Claire Canoe Club in the West Island of Montreal, training together on the St Lawrence River.

We compete in at least five races each year across Quebec and Ontario, and we've proudly represented our community at both national and international events. We are honoured to be part of the Quebec Breast Cancer Federation and are deeply committed to raising awareness of life after cancer.

Being on this team motivates each of us to keep showing up, keep fighting, and keep improving whether we are in recovery, in remission or currently undergoing treatments. We support one another physically and emotionally both on and off the water, and we are proud of every win!

As our cheer says, «Chins up, Chest out!»





## WOMEN ALIKE A BREAST A RIVER



Women A like a Breast A River, started paddling on the beautiful East River In New Glasgow , Nova Scotia ,Canada in 1999. we are very active in our community .This year for the IBCPC races in France we are blessed to have 7 pink sisters from the Cape Breastoners and 1 from the S.O.S . Teams joining us to form our race team. The excitement is mounting for us, see you all in Aug 2026.

## WONDERBROADS



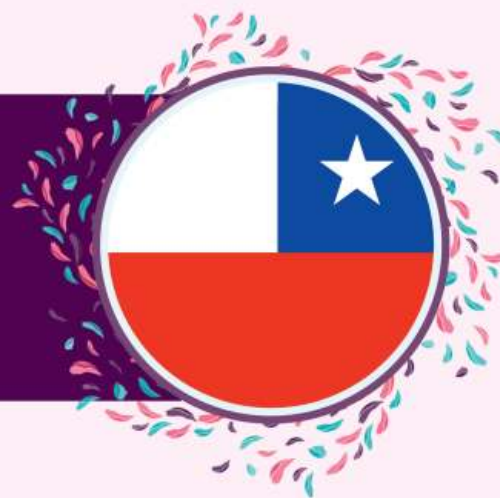
«The WonderBroads are a breast cancer survivor dragon boat team based in Windsor-Essex County, Ontario, Canada. We paddle to celebrate life, support one another, and promote wellness through the joy and strength of dragon boating. Founded in 2003, we are a survivor-only team that practices three times a week during the paddling season. We proudly

welcome all breast cancer survivors no matter their athletic background or age. Our team includes women ranging in age from their early 50s into their 80s, proving it's never too late to try something new. We are also committed in raising funds to donate to local cancer research organizations and charities. We compete in regional regattas across North America and have also had the honor of racing internationally in Ireland, Australia & Italy. This year, we are especially excited to take part in the IBCPC event in Aix-les-Bains.





# CHILE



## CLUB REMO ARRIBA ROSAS V REGION



Remo Arriba Rosas V Región is not just a team, it is a rebirth. We were born from pain and the fight against breast cancer, each of us with our own story, but with the same desire: to live again, to feel strong, and to smile once more. On the water we found each other and discovered that movement heals, that the sea embraces, and that every stroke is an act of courage.

Our Polynesian canoe, Vahine Tekora, is more than a boat; it is our refuge, our unity, and our collective strength. On it, we leave fear behind and move forward together with hope. We became a family, supporting each other, celebrating every achievement, and always lifting one another up.

Today we are community, awareness, and life. We row to share our message: prevention saves lives, and after cancer, life can still be beautiful. We are not just survivors, we are not just survivors, we are warriors of the sea.

## FORTALE-SEÑOS CHILE



Six months away from traveling to France to take part in the 2026 Dragon Boat Festival and to fulfill a dream that began two years ago, I proudly present my team, Fortale-Senos Chile. Our desire to be part of this great Festival is so strong that we will participate with two teams: Team 80 and Team 9.

We are the first team formed in Chile in 2018, and we have organized three Dragon Boat Festivals in Chile, the most recent with the participation of 350 women. Team 80 will include 22 paddlers and one helm, while Team 9 will include 10 paddlers. Our coach will also accompany us.

Our greatest wish is to remain healthy so we can live this extraordinary life experience.





## REMADORAS ROSAS DE SANTO DOMINGO



We are ten women who survived breast cancer and found in rowing a way to heal.

Twice a week we meet at the lagoon in Tricao Park, in Santo Domingo. For us, rowing is not just exercise; it is therapy for both the body and the soul.

Most of us are homemakers, women used to caring for others, but here we have also learned the importance of caring for ourselves. With every stroke we share strength, hope, and companionship. Because after everything we have lived through, we keep moving forward... together.

## REMADORAS ROSAS SAN PEDRO DE LA PAZ



Our team is made up of 3 clubs from Chile.

Dragons of Iquique. Women breast cancer survivors from the Tarapacá Region who have found friendship and resilience through sports. They train on Cavanha beach, in a majestic setting that reflects the spirit of our land.

Valientes Señorazas de Laja. The Brave Dragons of Laja represent a community of women united by strength, resilience, and mutual support. This club, made up of 18 women, was founded in 2022 with the purpose of providing support, hope, and empowerment, especially in the fight against breast cancer. They train at Laguna La Señoraza, in the municipality of Laja (Biobío Region).

Pink Rowers of San Pedro de La Paz

Our story began on May 12, 2023, in the Biobío Region. We currently train at Laguna Chica in San Pedro de la Paz. Dragon boat paddling is more than a rehabilitation sport; it's where we heal our spirit, body, and soul.



## VALIENTES SEÑORAZA DE LAJA



The Brave Dragons of Laja are much more than a sports team; they represent a community of women united by strength, resilience, and mutual support.

Currently comprised of 18 members, they were founded with the purpose of providing emotional support, hope, and empowerment, especially in the context of the fight against breast cancer.

Founded in 2022 by Ópalo Fuentes Ketterer, who, along with Lissette Castro, left a beautiful legacy, which they continue to uphold based on unity and empowerment.

Their training center, located at the beautiful La Señoraza Lagoon in the Laja commune (Biobío Region), has become a meaningful space where sport and healing converge.

One of the important milestones in their history was May 29, 2024, the date on which they awakened their «La Señoraza Dragon,» a symbol that honors their identity and connection to the environment.





# CHINA

## SHANGHAI ANGELCARE DRAGON BOAT TEAM



The Shanghai Angelcare Dragon Boat Team was established in May 2019. The ages of its members range from 30 to 63 years old. Since December 2019, the team has consistently conducted indoor fitness training and on-water dragon boat training, completing more than 340 training sessions to date.

The team currently has 45 members and has participated multiple times in well-known domestic events, including the China (Guangyuan) International Women's Dragon Boat Race, Suzhou River Dragon Boat Open, Suzhou Jinji Lake Dragon Boat Race for Dragon Boat Festival, Shanghai Citizens' Games Dragon Boat Race and Shanghai Corporate Dragon Boat Race.

In 2023, the team represented China at the IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival in New Zealand, marking the first time a Chinese team participated in this event. In 2024, the team traveled to Singapore to take part in the Singapore Sea Regatta.



# CROATIA



## DRAGONBOAT KLUB ZADAR

Dragonboat Klub Zadar is a new force making waves in Croatian sports & advocacy. Founded in 2022, we rapidly established ourselves as pioneers & national leaders in dragon boat sport while championing a vital cause. With 42 dedicated members, we are ambassadors for breast cancer awareness, and our mission is to promote health, strength, and community.

In a remarkably short time, we have achieved significant milestones, proving our commitment and skill in securing equipment, participating in DB events, winning medals and cups in DB competitions, and a Silver Medal in the PINK rafting project, highlighting our competitiveness and diversity.

Our journey is about more than medals! Every stroke of the paddle carries a message of hope, solidarity, and resilience. We race for those who have faced breast cancer, and we are proud to put Croatia on the map in this inspiring global community.



# DENMARK

## COPENHAGEN DRAGON BOAT TEAM



Copenhagen Dragon Boat Team is the first and only BCS dragon Boat Team in Denmark. The team was founded in 2017 in order to participate the Festival in Firenze in 2018. Although Denmark is surrounded by water and is a proud nation of lots of water sports, dragon boating has not caught on and very few people know about the sport. There is also no dragon boat association in Denmark and no other teams to compete with or against. We are supported by the Canoe and Kayak Association, and are based in a rowing club in Copenhagen. The first few years were difficult, but now all

of Copenhagen recognize us and our pink dragon boat, Yggdrasil, when we practice in the harbor and canals several times a week throughout the summer. Our season lasts from early April and ends in October, when we put the boat away and move training indoors instead.





# FRANCE

## CDB'TEAM

« What brings us together is something we wouldn't wish on anyone; what unites us is something we would wish on everyone », this is the phrase that best defines our crew. Added to this is our rallying cry, «La CDB'Team, c'est pas des bêtises !» because even though our association's headquarters are in Caudry, the world capital of luxury lace in Northern France, we have been paddling in Cambrai since 2014, a city of Art and History known in particular for its sweets called «bêtises».



## CHER DAMES DE LOIRE



Our association was created in 2018 by three co-founders, inspired by the Dragon Ladies Lo.Ve from Saumur. There are 56 members today. The Cher Nautical Center in Tours / France is the home for our 3 Dragon Boats (one DB10 «La Joconde» and two DB20 the «Vahana» and «Anahita» ). Our team is composed of 23 paddlers aged 35 to 77 including Ana (helm), Stéphane our manager, Sébastien our cook and Anne, Annabelle, Ariane, Brigitte, Catherine, Christel, Eléonore, Elodie, Géraldine, Laure (drummer), Laurence, Marie-Laure, Marie-Alis, Marie-Gaëlle, Marsa, Nathou, Nathalie, Pascale (coach, president and drummer), Pauline, Sonia, Sylviane, and Véronique (drummer). Jean-Pierre is our coach in Tours and is here with us. We chose to enjoy this week all together, 24/24 7/7. Meeting new people, living our team spirit and sisterhood, sharing lots of fun and laughter, the IBCPC is all about that for us !

## DRAGON BOAT LADIES TOULOUSE

Today, we are proud to represent the beautiful «Pink City» of Toulouse, wherever we may be: from our home waters of Lake La Ramée to here on Lake Bourget.

Our group formed several years ago when a paddler from Dragon Boat Toulouse was diagnosed with breast cancer. In 2013, she asked the club to create the «Dragon Ladies» section. Since then, we have traded pain for the paddle and fear for the strength of the collective.

Our spirit is driven by the warmth and friendship of Southwest France—defined by a culture of sharing and the joy of being together. Paddling is a powerful way to move forward on the water as one synchronized team. We believe that solidarity and a positive spirit are as vital as medicine in the fight against illness and the journey to get back on our feet.

Participating in the 2026 IBCPC festival, a truly exceptional international event, is incredibly exciting for us !!





# DRAGON LADIES DE REIMS



A women's dragon boat team from Reims ready to make their mark on the international stage. In April 2026, we celebrated our 17th anniversary. As France's first BCS team, we are proud to have the 'Florence Dragon Lady – LILT' as our prestigious godmothers. Our dragon boat crew, made up mainly of women from Reims, is preparing to reach a new milestone by taking part in the 2026 IBCPC Festival in Aix-les-Bains.

Comprising 25 women, our group stands out for the diversity of its members' backgrounds and physical abilities

This diversity is something we fully embrace, and it is in fact one of our main strengths. "Our strength lies precisely in this diversity, driven by a shared desire to participate and push ourselves together," sums up the team's spirit.

The group has strong local roots. The majority of the paddlers are from Reims, a city known for its 14th-century cathedral – the site of the coronation of 33 kings of France—as well as for its iconic Champagne. The crew is also broadening its horizons with the inclusion of Gribouille, from the royal city of Chinon; Agnès, originally from Charleville-Mézières, the birthplace of the poet Arthur Rimbaud; and Éléonore, a Franco-Australian who has recently settled in the Var.

With 17 years of experience behind it, the team approaches this international event with ambition and unity. The aim: to represent its colours with dignity and uphold the values of solidarity, pushing oneself to the limit and team spirit that define it.

We can't wait to meet you, whether on the shores or out on the waters of Lake Bourget. Paddles up!!!

# DRÔLES DE RAMES

Founded in 2012, the association Drôles De Rames is the second French BCS paddlers' association to have been created, and the very first at the regional level.

We are immensely proud to be sponsored by Christine Janin, the first French woman to have climbed Mount Everest and the first to have reached the North Pole without support... A powerful symbol of courage and pushing beyond one's limits.



Recognized as contributors to Sport-Health by the City of Annecy, and supported and trained by the dedicated and caring instructors of the Annecy Kayak Club, the paddlers of Drôles De Rames train regularly at an exceptional setting: Lake Annecy.

In 2013, the Annecy Kayak Club received the "Fais-nous rêver" ("Make Us Dream") award at the French National Assembly, presented by the Agency for Education through Sport, for its BCS project. In 2015, we organized the first French Sport and Health conference dedicated to breast cancer and the benefits of dragon boat paddling. Doctors, specialists, and sports experts spoke at the event. It was a great success, and many misconceptions were dispelled: one in particular, that physical activity does not promote lymphedema. This conference marked a turning point and helped establish a strong belief in France that dragon boat is made for us.

For some it is leisure, for many it is competition, always supervised, we take on new challenges every year : 6 World or European Championships, 4 Vogalonga, 6 "United Ladies" adventures on the Loire River, 3 festivals in M'Bao, Senegal, and our third participation in an IBCPC festival.

Now recognized in the world of BCS paddlers, we have the honor of being co-organizers of IBCPC 2026 France, and we have received the French National Assembly Medal for this project!

We spread uplifting energy and share a wave of optimism : "Together, we go further!", that is our motto.



# LILLES AUX PAGAIES

Our team : Lille association created in June 2023 by 10 women in a collegial format

Our team brings together women from all backgrounds, united by the same force: that of having faced illness and having chosen to rebuild together, paddle in hand.



Our story : Since our creation, we have trained twice a week on the Deûle canal in Lille. Dragon boating is much more than a sport for us: it is a recognized therapeutic tool, a moment of sharing and solidarity, and living proof that life after cancer is full of exciting challenges to overcome. Beyond our training, we are present on the national scene during Dragon Ladies gatherings, and we also compete internationally by participating in various festivals and regattas. Each event strengthens our cohesion and our determination. IBCPC 2026: A dream come true : Participating in the IBCPC festival in Aix-les-Bains.

# PINK MARMOTTES

The Pink Marmots, the nickname of our team "DB des 2 Savoie", were born from the union of three associations from the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region: Sport Santé Solidarité Savoie (4S in Chambéry), Dragon Ladies Léman (DLL in Thonon-les-Bains) and Drôles De Rames (DDR in Annecy).

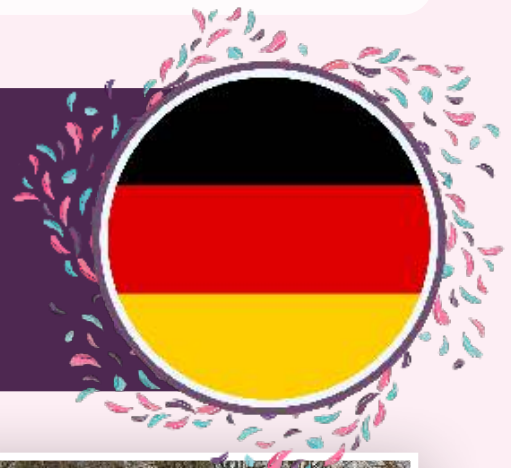


Our adventure began at the Annecy Dragon Boat Festival in October 2024. A few paddle strokes, lots of energy, and a shared desire to connect... and the Pink Marmots were launched!

Since then, our team has gathered regularly between Lake Annecy, Lake Geneva and Lake Bourget for training sessions filled with motivation, personal growth, laughter and solidarity.

A huge thank you to our coaches and supporters: Giloo, Damien, Vincent, Marc, Agnès, Sylvain and Christine. Together, we continue to move forward, stay active and make the most of life.

# GERMANY



# DE PINKE DEERNS

We consist of 12 wonderful Bremen-Ladies from «de pinke deerms», 7 wonderful Tübingen-Ladies from «Pink-Lady-Power Neckar-Tübingen» and 3 wonderful Kassel-Ladies from «Team Phoenika CSK98». In addition, we have 4 wonderful supporters with us. We have initiated several training camps so that we can practice together. We had a lot of fun during the preparation.

Now we are looking forward to going on this international exchange like little children. Most of us are taking part for the first time. We are very excited and very proud to be part of it. We can't wait to see you ! And we are really looking forward to the many wonderful moments we will experience. Never give up, lovely greetings from Bremen, Tübingen and Kassel, Germany.





## LADYBUGS GERMANY



Ladybugs – that's one of the first pink paddler teams formed in Germany. It was founded in 2011 – so this year we're just celebrating our 15th anniversary – hooray!

Ladybugs are part of a canoe club that gives us great support. They have experienced trainers who worked a lot to adapt the training to the specific needs of breast cancer survivors. When we joined the club, we were just a handful of paddlers, so we started paddling together with the sports team. This has really changed, today we're more than 30 ladies, 4 of us have

the permission to steer a dragon boat and one lady even has an official dragon boat training licence. It's the second time now we participate in an IBCPC festival. We started in Florence with zero experience and were overwhelmed by the spirit of thousands of women fighting against breast cancer. It's really great to be part of the IBCPC family again this year.

## PINK LADIES WIESBADEN / HEILBRONN

We are a mixed team from Heilbronn and Wiesbaden and have cooperated and been friends for a long time.

Both of us come from wine growing areas in the federal states of Hessen and Baden-Wuerttemberg.

The Pink Pearls from Heilbronn were founded in 2015 whereas the Wiesbaden team was one of the first ones in Germany, starting in 2010.

The team Pink Ladies from Wiesbaden-Schierstein is training on the River Rhine whereas the the Pink Pearls are doing so on the River Neckar, their home turfs.

The name Pink Pearls symbolizes strength, unity and the precious «pearls» each team member represents. You can find both of our teams as combined teams at national and international events. Together, we form a strong alliance driven by the pink spirit.

We have been looking forward to being part of the great community of the worldwide movement of Pink Paddlers in France this year.



## PINK PADDLER DÜREN



BlueStoneLake | Blausteinsee – a small lake between Cologne and Aachen in Germany. This is where we come from: PinkPaddler Düren. Three years ago, we started with just two women as guests, together with our friends from the dragon boat team Paddel-Chaos Düren. Today, we are 24 "Pinkies". We all literally sit in one boat called Luana, a Hawaiian word meaning pleasure and leisure. United not only by our shared experience with cancer, we cherish our time together and feel what it means to move in one direction with synchronized paddle strokes. Feeling the power. Feeling the speed. Feeling alive. Now, six of us are heading to France to meet all of you who are

participating from around the world. We are truly looking forward to the people, the lake, the conversations – and above all, to having a great time together.

See you soon!

Alexa, Danni, Doris, Heike, Klaudia & Regina



## PINK PATROL BOCHUM

Pink Patrol has been a division of the police sports club in Bochum/Ruhrgebiet for 15 years. We paddle on the Kemnade and Ruhr. Founded on February 3, 2010, by our chairman Frank Plewka, the team unites breast cancer patients of all ages who share one thing in common: a passion for strength, technique, and synchronized paddling. Pink Patrol is a different kind of support group. «We're all in the same boat» isn't just a phrase for us, it's a way of life. While the drum sets the beat, the paddlers have been proving for a decade and a half that team spirit and perseverance make any goal achievable. On this anniversary, the team looks back on a strong community that sticks together even off the water. This year, we're joined by four sisters from the Pink Dragons Datteln, which we're very proud of.



## INTERNATIONAL

## HOPE FOR THE BREAST

Hope For The Breast is an international composite team with members from Qatar, Germany, France, the USA and Canada. They are coached by Louise Granahan from Canada. This will be the team's first regatta. We won't even have had a chance to paddle together before coming to France, which is why we don't have a team photo yet!

Because there were many people whose teams were unable to attend the regatta, joining a composite team is a wonderful way to still be able to participate. Each teammate brings different strengths to the team and it has been wonderful to see how the committees have shared their talents. One of the things we will be doing in France is finding a way to give back to the community with simple acts of kindness. We are all incredibly enthusiastic to have the opportunity to race together. Paddles up!





# LAGAN DRAGONS

Lagan Dragons was born on the River Lagan in Belfast in 2015 from a belief that life after breast cancer could still be powerful, joyful and full of purpose.

What began as a small group of women stepping nervously into a dragon boat has become a fierce, compassionate sisterhood – paddling together through recovery, hope and strength.

We are more than a team. We are survivors, thrivers, friends and fighters. Every stroke tells a story of courage; on land, we lift each other when cancer feels heavy. Dragon boating has given us back our bodies, confidence and voices – lifting us out of the depths and into possibility.

This year, we proudly carry Belfast to the IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival in Aix-les-Bains, France. We race not for medals alone, but for everyone who has faced cancer – proving there is still life, laughter and limitless possibility.



# IRELAND

## NORE DRAGON PADDLERS

Nore Dragon Paddlers was founded in May 2016 by breast cancer survivors from Kilkenny, in the Southeast of Ireland. They were kindly assisted by Kilkenny Aqua Canoe Club in this venture. The success of the club since then is testament to the drive and passion of the women involved. We have had competition successes in various National regattas and were awarded acknowledgement by the Keep Kilkenny Beautiful group and the EDBF for our work cleaning up the River Nore. We also took part in the IBCPC Florence event in 2018 and travelled to Vienna in 2019 for the Vienna 2 Drachenboot Cup 2019. Other activities include yoga, exercise challenges and classes, parties, and crafting classes. NDP hosted several very successful fundraising events such as paddleathons, tea dances and quizzes. Currently working towards the National competition events and this year we celebrate our 10th anniversary.





## PLURABELLE PADDLERS

Competitive, Powerful, Caring, Encouraging, Welcoming are some of the qualities that are attributed to the Plurabelle Paddlers. Our club was formed in 2010. We were the first dragon boat club in Ireland. We have more than 100 members, all with a diagnosis of breast cancer. We train throughout the year at Dublin's Grand Canal Dock. Our coaches and helms are members of our Club. We care, encourage and support one another regardless of age or ability, on and off the water. We have brought our zest for life, competitiveness and fun to competitions we have competed in around the world. Several members of Plurabelle Paddlers have earned a place on the national team representing Ireland at World and European championships.

Ireland's IBCPC representative is Fiona Slevin, a longstanding member of our Club.

We are looking forward to meeting old friends and forming new friendships in Aix-les-Bains.



## SUIR DRAGON PADDLERS



The club was formed in 2013. We are based in Clonmel in beautiful Co. Tipperary, Ireland and train twice weekly on the stunning River Suir. The club participates in events in Ireland and abroad. Last year we headed to regattas in Cork, Athy, Carlow, Ballina and Lough Rynn to compete and enjoy the camaraderie of our friends from other clubs, and we also had a fabulous experience abroad in Prague. We currently have 35 members, and we give a warm welcome to new people as they join. There is great solidarity in our club, and we provide a safety net of comfort, gentleness and caring that

is shared with a kind word, a smile or a hug. At the same time we are inspired and challenged by our founder and superb coach Tino to constantly get fitter, faster, stronger and live our best lives every day. May the luck of the Irish be with you. Go n-èirì and bother libh go.



# ITALY



## DRAGONESSE AVIGLIANA



The «DRAGONESSE AVIGLIANA» Association was born from the meeting of women who chose to transform shared strength into rebirth. On the magnificent “Lake Avigliana” in the province of TORINO (PIEMONTE-ITALIA), a place of nature and respite, Dragon Boat becomes much more than a sport: it is listening, support and mutual trust.

Let's paddle together to find balance, energy, and awareness, discovering that true rhythm comes from the heart of the group. Every stroke of the paddle is a gesture of resilience, every workout a step towards physical and emotional well-being.

The Dragonesses believe in the strength of unity, in the beauty of shared movement, and in the power of sport as a cure for the soul.

Because together we go further, and the strength of the Dragon teaches us that no one is alone.

“THE DRAGON IS NOT FIGHTED, IT IS RIDDEN»

## DRAGONETTE TORINO

Dragonette di Torino APS is a non-profit association based in Turin, centred on dragon boat paddling for rehabilitation and social support after and during breast cancer.

The association was founded in 2010 for women who had undergone surgery for breast cancer. Women without a cancer history are welcome as supporters.

The core activity is dragon boating on the River Po, hosted inside the Amici del Fiume sports club.



Our missions:

- Support physical, psychological, and social recovery of women after and during breast cancer through regular sport, teamwork and mutual support.
- Promote prevention, awareness, and solidarity.

Activities :

- Paddling training sessions. Frequent participation in Dragonboat races.
- Walking, swimming and yoga, ...
- Participation in benefit events supporting cancer research.



## FLORENCE DRAGON LADY

We are Florence's (Italy) BCS team. Founded on February 14, 2006 - a symbolic Valentine's Day. As the second team in Italy and among the first in Europe, our team has grown over the years into a recognized point of reference within the BCS dragon boat community. From the start, we have supported the development of new teams, sharing values, skills, and stories, and have built a network of friendships across Italy and beyond. We have developed strong ties with local institutions promoting a culture of inclusion, prevention, and active participation. Today, more than 70 women paddle together, carrying the memory of the teammates who have passed away. In 2026, our team celebrates its 20th anniversary - a milestone that honors a journey of passion and growth, and marks an opportunity for renewal. Their motto is: "Paddling up against breast cancer." Joining us are women from Livorno e Modena.



## ITALIAN DRAGON SISTERS



Italian Dragon Sisters was created in 2023 based on an idea by Cristina Carbone and Alessandro Piccardi, with the aim of offering less established teams and individual women the opportunity to take part in international events, particularly outside Italy.

To date, the group has over 150 women and continues to grow thanks to word of mouth.

For the "2026 IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival", two crews were formed, including reserves.

Italian Dragon Sisters comprises the following teams: Aquile Rosa LILT Palermo, Ilrosacheosa, Maldobrie Le Mule del Drago, Pink Lioness in Venice, Akea Rosa LILT Treviso, Pagaianos ANDOS San Donà di Piave. The Team Leader is Alessandro Piccardi (Florence), former organiser of the "2018 IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival" in Florence, Italy.»

## ITALIAN DRAGON SISTERS 2

Italian Dragon Sisters 2, the second team to compete in the "2026 IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival", was created in 2023 based on an idea by Cristina Carbone and Alessandro Piccardi, with the aim of offering less established teams and individual women the opportunity to take part in international events, particularly outside Italy. Italian Dragon Sisters 2 comprises the following teams: Crisalide Team, Dolomites Pink Ladies LILT Bolzano, Pink Amazons Dragon Boat Milano, and Sirene Partenopee LILT Napoli.

The Team Leader for this crew is, once again, Alessandro Piccardi (Florence), former organiser of the "2018 IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival" in Florence, Italy.





## PINK BUTTERFLY

Pink Butterfly is the first Italian BCS team, born in Rome in 2023. The team includes 62 BCS aged between 35 and 83. For our team this is the fifth participation at (o in scegli tu) IBCPC festival.

The Pink Butterfly team is managed by Pagaie Rosa, a non-profit organization whose goal is psycho-physical recovery of women who have undergone breast surgery throughout dragon boat sporting activity and following the principle of inclusion, well-being and fun.

Pagaie rosa collaborates with scientific research institutes and oncology hospitals in Rome and Lazio and is committed to advocacy to guarantee the rights of breast cancer patients.

Pagaie rosa has carried out many projects to support the sporting activities of its members.



## TRIFOGLIO ROSA MESTRE



The Trifoglio Rosa Mestre team was founded in 2011 by a small group of women from the Canottieri Mestre sports association who had undergone breast cancer surgery. Today, it has 47 members: 37 BCS members and 10 supporters.

Its motto is «rebirth by paddling.»

It trains twice a week in the waters of the Venice lagoon, at the San Giuliano nautical center.

It participates in the main initiatives promoted by the city of Venice.

It successfully participates in official national and

international competitions and many BCS festivals.

In 2020, the team formed an association, which aims to spread the culture of breast cancer prevention and rebirth after the disease.

Trifoglio Rosa Mestre is thrilled to participate in the 2026 IBCPC Festival in France, where new alliances will surely be forged between teams and friendships between women united by a single message: together in the same boat!

## UGO - UNITE GAREGGIAMO OVUNQUE & UGO PADOVA

UGO was founded in 2015 as a pilot project at the IOV Breast Unit. After a three-month trial, fifteen women transformed that experience into a team which today boasts over fifty athletes. The team currently trains twice a week under the guidance of world champions Michele Galantucci and Sergio Lovison. Officially established as an association (now APS), UGO promotes physical activity and psycho-physical well-being for women affected by breast cancer. The association acts as a bridge between medical treatments and full recovery, fighting isolation through sharing. We are a concrete testimony of resilience: an example for those who receive a diagnosis, demonstrating how sport can restore strength, confidence, and well-being during the rehabilitation journey. It is with great pride that we have managed to register two teams UGO - Unite Gareggiamo Ovunque e UGO Padova for this Festival.







# NEW-ZEALAND

## ABREAST OF LIFE

Abreast of Life is a vibrant Christchurch based dragon boat team, founded in 1999 and proudly made up of paddlers ranging in age from their 30s to their 80s. United by strength, resilience, and the shared experience of life after breast cancer, the team embraces determination on the water and celebrates friendship, laughter, and living boldly off it. Over the years they have claimed several national titles and continue to inspire through their spirit and teamwork. The crew is excited to represent Aotearoa New Zealand at this regatta in France, where they look forward to meeting fellow paddlers from around the world. Their journey is dedicated to their longest serving member, Janice Melville, who cannot join them, but remains deeply cherished and ever present in their hearts.



## BOOBOPS NZ

Kia ora IBCPC community,

We are a composite team from New Zealand with paddlers from Dunedin in the South Island, Wairarapa and Tauranga in the North Island. The majority of us are Boobops, paddling on the harbour in the beautiful Bay of Plenty. Formed in 2003, the Boobops have travelled to IBCPC events in Sarasota (2014), Florence (2018) and were proud to host the regatta in NZ in 2023. Our team are a diverse group of women aged 42-82. Building friendships and strength, both physical and mental, drew many of us to this sport and is what keeps us hooked. BC paddlers are often described as inspirational and when we look around at the faces in our boat and think of the faces that are missing, it drives us to make the most of being out on the water and embrace the opportunity to travel the world with this sport we love. We are excited to reconnect with our BC sisters from around the world.





# CANSURVIVE



CanSurvive brings 23 years of dragon boating from the challenging, exhilarating waters of Wellington, actively fostering fitness, fun and friendship for survivors and their supporters. We demonstrate to our community positive outcomes after a challenging cancer journey. We are proud to share the benefits of our sport—not only for physical health, but for mental and emotional wellbeing. We advocate for breast cancer awareness, initiatives and support other breast cancer groups. In 2025 we were named the Sports Team of the Year at the Āti Awa Toa Wellington Sports Awards, showing how we reap the rewards of our relentless hard work and team spirit. We are an energetic, gutsy crew, proud to represent Wellington and New Zealand, racing to win with the

strength and determination we brought to our fight against breast cancer. Every paddler is an inspiration—through the water to friendship.

# KAHA SISTERS



Kaha Sisters are a team of breast cancer survivors from Hawke's Bay, New Zealand, brought together by strength, friendship, and the shared journey of dragon boating. What began as part of our recovery has grown into a powerful sisterhood that supports one another both on and off the water.

We paddle with the Hawke's Bay Dragon Boat Club, where the rhythm of the paddle, laughter, and encouragement from our teammates have helped rebuild our confidence, resilience, and joy. Dragon boating has become a symbol of hope and new beginnings for us.

In 2026 we are honoured to represent New Zealand at the International Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Festival in France, joining survivors from around the world. Every stroke we take celebrates survival, courage, and the global sisterhood of breast cancer survivors while honouring those who are no longer with us but remain in our hearts.



**KAHA SISTERS**  
Hawke's Bay Dragon Boating Club  
New Zealand

Paddling with Strength, Hope & Sisterhood  
IBCP Festival - France 2026

# KIWI PINKS



Kiwi Pinks is a proud composite team drawn from across Aotearoa New Zealand. We come together from five incredible clubs: Simply the Breast (Marlborough), Taranaki Dragons, Waikato Treasure Chests, Manawa Dragons, and Pegasus Dragons (Canterbury).



United by shared experience and purpose, dragon boating has helped us find our strength again—not just physically, but mentally and emotionally, bringing with it plenty of laughs at training, and the kind of camaraderie only fellow survivors truly understand. We paddle hard, we cheer loud, and we back each other all the way. We paddle for ourselves, for those still fighting, for those who can't be here, and for those we carry in our hearts. As Kiwi Pinks, we proudly represent Aotearoa – embracing Kotahitanga (unity), mana, resilience, and the belief that together we can go anywhere. Small country. Big heart. And plenty of paddle power.



# WAHINE TOA



Kia ora! Wāhine Toa is a dragon boat team formed especially for the International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBPCP) Dragon Boat Festival in France, August 2026.

The team hails from Tāmaki Makaurau – Auckland, New Zealand, and brings together paddlers from the city's two Breast Cancer Survivor teams: Busting With Life and the Pink Dragons. Fierce competitors on the water, they are close friends off it.

Wāhine Toa translates to "Warrior Women", a term once used for Māori women who fought alongside men. Though rare, those who did were known for their strength and leadership. Today, the name is associated with empowered, resilient women.

After winning their personal battles with breast cancer and finding joy in dragon boating, the women of Wāhine Toa are excited to take on a new challenge in Aix les Bains at the 2026 IBPCP Participatory Festival.



## PANAMA



## COLUMBIA



## COSTA RICA



## LATINOAMERICA EN ROSA



Latinoamerica en Rosa was born in Argentina in 2019 to unite breast cancer survivors in the region.

What began as an initiative became a powerful sisterhood without borders. In 2025, during the festival in Vancouver, as part of the 30th anniversary of A Breast in a Boat, we reached a historic milestone.

For the first time, Latinoamerica en Rosa have a team, bringing together women from different countries in one boat with paddlers from Panama, Argentina, Brazil and Colombia.

Despite different backgrounds and styles, we quickly became one—proving that when Latinas unite, we are unstoppable.

Today, Latinoamérica en Rosa have a boat in the IBPCP Festival in France, alongside teams such as Pink Warriors (Panama), Pink Pirates (Colombia), Alas de Agua (Argentina) and Pura Vida Dragon Rosa (Costa Rica) Because together, we rerepresent the strenght, hope and the spirit of an entire region.



# SENEGAL



## DRAGON LIONNES DU SÉNÉGAL

It is with immense pride that we are representing Senegal, for the first time in the history of the IBCPC. Hailing from the Mbaou Nautical Club, near Dakar, we are Senegal's first women's team made up of women affected by breast cancer to take part in dragon boat racing. Our presence marks a historic milestone for the development of the movement on the African continent.

Through dragon boat racing, we have found much more than just a sporting activity. We have discovered a supportive community, a space for physical and emotional recovery, and a new way of celebrating life. Every stroke of the paddle symbolises our determination and our hope.

We are honoured to join this extraordinary international family from the four corners of the world. We bring with us the colours, warmth and spirit of Senegal, as well as the dream of seeing many more women's teams emerge across Africa.

Today, we are not just paddling for ourselves. We are paddling for all women – for those who have fought, for those who continue to fight, and for future generations.

From Senegal to the world, we are moving forward together, stronger than cancer.



# SINGAPORE

## BCF PADDERS IN THE PINK



Breast Cancer Foundation Paddlers In The Pink is a team of breast cancer survivors from Singapore who have found strength, friendship, and joy through dragon boating. What began as a small group seeking support and confidence has grown into a vibrant, close-knit team united by resilience, positivity, and shared purpose.

Our team embodies the vibrant multicultural spirit of Singapore, uniting women from diverse ethnicities, languages and professions. Spanning ages from 24 to 78, we bring together a wealth of life experiences in one boat. Rain or shine, we train, celebrate milestones, share laughter and support one another every step of the way.

As we head to France, we carry our team spirit, camaraderie, and pride, ready to paddle together, connect with fellow survivors, and represent Singapore with heart.







# SOUTH AFRICA

## AMABELE BELLES

The word “amaBele” in our name is the isiXhosa word for breasts. Belles denotes beautiful women!

The amaBele Belles were born in 2006 – the first BCS team in Africa. We went to a BCS international in Singapore 6 months later, winning a silver medal. We sent a full team to the 2010 IBCPC festival in Peterborough, and a partial team to the 2014 Malaysia International Festival. In Spain at the 2018 Janet Collins Memorial festival, we won both the BCS category and the overall Intercontinental Cup for our continent, Africa. Four of us went to the 2023 IBCPC Festival in New Zealand.

Our team is diverse in many ways, united by wanting to feel active and fit for life. Several members of the team are supporters. We paddle in the spectacular setting of the Cape Town Waterfront twice a week, with Table Mountain as our backdrop.

We love being a support group, and lifting our mood with endorphins!



# SPAIN



## ALBERCHE KAYAK CLUB BCP/ACP



Alberche Kayak Club BCP/ACP is formed, for this IBCPC World Championship, by extraordinary paddlers from Madrid and Castellón who have learned to paddle through life day by day. Through dragon boat, we have moved from patients to athletes, facing fear with hope and purpose. Each paddler carries a unique story, and together we show that after cancer there is a full life—and that we choose how to live it. As team leader, psychologist, mother of four, athlete by choice, and Dragon Boat lover, this is what I bring to my team: never stop paddling, because the boat's stability depends on all of us moving as one, even in the hardest moments.

We arrive at this World Championship with humility, pride, and one conviction: we are already winners for being here. Whatever happens on the water, our message is clear: a true team is measured by people who make each other better.





From the moment the IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival 2026 was announced, the Spanish Dragon Boat Association (AEDB) began working to encourage paddlers from all over Spain to participate in this unique event.

To participants belong to small clubs from Spain give them the opportunity to experience an international sporting event, paddling alongside paddlers from every continent who share similar health circumstances, demonstrating how sport can contribute to improving their quality of life.

The response has exceeded all our expectations, as we have managed to form a total of 5 DB22 boats with 130 paddlers. Each boat has its own name, chosen by a vote among the team.

We firmly believe that this event can become a unique and unrepeatable experience for breast cancer survivors, allowing them to see themselves as a team of athletes with a spirit of overcoming adversity and a desire to take on new challenges.

AEDB PADDLING SPAIN BCS, AEDB MOLLITIAN, AEDB GALATEA, AEDB AURORA, AEDB YEMANYA  
The boats are made up of BCS paddlers from 15 different national teams, contributing from 2 to 20 paddlers, thus giving small and/or new teams the opportunity to go to international events that would otherwise be unattainable for them today.

AD Malaga Dragon Boat BCS / AD Pinatarese -Flamenco Rosa / AD Remama Dragon Boat BCS/ACS Granada / Cantabria en Rosa / CDB Estelas Rosas / CDF Vallkiras Pisuerga / BCS Sevilla / Club Dragon Boat Marina / Valencia BCS ACS / Club Náutico Folixa / CD Almería / Club Piragüismo Badajoz / Club Piragüismo Extremadura / Dragon Boat Valencia / PICAM Dragon Boat BCS / Real Club Náutico de Castellon / Real Club de Regatas de Alicante.







# SWEDEN

## PINK DRAGON LADIES TEAM SWEDEN



Pink Dragon Ladies Team Sweden (PDL) is proud to be Sweden's first Pink Ladies dragon boat team. Founded in the winter of 2017 through the collaboration of Malmö Canoe Club, the Malmöhus Breast Cancer Association, and the Swedish Breast Cancer Association, the team brings together women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

At Malmö Canoe Club, Åke Malmberg was the driving force behind its formation. Today, there are Pink Ladies teams in most of Sweden's dragon boat clubs. Our competitive journey started in 2018 at the festival in Florence – an unforgettable experience. Since then, PDL has proudly represented Sweden at numerous international competitions, earning several medals along the way. Highlights include bronze in both the 200 m and 500 m events at the Club Crew European Championships in Seville (2019), and our proud performance at the 14th European Dragon Boat Championships in Banyoles (2022), where we claimed gold in the 2000m and 200m events and silver in the 500 m. We have also participated in the Swedish National Dragon Boat Championships on multiple occasions with demonstration paddling, spreading awareness and inspiration. In 2023, we had the honor of taking part in the international IBCPC Festival in New Zealand – a truly life-changing adventure. Imagine three to four thousand breast cancer survivors from around the world, united by sport, friendship, remembrance, and joy. At these gatherings, we race together, celebrate together, and honor those who are no longer with us. It is far more than a competition – it is a global sisterhood and an experience remembered for a lifetime.

Pink Dragon Ladies Team Sweden looks forward to many more races, new friendships, and future podium finishes. But above all, we paddle with a greater purpose: to represent everyone in Sweden affected by breast cancer and to highlight the powerful role dragon boat paddling can play in rehabilitation. Through teamwork, movement, and shared determination, we strengthen not only our bodies, but also our quality of life and our sense of belonging. We paddle in pink – for hope, for strength, and for each other.





# UNITED KINGDOM



## HURRICANE PARAGONS



Once upon a time, some adventurous pink dragons made their way to France to explore the waters of the Loire River. Paddling together for 250km in 4 days and camping tent-by-tent in the wild was the perfect start for lasting friendships across borders.

The pink connection grew stronger, with online practices, composite teams in regattas across Europe with more pink paddlers joining. In Aix-les-Bains we come back as one team: Hurricane Paragons and friends are a mix of British and German paddlers. The Pink Royals are Sarah, Fen, Gina, Hilary, Kirstie and Wendy from Hurricane Paragons, Bev and Nicola from Worcester, Anne-Marie and Michelle from

Oxford and Bron from London. The Germans girls are Gina from Cologne, Sonja from Hamburg, Christina, Iris, Kathrin, Katinka, Sylvia and Tina from Hanover and Chrissy from Schierstein, all looking forward to an unforgettable pink experience.

## PADDLERS FOR LIFE WINDERMERE



PfL Windermere, founded in 2008, comprises survivors and supporters. Their ethos focuses on the benefits of Dragon Boating both mentally and physically after a breast cancer diagnosis, but great emphasis is also placed on the community as a whole, with paddling sessions that encourage fun alongside exercise, support and friendship. PFLW welcome new members with open hearts and arms to share their love and knowledge of the benefits of Paddling as well as their astounding location and the Jelly Babies that are passed down the boat on every paddle. PFLW are lucky to call Windermere home, situated in the heart of the English Lake District and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. They meet every Sunday between April and October and are quite often seen near Ambleside treating themselves to a mid-paddle Ice Cream. They are lucky to have 2 Dragon Boats named Artemis Phyllis and Mary at Low Wood.





## PINK ALBIONS

Pink Albions is made up of two teams - Manchester Dragoneers and Port Edgar Dragons. These two teams first met in Florence in 2018, forming a composite team, as we all stepped in a boat for the first time together! Lasting friendships were forged and now we are coming together as Pink Albions for our second regatta.



PfL Manchester Dragoneers was established in 2012 and we've been paddling each week since then on Debdale, a reservoir on the outskirts of Manchester. We have a good mix of BC and supporter paddlers and try to do at least one big event each year.

Port Edgar Dragons have been based in Edinburgh since 2010, and after several years paddling in the shadows of the iconic Forth Bridges moved to the Union Canal.

Both teams extend a warm invitation to visitors from near and far.

We're looking forward to Aix les Bains and meeting paddling friends both old and new.

## PINK CHAMPAGNE



Pink Champagne first took to the water in 2008, as a small team we hired a boat on a local lake. From there we bought a heavy second-hand boat and painted it pink. Our first premises were very basic, with no electricity or running water. Our location a beautiful setting at the mouth of Christchurch Harbour on the UK south coast. We can paddle upriver alongside swans, herons, cormorants and occasional kingfisher, or towards the sea with a backdrop of colourful beach huts. Our first big event was Peterborough, Canada in 2010. Since then our membership has grown to 43 ranging in age from 41-85, with a few of our founder

members still on the team. We're very proud to have a number of members selected for the GB team for the World Championships in Germany this summer. Pink Champagne have forged links and friendships with dragonboat teams across the globe.

## POOL OF LIFE

Pool of Life, the first ever breast cancer survivors' team in the UK has just celebrated 21 years of strength, resilience and camaraderie. Over the years, we have paddled together, not just on the water, but through life's challenges, forging deep bonds that uplift and inspire us.



We are lucky to call the beautiful Liverpool docks our home, where each stroke of the paddle symbolizes our collective journey; one of courage, hope and triumph. We honour those who have inspired us, celebrate our victories and raise awareness for breast cancer.

We can't wait to meet you as you become part of our journey; filled with fun, friendship and the relentless pursuit of a brighter future.

Pool of Life – stronger together – on and off the water »





# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## BAY STATE CONNECTION DRAGONS



Bay State Connection Dragons (BSCD) is a team of breast cancer survivors and supporters whose love of dragon boat racing has led them to join forces to race together. This unique USA composite team draws members from cancer survivor teams across Massachusetts: Wellness Warriors of Boston, Paradise City Dragon Boat of Northampton, and the Springfield Dragon Rays. BSCD participated in the 2023 IBCPC festival in New Zealand and is excited to participate in the 2026 IBCPC in France.

BSCD provides opportunities for breast cancer survivors and supporters to build strength and form connections with each other and with paddlers from around the world. This group of fearless paddlers, whose health and lives have been significantly improved through dragon boating, thrives by creating connections built on friendship, laughter, shared experiences, and support.



## BEYOND BC



Bonjour Aix-les-Bains!

Beyond BC proudly brings together three vibrant and passionate crews united in strength, resilience, and the shared passion of uplifting BC survivors through dragon boating. Beyond BC is honored to also be joined by paddlers from New Hampshire and Florida, and is excited to paddle in your beautiful city! Dragon Boat Atlanta has long served as a welcoming home for paddlers, fostering teamwork, athletic growth, and a supportive environment for all. The Peace Dragon Warriors from Oregon embody resilience and joy, offering a space where survivors can rebuild strength, find connection, and rise together.

The Shannon Dragons of Ireland promote physical recovery, emotional strength, and solidarity after diagnosis and treatment. Paddling for healing, strength, and camaraderie has brought us together. The lifelong friendships we've built will keep us together as sisters!





## BROWARD FIERCE FIGHTERS

Broward Fierce Fighters is a dynamic team of breast cancer survivors united through the empowering sport of dragon boating. Founded in Hollywood, Florida, in October 2016, our team was created to provide survivors with a supportive space to heal, rebuild confidence, and reclaim their strength. Built on resilience and sisterhood, we demonstrate the powerful physical and emotional benefits of staying active after diagnosis.

Beyond the water, we are advocates—raising awareness, inspiring hope, and educating our community about life after breast cancer. Every practice and every race is a celebration of survival and renewed purpose. Broward Fierce Fighters stands as living proof that challenges can be transformed into strength, and that life after breast cancer can be vibrant, purposeful, and fiercely lived.



## CATCH 22 OSPREYS

Based in Vancouver, Washington, USA, the Catch 22 Ospreys are a team of breast cancer survivors who are strong, united and rise to every challenge.



Our international journey launched at the 2018 IBCPC in Florence, Italy, and continued through New Zealand, evolving from a joint venture into a fully realized team. What sets us apart is our inclusive approach. We practice and race integrated with our club's women's crews, fostering connections and shared skills before assembling as a dedicated survivor crew for specific races and festivals. This supportive model recently led us to a Silver medal at the 2025 Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival, a historic celebration of 30 years of survivor paddling. For the Ospreys, it's about more than the finish line, we're building community and camaraderie with every stroke.

## DALLAS UNITED PINK

Formed in 2015, Dallas United PINK is the first BCS Dragon Boat team in North Texas. United through a shared diagnosis, DUC Pink encourages and empowers survivors to engage in a lifetime of fun, exercise, and camaraderie on the water.





## DERBY CITY DRAGONS

We are Louisville, Kentucky's first Dragon Boat Racing team, and we proudly stand alongside a global community of Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat teams united by strength, resilience, and hope.

Founded in March 2013 by Carol Challas—now one of our dedicated coaches—our team has grown into a powerful sisterhood of nearly 60 members.

Through dragon boating, we reclaim our strength, lift one another up, and prove that a diagnosis does not define who we are. On the water and beyond, we paddle with courage, purpose, and joy, transforming challenge into empowerment. We welcome breast cancer survivors of all ages, fitness levels, and experience, offering a supportive space where everyone belongs. Bound together by a shared passion for life, health, fun, and sportsmanship, we create lasting friendships and unforgettable moments—awakening the dragon within ourselves and each other.



## DRAGON BOAT CHARLESTON



Paddles and Pearls is spreading strength and charm worldwide. The pearls around our necks symbolize unity, strength and grace under pressure. Our members have paddled around the globe: in Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Canada and China. We hail from Charleston, South Carolina and are Dragon Boat Charleston's breast cancer survivor's team.

Dragon Boat Charleston has been redefining cancer survivorship since 2003 and is the home of the first US all-cancer-survivor team. Our mission is to promote the physical and mental wellness of cancer survivors and their community through dragon boating.

## DRAGON DIVAS

The Dragon Divas of Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA are 130+ members strong, and we just celebrated our 20th anniversary!

Led by Coach Michael Lee and an incredible group of 15+ Divas volunteering as assistant coaches and/or steers, we compete in 5-6 festivals annually across the US and internationally. We are thrilled to be racing in our 5th IBCPC festival in France, where in addition to our team boat, we have 17 Divas paddling with nearly a dozen composite teams.



Our mission is to demonstrate that a full and active life is possible after a breast cancer diagnosis by providing a supportive environment to enhance the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our members. Through dragon boating, the Divas find community and thrive. Even during the long Minnesota winters, the Divas stay connected and active, proving that on and off the water, we are “one heart, one beat, one boat.”



## DRAGON DREAM TEAM

The Dragon Dream Team is celebrating its 20th season as Ohio's first all breast cancer survivor dragon boat team. Dragon Dream Team, based in Akron, Ohio, USA, on Portage Lakes. The team is more than 95 members strong and united by a shared commitment to health, camaraderie, and living fully after breast cancer.



In addition to competing locally, nationally, and internationally, the team leads meaningful community outreach through Boatloads of Hope, delivering a silk pashmina and message of encouragement to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer throughout Northeast Ohio.

As the Dragon Dream Team marks two decades of paddling, sisterhood, and service, the team is honored to represent Akron, Ohio, and the United States while competing in France this August.

## DRAGONHEART VT SUNFLOWER SISTERS

We are the Dragonheart Vermont Sisters ([www.dragonheartvermont.org](http://www.dragonheartvermont.org)).

We hail from the beautiful Green Mountain State of Vermont in the USA. For more than 20 years now, we have enjoyed this special sisterhood. Our focus is on connection and living well, not the disease. Our years of paddling together have been filled with fantastic memories, races, challenges, joys, travels, and lots of love. Lucky us! Our Dragonheart Vermont club hosts the Lake

Champlain Dragon Boat Festival in the first weekend of August annually. We are so proud to support other cancer survivors in our Vermont community through our efforts of Festival fundraising. We like to say that we are a team that gives on the water and off!



## GOPINK!DC

GoPink!DC is based in Washington DC and is the only dragon boat team in the area to focus specifically on those who have been touched by breast cancer. Our team members come from Maryland, Virginia and DC, and range from young professionals to retired great-grandmothers.

We are committed to stoking our inner fire while growing vibrant connections to others who've walked the same path.



Our team members place great value on supporting each other through victories and setbacks. We laugh, cry, sing, dance and, of course, paddle together. We welcome new members with open arms and celebrate those who have been in our boat for the entirety of our 20-year existence. We race for the chance to win and to test our strengths, both individually and as a team. We are thrilled to be fortunate enough to be attending this festival again this year! One Boat! One Heart! GoPink!DC!!!



## HEALING DRAGONS OF CHARLOTTE



Healing Dragons is a competitive dragon boat team launched in 2009, with a focus on cancer survivorship. We are mothers, daughters, fathers, sons, family, and friends with a common vision to provide a restorative path for cancer survivors and supporters to achieve emotional and physical wellness. This year is our 16 anniversary as a team. We are looking forward to sending our breast cancer survivors from the USA to France for the IBCPC International Event in August, 2026.

We will also be joined by survivors from Healing Dragons of Lake James, Chemo-Kazes of Raleigh, LCKC of GA and the Dragon Divas of MN.

## HEART & SOUL DRAGON BOAT CLUB



Our Theme is "United We Paddle".

A true composite Boat, we are made up of 6 breast cancer teams from the United States. Representing FL are The Heart and Soul Dragon Boat Club (7), First Coast Dragons (3), and Salt Run Flyers (3). Representing NY is Empire Dragons (6). Representing SC is Dragon Boats at the Beach (2). Representing CO is Rocky Mountain Dragon Slayers (2).

Our individual team's have unified mission statements relevant to Breast Cancer which include providing an athletically based organization for breast cancer survivors to promote a higher level of physical fitness and health, to spread the awareness of this team sport and its benefits, building teamwork and camaraderie, and to build lasting friendships.

## HOPE AFLOAT USA



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Since 2001 Hope Afloat USA has been paddling on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This team has attended the IBCPC festivals in Vancouver Canada 2005, Caloundra Australia 2007, Peterborough Canada 2010, Sarasota Florida 2014, and Florence Italy in 2018. They are very excited to be participating in the 2026 IBCPC festival in France! These paddlers have built a community based on deep friendship, meaningful purpose, and a passion for dragon boating. They are dedicated to changing the image of survivors by leading full and active lives after breast cancer with the belief that this healthy adventure can help fight the disease. This amazing group of women live by their motto – Friendship, Fitness and FUN!





## HOPE IN THE BOAT

Hope in the Boat is currently in its 16th season together. Our team of women comes from the Capital Region of Albany, New York, USA. Hope in the Boat (HITB) was the dream of founder and breast cancer survivor Lucille Allegretti-Freeman.

After learning about dragon boating and its connection to breast cancer, Lu worked avidly to promote and pull a team together in 2008. In the beginning, the team practiced without a boat but then bravely participated in their first dragon boat festival! Through much fund raising and determination, the team purchased their first dragon boat in the Spring of 2009. By paddling together, HITB's mission is to promote Hope in the Boat wellness and provide hope and a partnership to those on the breast cancer journey. Participating in festivals, community events and activities, we foster a unique friendship and support group.



## INDY SURVIVEOARS



We are Indiana's 1st and only Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Team, founded in 2007 in Indianapolis, and proudly entering our 19th season. We are made up of 80 active paddlers, ages 35 to 81, who train on Geist Reservoir and compete in 4-5 races each year throughout the USA and Canada.

The team is easily recognized by its distinctive jerseys and paddles inspired by the greatest spectacle in racing-the Indianapolis 500. More than a team, INSO is a community built on survivorship, strength, and shared purpose. Paddlers are in various stages of

survivorship, but all find hope, healing, and renewed confidence through the rhythm of the paddle and the power of racing across the finish line "together". Each stroke is a reminder that no one faces breast cancer alone. Through the sport of dragon boat racing, Indy SurviveOars inspires one another to stay active, embrace life, and move forward together.

## INDYSURVIVEOARS FORCE

We hail from 8 dragon boat teams across the United States and Canada, and have joined together with the Indy SurviveOars-Force, similar to the Sisterhood of the traveling dragons "Dragon Soeurs Voyageuses"! Breast cancer survivors gather not as strangers, but as sisters, united by courage, resilience, and hope. Each woman carries her own story of diagnosis, treatment, and triumph, yet on the water in France we paddle as one-stronger together than we ever were alone.

In France, our synchronized strokes echo more than athletic determination; we reflect healing, friendship, and the joy of reclaiming our bodies and spirits. We are excited for this opportunity to paddle together in Aix Les Bains. Survivors from: Island City Dragon Boat Club, Dragon Divas, Warriors of Hope Ontario, Island City Dragon Boat Club, Hell Gate Sea Dragons, Team Survivor Madison, Central Coast SurviveOars.





## KC PINK WARRIORS

KC Pink Warriors is a spirited community of female cancer survivors who inspire, restore, and empower through dragon boat racing and team connection. Founded in 2019, we have grown to more than 45 paddlers and earned national and international medals from across the United States to Vancouver, B.C. In 2024, we celebrated our fifth anniversary and launched the Kansas City Dragon Boat Festival, bringing new awareness and community to our mission. This season, we embrace our Wizard of Oz theme as we follow the yellow brick road to France.

We are thrilled to paddle on Lac du Bourget and to prove that we are definitely «not in Kansas (or Missouri) anymore!» We race with courage, resilience, and heart, showing the world the power of survivorship on and off the water. Allez les Pink Warriors!



## KENTUCKY THOROUGH-BREASTS



In 2008, Tri-State women of all ages impacted by breast cancer, along with their supporters, formed the Kentucky Thorough-Breasts Dragon Boat Team, an all-volunteer non-profit organization. We empower our members in their long-term journey to strength and wellness, regardless of age or athletic ability. As an international cancer support movement, dragon boat racing has proven benefits to help survivors return to an active lifestyle during and following treatment.

Since 2010, the Kentucky Thorough-Breasts have hosted the Kentucky Dragon Boat Festival™. With our fleet of 8 boats, the festival is completely run by the team. To date, over \$160,000 has been donated back to patients. The Kentucky Thorough-Breasts inspire camaraderie, teamwork and giving back to the community while fostering optimism and promoting a healthy lifestyle through the sport of dragon boat racing.

## LA CROSSE MISSISSIPPI SISTERS

La Crosse Mississippi Sisters formed as a breast cancer survivor team at La Crosse, Wisconsin's first Dragon boat festival on the scenic Mississippi River in 2013. We have paddled together since, with members participating in local, regional and international festivals during the past 13 years, including New Zealand in 2023. Team members enjoy fitness opportunities through winter workouts that transform into twice weekly paddle training once the boats are in the water.

Our Mission Statement: «We are a thriving sisterhood of breast cancer survivors who promote physical activity on and off the water. Our passion for dragon boating unites us. Our camaraderie empowers us. Our individual journeys offer hope to those who have been impacted by cancer.» Together we embody the slogan «All for One, One for All»





# LIFE IS BLISS DRAGON BOAT TEAM



Life is Bliss Dragon Boat Team home location is Ames, Iowa USA. The team representing Life is Bliss in France is a composite team consisting of the following USA teams: Life is Bliss, Iowa; Making Waves & Dragon Divas, Minnesota; Team Survivor Madison, Wisconsin; Motor City Dragons, Michigan; Pink Phoenix, Washington; and New Jersey & New York.

We have paddled together in several locations in the USA and have added some members since September 2025. Many of the team members have participated in Sarasota 2014, Florence 2018 and New Zealand 2023 and are looking forward to coming together to paddle in France.



# LOS ANGELES PINK DRAGONS



The Los Angeles Pink Dragons is California's first Breast Cancer Survivor dragon boat racing team. Established in 2003, we celebrate 23 years of fitness and inspiration!. Dragon boat rejuvenates our bodies, spirits, and proves control over our destiny after our breast cancer challenges.

We support one another in pursuing health and a full life after cancer. Our sisterhood enables us to thrive, not just survive!

Initially under LA Racing Dragons, we built our team and promoted our mission. In 2023, we proudly established our own 501c3 Non-Profit. Our Board of Directors, Coaches, Committee Leads, and all Members contribute to our increasing membership.

The Pinks' racing experience fuels team growth, program expansion, and festival participation. We've been to 3 IBCPC festivals: Sarasota 2014, Florence 2018, and New Zealand 2023. We look forward to participating in Aix-les-Bains 2026!



# MAMMOGLAMS



We are the Mammoglams from Jacksonville, Florida—where we have the privilege of paddling year-round. Formed in 2012 by Jeri Millard, the team is truly a floating support group. As interest quickly grew to include family and friends, the Jacksonville Dragon Boat Club was established, expanding our dragon boat community. This marks our fourth IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival.

We are honored to gather once again with survivors from around the world in Aix-les-Bains.



Our mission is to share our passion for a healthy lifestyle through the sport of dragon boat racing. Over the years, the Mammoglams team membership has grown, as well as our competitive spirit. In 2024, we participated in the Club Crew World Championships in Italy. We proudly celebrate our three teammates who were chosen for the inaugural Team USA BCP division at the Dragon Boat World Championships in 2025. Cheeks Up!



## PADDLES WITH A PURPOSE

Paddles With a Purpose (PWP) is Austin, Texas's breast cancer survivor dragon boat team with close to 40 active team members, known for combining athletic achievement with a powerful spirit of survivorship and camaraderie. In 2025, PWP made waves on the international stage at the Concord International Festival in Vancouver, Canada—an event marking the 30th anniversary of breast cancer paddling—earning a bronze medal among 33 international Breast Cancer Survivor teams and gaining recognition as one of the youngest teams on the water. That momentum continued as two PWP paddlers were selected to represent Team USA at the 2025 World Championships. At IBCPC France 2026, Paddles With a Purpose is proud to join the global breast cancer paddling community in a shared celebration of strength, survivorship, and the unifying power of dragon boating.



## PHOENIX DESERT DRAGONS



The Phoenix Desert Dragons dragon boat team is the premier Arizona breast cancer survivor team.

Our mission is to encourage and empower breast cancer survivors through the sport of dragon boating by promoting a healthy lifestyle, balance, and mindfulness within a fun, positive, and supportive community. We strive to enrich and enhance the quality of life for breast cancer survivors. We serve as a source of hope, strength, and inspiration. Paddling together creates unbreakable bonds and lifelong friendships.

We proudly represent Phoenix and Arizona on and off the water.

Core Values: Empowerment | Community-Enrichment | Strength | Inspiration | Friendship

## PINK DRAGON LADIES

Formed in 2004, the Pink Dragon Ladies® is Florida's first BCS dragon boat team. We have over 60 active members from varied backgrounds whose paths would not have crossed but for cancer. We are now sisters with a common enemy. We are teammates who help each other feel strong and invincible. We can talk about cancer and laugh in its face.

We teach each other how to RECEIVE as well as provide support and, on occasion, how to write our final chapters with grace and dignity. The team strives to be the voice of Breast Cancer Survivors in the Tampa Bay region through our outreach programs and fundraising events. In 2014 "The Pinks" cohosted the IBCPC International Festival in Sarasota, FL.





## PINK LIGHTNING DRAGONBOAT TEAM



Pink Lightning Dragon Boat Team is based in Lake Parsippany, New Jersey, USA. The team is composed of breast cancer survivors and their supporters. This group of strong women aspires to foster compassion, community, and empowerment among breast cancer survivors and their families and friends who support them.

The team began in 2008 as Pathways Team SOS NJ, a program of The Connection in Summit NJ and reorganized in 2020 as Pink Lightning and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 2021. The team is part of the NJ Dragon Boat Club and is coached by Ellen Law.

We are so excited to be participating in this Festival and we welcome paddlers from Empire Dragons and Wellness Warriors joining us this summer and here in France.



## PINK PADDLING POWER



Pink Paddling Power was formed in 2006 in Racine, Wisconsin, USA as a support and therapy group for breast cancer survivors. We have competed in 6 different states and in Canada. In 2012 we competed at the IDBF Club Crew World Championship in Hong Kong - the first year with a BCS division. We also competed in Ravenna, Italy in 2014 at the CCWC and in 2018 at IBCPC Festival in Florence, Italy. We were supposed to be competing here at Aix-les-Bains, France, for the Club Crew World Championships in 2020, but like many things, it was cancelled.

We are part of the Racine Dragon Boat Club and participate in many community events and services. Since we are a smaller group, we did not have enough paddlers to form a team for the France event. Our 14 paddlers have joined forces with Annapolis Dragon Boat Club to form a composite team-ADBC Pink Paddlers.



## PINK PHOENIX OREGON & PINK PHOENIX PORTLAND



Launched in Portland, Oregon in 1997, Pink Phoenix™ is a team united by a powerful mission: empowering breast cancer survivors through the ancient sport of dragon boating. As the first breast cancer dragon boat team in the United States, we proudly support one another as we rebuild our strength, rediscover who we are.

Pink Phoenix practices three times each week and competes in approximately ten races per season, traveling regionally, nationally, and internationally. Our head coach is supported by four assistant coaches who help train and manage over 100 dedicated team members. Each year, we honor meaningful traditions, including a flower ceremony remembering our Pink Angels; the Gorman Cup, a friendly local race that invites breast cancer survivors to experience the excitement of racing; and the Provider Paddle, where healthcare providers join us in the boat for a firsthand experience.





## PINK PHURREE

Pink Phurree is dragon boat team based in the Houston, Texas. Founded in 2007 by Frances Arzu, we are a group of strong, determined women who have faced cancer and chosen to move forward together with resilience, purpose, and hope. Through dragon boating, we support one another in recovery, build lasting friendships, and celebrate the strength that comes from survivorship.

Our team actively competes in races across the United States each year, proudly representing the spirit of survivor teams while continuing to grow both on and off the water. We have been hard at work expanding our membership and increasing awareness within our community, sharing our mission and welcoming new survivors into a supportive and empowering environment.



## PITTSBURGH HEARTS OF STEEL



Sisterhood...

A sacred circle of women...

The gift of trust

Created and cherished

Linked with fluid steps

Sustained in an exquisite vessel...

Carolyn Ryker

"Paddling strong isn't just strength in my arms, it's about strength in my heart and determination to keep moving forward even when faced with life challenges. Living strong is about embracing each day, fully cherishing health, my team and the bond we share." Janice K, aka Beaker

All of our sisters who have paddled in our boat will be with us in spirit. Hearts of Steel been paddling on the Allegheny River together with the support of the Three Rivers Rowing Association since May of 2017. We competed in 2018 in Florence Italy with our sisters from Pink Phoenix and Catch 22, practicing together there for the first time! Our team grew and in 2023 raced in New Zealand.

One boat One Heart France 2026

## PRAIRIE DRAGON PADDLERS

Founded in 2015, Prairie Dragon Paddlers is the state of Illinois' first breast cancer survivor dragon boat team. We inspire hope and contribute to the health and well-being of survivors by providing community, promoting wellness through the sport of dragon boat racing, and offering outreach activities related to breast cancer awareness and education.

We established the Prairie Dragon Paddlers Breast Cancer Research Fund at the Cancer Center at (the University of) Illinois, where we partner with researchers to provide a patient perspective in their work. We also collaborate with area health care providers and other groups dedicated to fighting cancer to help empower survivors to make a difference and to live their best lives.





## RIVER SISTERS



The River Sisters dragonboat team has been paddling on the Cooper River in South Jersey since 2007. Like our fellow teams, it is a source of camaraderie, fitness, competition and support for those of us impacted by breast cancer. When we are giving it our all in a 2000 meter race, making up a combo team to compete (shout out to Against the Wind) or just making each other laugh during practice we know that we are part of something very special. The River Sisters has been fortunate to take part in IBCPC festivals in Sarasota, Italy and New Zealand. We are incredibly psyched to gather with our friends from all over the world this summer in Aix-Les-Bains.



## SAVE OUR SISTERS



Save Our Sisters (SOS) was founded in 2007 as South Florida's first breast cancer survivor dragon boat racing team. We practice out of Key Biscayne, Florida, with the Miami skyline providing a stunning and inspiring backdrop. What unites us is not a diagnosis, but a shared commitment to thriving, supporting one another, and embracing life with purpose and joy. SOS is deeply involved in our community—raising breast health awareness, serving as positive role models, mentoring newly diagnosed survivors, and supporting women through treatment and recovery. We help underprivileged women access breast cancer screening and treatment and proudly promote the physical and emotional benefits of dragon boating. We paddle with heart, hope, and a whole lot of fun!

SOS has participated in every IBCPC Congress since Peterborough in 2010 and is honored to be part of the 2026 IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival.



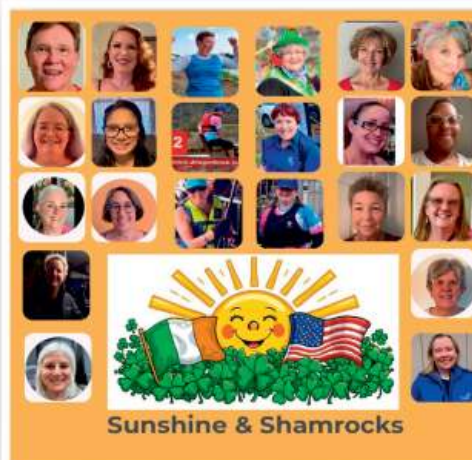
## SUNSHINE & SHAMROCKS



Sunshine & Shamrocks - Irish spirit meets American sunshine - and where strength, sisterhood, and survivorship take the lead. We bring together fierce, fun loving paddlers from Sligo, Ireland (Medb's Pink Dragon Warriors), and paddlers from the USA: Tampa Bay, FL (Pink Dragon Ladies), Loudon, Tennessee (Tellico Heat Dragon Boat Club) and Kansas City, KS/MO (KC Pinks) proving that cancer knows no borders and neither does hope.

From the emerald shores to sunny coastlines and heartland waters, we unite as one crew, one rhythm and one unstoppable force on the water. With every stroke we take, we remind ourselves - and the world - that life after cancer is filled with courage, laughter and resilience.

Sunshine in our spirit. Shamrocks in hearts. United forever.





# SUNSHINE DRAGONS

SUNSHINE DRAGONS is a composite team created by Hell Gate Sea Dragons (Martin County, Florida-inaugural launch in 2020). Sunshine has ladies from Jupiter, Stuart, Melbourne and the Villages in Florida PLUS 4 Dragon Divas, MN., 1 Pink Steel, PA & 1NY have joined our crew. We are fortunate that several of our Northern BCPs have decided to join us in Florida to practice and to participate in the April Sarasota, FL. GWN race. Talk about dedication to become ONE!!! Sunshine Dragons, Florida is looking forward to meeting everyone in France at the Festival!



# SURVIVORS IN SYNC



Survivors in Sync hails from Nathan Benderson Park in sunny Sarasota, FL the site of the 2014 IBCPC Festival. We are very excited to be part of the 2026 IBCPC Festival in Aix-les-Bains! SIS is known for being fiercely competitive on the water and full of heart on land. We are proud of our many achievements which include competing in Sarasota, Florence and New Zealand IBCPC International Dragon Boat Festivals and in Ravenna, Italy in the IDBF Club Crew World Championships. We are home to the Head Coach of TUSA in the inaugural BCP division at 2025 IDBF World Championship in Germany.

Where SIS also shines is in giving back to the breast cancer community through our non-profit organization's mission: educating the public about breast cancer in a positive, proactive way; serving as role models; and promoting a healthy, active lifestyle among survivors. We are SISTers on and off the water!

# TEAM SURVIVEOARS CALIFORNIA

The San Diego Sea Dragons are excited to collaborate with Central Coast SurviveOars for the IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival in Aix-les-Bains, France. While we come from separate Southern California teams—often racing, supporting, and learning from one another—international competition brings us together as one crew on a global stage.

Each team brings its own strength: San Diego offers encouragement and laughter, while Central Coast SurviveOars brings organization and love. Together, we also carry the memory of paddlers we've lost, honoring them as we race alongside survivors from around the world.

Our shared experience as cancer survivors bonds us deeply. We have each faced our own battles, but in the boat, we move as one—one beat, one breath—celebrating resilience and making every moment count.





# THE ANNAPOLIS DRAGON BOAT CLUB



Founded in 2010, the club began with an extraordinary vision. Our founder, Mike Ashford—a local restaurateur and breast cancer survivor—was inspired by the pioneering research of Dr. Don McKenzie, whose work demonstrated that dragon boating reduces cancer risk, improves strength and supports survivorship. Mike set out to give back, never imagining how far that vision would carry.

What started as a scrappy 10-person crew (our first wooden boat sank!) has grown into a vibrant community of more than 175 women and men paddling in three sleek boats. Today, the club is a powerful source of friendship, hope, and recovery for our members.



We are thrilled to be in France, our fourth IDBPC Festival. Thank you to the organizers for making this journey possible. If you are ever in Annapolis, Maryland, join us on the water!

[Annapolisdragonboatclub.org](http://Annapolisdragonboatclub.org)

Paddles Up!

# WARRIORS ON WATER



Warriors on Water is Central Florida's pioneering dragon boat team, founded in 2009 with a mission to bring the spirit and strength of dragon boating to the region. What began as a bold idea has grown into a vibrant, supportive community of paddlers who find joy, resilience, and camaraderie on the water.

The team trains on beautiful Lake Fairview in Winter Park, Florida, where members ranging from their 40s to 70s+ come together to paddle with purpose. Many of our athletes are breast cancer survivors who have discovered dragon boating as a powerful way to rebuild strength, celebrate survivorship, and connect with others in a warm, welcoming environment.

Warriors on Water proudly competes in local races across Florida, bringing determination, teamwork, and plenty of heart to every event. But our impact reaches far beyond the boat. Community support flows both ways—our paddlers volunteer

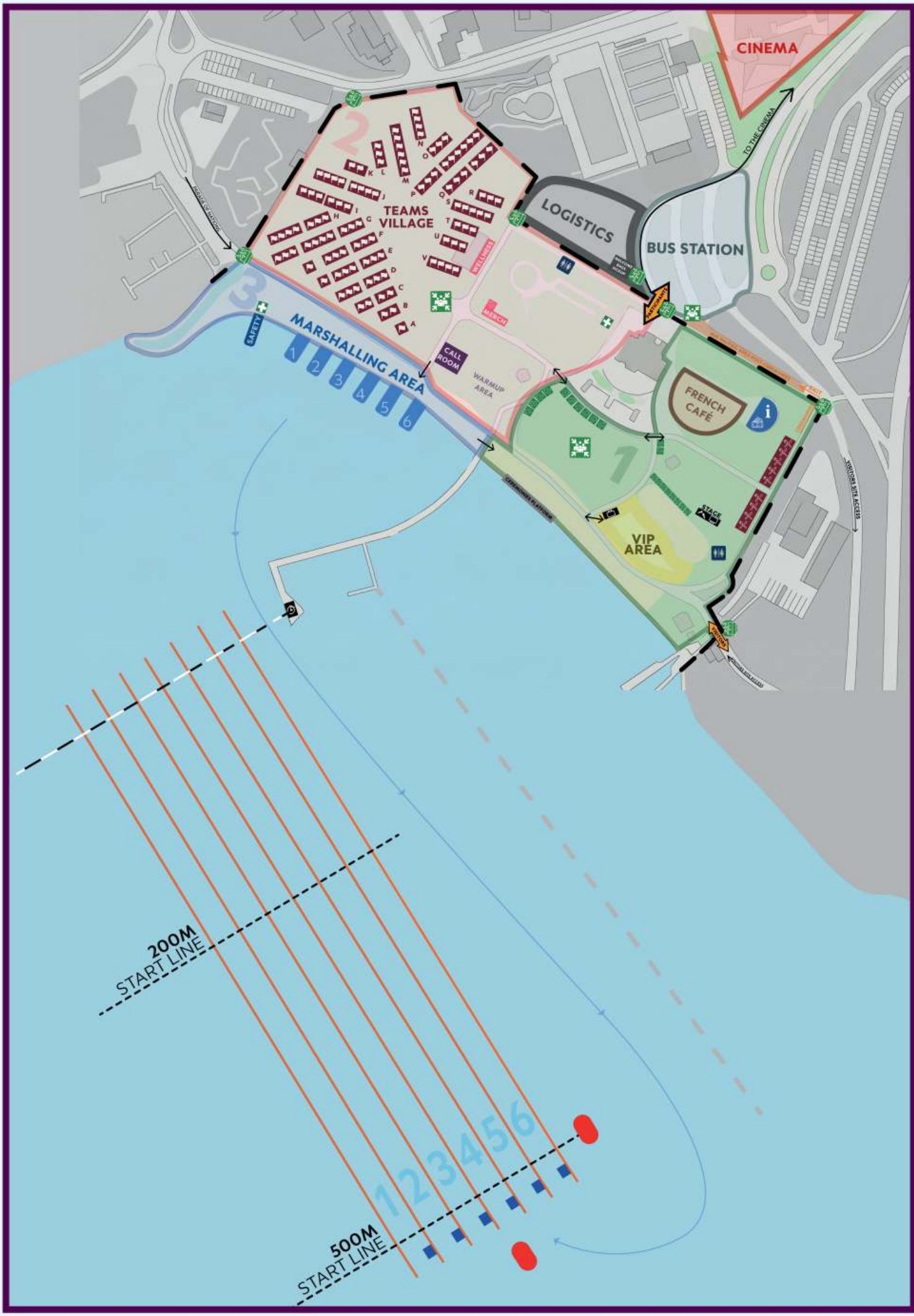


# THE SITE MAP

LIVE MAP :











## Hey, haven't you forgotten someone?!

I am Greenette, a small European cistude turtle from Lac du Bourget. I live here all year round. I am delighted to welcome you to my natural environment, where fauna, flora and human activities coexist in harmony. My habitat is a little paradise, both above and below the water... but its balance remains fragile.

You have the chance to be paddling in a protected natural area, **recognised by UNESCO** under the RAMSAR convention on wetlands since 2003 and as a **World Biosphere Reserve** since 2025.

Between lake and mountains, this living territory is home to rich and fragile biodiversity: reedbeds, wetlands, forests and meadows are home to many protected species. Thanks to the commitment of local authorities and charities, concrete actions are carried out every day to preserve this precious balance: restoration of environments, scientific monitoring, awareness...

**Like in a Dragon Boat, everyone has a role to play.**

**For an international event of this scale, our environmental impact and carbon footprint are undeniable.**  
**We do, however, still have levers to act on to minimize them**  
**- because here, every action counts.**



### WASTE SORTING

**Sorting stations** are placed across the site; 360 m2 of carpet is reused from previous local events; **aluminium cans are collected** by the association Bouchons74 to fund equipment for people with disabilities.



### USING TAP WATER

Aix-les-Bains tap water is as strictly monitored as bottled water. Encouraging reusable bottles over single-use ones is expected to **save about 600 kg of plastic bottles over the event.**



### RENEWABLES

The event runs on **100% renewable, local hydroelectricity** supplied by the Compagnie Nationale du Rhône (CNR).



### TRANSPORT

Free shuttles are offered to all, and **buses/minibuses cut fuel use per passenger by roughly 50% compared with individual cars.**



### MENUS

**Vegetarian options** can help cut carbon footprint emissions sharply. **Biodegradable wooden lunch boxes** are recycled into barbecue fuel.







# EVENT OFFICIAL MERCHANDISING

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FIND ALL THE PRODUCTS ON SITE, IN THE PARTICIPANTS' VILLAGE.





AIX LES BAINS  
RIVIERA  
DES ALPES









haute  
savoie  
le Département

GRAND  
CHAMBÉRY  
l'agglomération

Grand  
Annecy  
AGGLOMÉRATION

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SHIPPING

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DES  
BATEAUX  
RIX-LES-BAINS RIVIERA DES ALPES

LES TOILES  
DU LAC

CKCA  
CANOE KAYAK CLUB ANNECY

DROLES  
DE  
RAMES  
lac annecy

CarGo!

CAFÉS RICHARD

Jean  
Cavaillé  
— Vins de Savoie —

Champagne  
Thierry  
Mercuzot

SANY

E.Leclerc  
DRUMETTAZ

CA  
DES SAVOIE

HORNET

Ensemble  
pour  
Elles

quick-off

Conservatoire  
d'espaces naturels  
Savoie

L'ODYSSÉE  
du papillon  
CIRQUE POUR L'ÉTYMOT DU MOIS

FFCK  
Fédération Française de Canoë-Kayak

DRAGON BOAT  
FDB  
FÉDÉRATION

CNVA  
CLUB NAUTIQUE VOILE  
RIX-LES-BAINS

ENA  
CLUB D'AVIRON

CSAV  
AVIRON

Club des  
Plaisanciers  
du lac d'Annecy

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NEWS

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SAVOIE

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ATELIER  
BATEAU

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de Savoie

CANCER  
du SEIN  
dépistage  
en Savoie  
COMITÉ FÉMININ

LA LIGUE  
CONTRE  
LE CANCER

Audrex  
Expertise Comptable

ACB  
Liberté. Digitalité. Connectivité.

HD

Bonneval  
les villages naturels de Savoie

JOSÉPHINE  
SAU PÉTILLANT AUX EXTRAITS BOTANIQUES

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LA FABRIQUE  
DE L'AVENIR

LES  
BOUCHONS 74

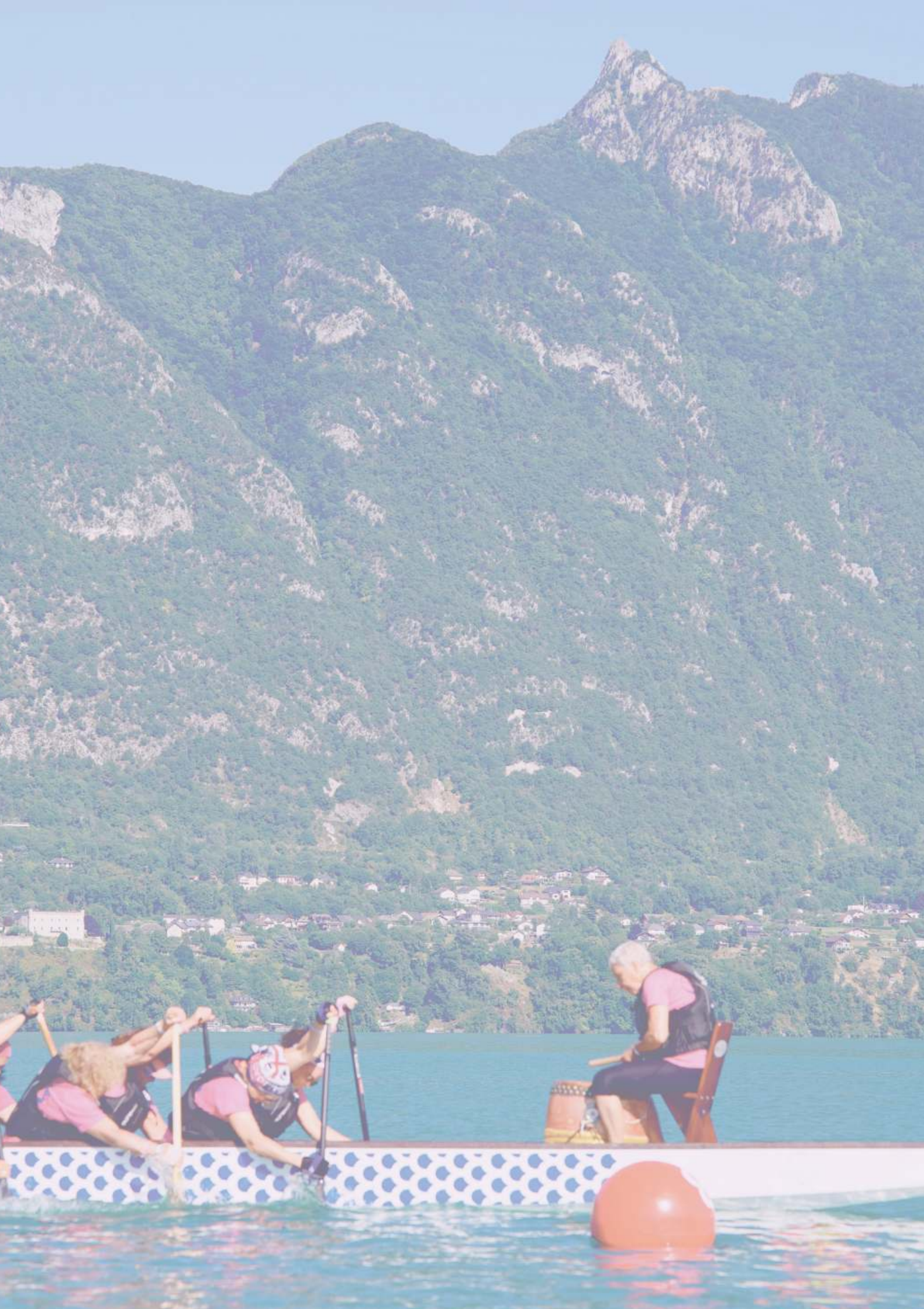
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LES SOUVENIRS  
DE SAVOIE











The background image is a landscape photograph of a lake, likely Lake Bourget, with mountains in the distance and reeds in the foreground. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

« Que le vent qui gémit, le roseau qui soupire,  
Que les parfums légers de ton air embaumé,  
Que tout ce qu'on entend, l'on voit ou l'on respire,  
Tout dise : Ils ont aimé ! »

Alphonse de Lamartine,  
extrait de « Le Lac », poème inspiré par le Lac du Bourget

"May the wind that hums, the reed that grieves,  
May the perfume drifting on your scented air,  
May all we hear, and see, and breathe,  
Speak of a love once there."

Alphonse de Lamartine,  
Extract from "Le Lac" ["The Lake"], a poem inspired by Lake Bourget