



“Attention... Paddles ready...”

The 2007 – 08 Season is under starter’s orders!

Dragon Boating is under new management this year:

Dragon Boating run
by Dragon Boaters
for Dragon Boaters!

The Festival owners have retired from the sport, handing over the reins to the core of keen Canterbury paddlers. So here is how the new season will look...

Fantastic venue:

We have a great course available at Kerr’s Reach, featuring fantastic visibility for spectators along the whole course, particularly at the finish line.



New floating pontoons by the finish line at Kerr’s Reach

Practice and training:

- ❖ On the water training on the Avon.
- ❖ Choice of boats, from Kerr’s Reach or Owles Terrace (New Brighton).
- ❖ Starts the week of 12th November.
- ❖ Boats available on Monday, Tues or Wed.
- ❖ Start times will be **on the hour** at Kerr’s reach and **on the ½ hour** at the compound at Owles Terrace.

Please email noel.anderton@airways.co.nz with your preferred training **day/time** (specify **3** choices). First in, First Served...

Register NOW!

Register for the season by emailing noel.anderton@airways.co.nz or go to our new website: www.aoraki-dragons.co.nz

Festivals and Regattas

The “Aoraki/Chinese New Year Regatta” will be **Saturday 9th February 2008**

The Christchurch Dragon Boat Regatta will be **Saturday 8th March** (Corporate and Open) and **Sunday 9th March** (Schools).

Regatta Entry forms will be sent out soon.

Fees and Subscription

Finally, some great news. This season will cost much less this year. Projected fees are:

- ❖ Entry to “Aoraki - Chinese New Year Dragon Boat Regatta” and “Christchurch Regatta” \$2,500
- ❖ Aoraki DBA subscription \$150
- ❖ NZDBA subscription \$150
- ❖ Total fee for the season \$2,800

All prices are GST exclusive

Dragon boating events have been run in New Zealand since 1988 and in Christchurch since 1991. Historically Dragon Boating throughout New Zealand has been run as a business through a series of festivals in the capital cities.

This year a new charitable society has been formed to administer the sport of dragon boating in the South Island.

The **Aoraki Dragon Boat Association** (ADBA) will be running two events in Christchurch;

- Aoraki/Chinese New Year: **9-Feb-08**
- Christchurch Dragon Boat Regatta: **8 & 9-March-08.**

Aoraki aims to meet world (IDBF) standards for racing, by setting the new distances of 500m for the races.