

# Worcester Dragon Boat Racing Club

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Dear Crew Captain

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## Race the Dragon Regatta

Worcester Dragon Boat Racing Club is preparing for the 23rd annual Race the Dragon Regatta, to be held on the River Severn in Worcester on Sunday, 9th June. The Club and its sponsors extend an invitation to you, your friends and colleagues, to join us for a great day on the water. The event will consist of cup and plate competitions with opportunity for intra-company competition.

As well as having a great day's competition, it is also an opportunity to raise money for a charity of your choice by getting sponsorship for yourselves. You will, no doubt, be aware that over the years Dragon Boating in Worcester has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charitable causes. This year the event will support Worcestershire Breast Unit Campaign and we hope you will use this opportunity to promote and support either the nominated cause or a charity of your choice.

Main features of the event:

- Crews will compete in either the cup or plate competition, determined by their performance in the opening heats. Crews are limited to 16 paddlers again this year so press ganging is even easier!
- The traditional Plate competition will decide the Novice Champions
- Winners of the Plate competition will hold a silver trophy for a year to commemorate their achievement
- The Cup competition recognises the more accomplished crews, sometimes but not always from a water sports background as shown over the past few regattas.
- Winners of the Cup will be awarded the Lea & Perrins trophy, while all the other crews in the cup will receive place trophies.
- We recommend practice sessions for all crews as this makes for a much smoother and competitive event on race day. We aim to offer up to 3 sessions to each crew on a first come first served basis. Additional sessions will be subject to availability. You will be notified of the arrangements in place for practicing when your entry form is received.

An entry form is enclosed giving full details of the competition arrangements and fee structure for this year. This can also be found on our website [www.worcester-dragons.org.uk](http://www.worcester-dragons.org.uk). Please return this as soon as possible to secure your place and help us in planning the programme. Promotional posters are available for prospective crew managers to help attract crew members and support on the day.

Meanwhile, individuals are welcome to join us anytime to take part in club training sessions. Training takes place on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings 9:30 for 10:00 on the water. We are, at present, based next to the RNIB boathouse on Bromwich Parade, 150m downstream from Worcester Road Bridge, opposite the fountains.

I will be in touch again shortly to confirm your continued interest, and see whether there is any help that the club can provide. Don't be discouraged by lack of numbers as we can probably team you up with another similarly short group if needed. I look forward to seeing you on the water on the 9th.

Yours in Dragon Boating

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