



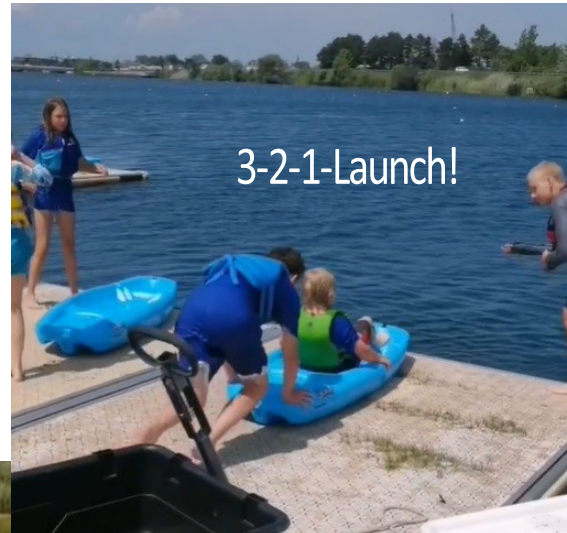
# THE CATCH

South Niagara Canoe Club Newsletter, Volume 13 Issue 7

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## Canoe Kids Camp and Youth Racing Camp Began July 3!

Both camps are up and running! Lots of fun times in the Instagram videos! You can see the campers paddling but also, they are



involved in lots of other activities such as basketball at the nearby Empire Sports Complex and strength training with weights and having fun with some balance drills. Looking forward to seeing what comes next for these young athletes!



*Aimee Pigeon made videos of our campers for SNCC's Instagram. These are various screenshots from those videos.*

## Special Needs Dragon Boat Began July 7!

Pictures of this year's Special Needs Dragon Boat crew will be welcome! They are preparing for their first regatta, the Hope Floats Challenge later in August.

*The Catch* shares news about SNCC and its members  
So you can **stay connected** with SNCC and its members.

# South Niagara Canoe Club Regatta

While many regattas are held on our home course, the Welland International Flatwater Centre, this was going to be SNCC's first home regatta on July 8. Plans were made for a Club-wide fundraiser at the food and beverage tent and many people were looking forward to a fun day of racing for our young athletes and for our Masters athletes.

Unfortunately, the event was cut short by a tragic medical emergency. Despite the valiant efforts of three of our athletes: Jonothan Barrett, Aimee Pigeon, and Austin Pigeon, a paddler from Richmond Hill Canoe Club, Dumitru Buzdugan, eventually passed away at Welland General Hospital.

Our members handled themselves well in a difficult and chaotic situation. Some changes will come about at SNCC because of the increased awareness of having strong safety protocols.

SNCC now has a new Safety Officer, Glenna Landry, Coach Evan's grandmother. She has already identified many areas where we can improve. If any members would like to assist Glenna in her work as Safety Officer, email SNCC at [info@sncc.ca](mailto:info@sncc.ca) or [admin@sncc.ca](mailto:admin@sncc.ca) and we will help you get in touch with her.



Canoe Kayak Canada

July 13 at 5:55 PM · 🌐

It is with deep sadness that Canoe Kayak Canada recognizes the tragic passing of Dima Buzdugan, member of the [Richmond Hill Canoe Club](#).

Dumitru passed away on Monday July 10th, at the Welland General Hospital. Canoe Kayak Canada wishes to express its deepest sympathies to Dima's family, his wife and two children, and all those affected by his sudden loss.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made through a GoFundMe that has been set up in Dumitru's honour.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-loving-memory-of-dima-buzdugan>

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C'est avec une grande tristesse que Canoe Kayak Canada a appris le décès tragique de Dima Buzdugan, membre du Richmond Hill Canoe Club.

Dumitru s'est éteint le lundi 10 juillet à l'hôpital général de Welland. Canoe Kayak Canada désire adresser ses plus sincères sympathies à la famille de Dima, son épouse et leurs deux enfants ainsi que tous ceux touchés par ce soudain décès.

De préférence à des fleurs, des dons peuvent être faits sur une page GoFundMe créée en l'honneur de Dumitru.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-loving-memory-of-dima-buzdugan>

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South Niagara Canoe Club

July 8 at 9:32 PM · 🌐

Thank you to all who Volunteered in any and all ways to help with our SNCC Fun Regatta.

I am so humbled to be surrounded by an incredibly caring and enthusiastic group of parents, their amazing kids, and many hands from our Masters group that make up the Canoe/Kayak part of our Club.

Marilyn Abbs,  
SNCC Registrar

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# Hamilton Waterfest



Took place July 8 and 9 at Bayfront park. It was a qualifying festival for the Canadian Dragon Boat Championships.

Canal Dragons Women's team 1 wins bronze in A Division. 3rd place in the 500m and 3rd place in the 200m. Photo from Ana Daquiz.

#goSNCCgo

Canal Dragons Women's team 2 win bronze In D Division. 3rd place in the 500m and 3rd place in the 200m. Photo from Marilyn Abbs.



Canal Dragons Mixed team 1 wins silver in D Division. 2nd place in the 500m and 2nd place in the 200m. Photo from Marge Cruz.





# July 15 Regatta at WFC



Gianna

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Lily



Marilyn with Coach Evan



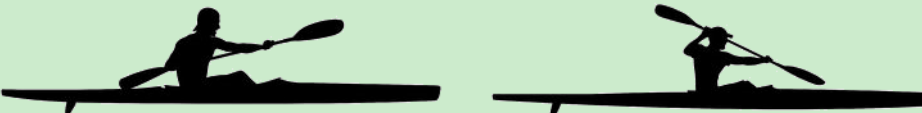
Lindsay



This is a continuation of the SNCC regatta held July 8, with the addition of other age categories. Some of the athletes from Youth Racing Camp competed, such as Gianna and Lily. Our Para-athletes Lindsay and Marilyn are pictured here as well as High Performance athlete, Sarah. Congratulations everyone on your hard work! Pictures by Alan Wright.



Sarah





# Canadian Dragon Boat Championships



Took place at WIFC from July 20-23, with teams from BC to Nova Scotia. An amazing paddling experience for SNCC!

Para Dragons win gold in the first ever Para Division. Photo by Lorna Climenhaga.



Hope Floats wins Bronze in the Breast Cancer division. Photo by Alan Wright.



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Women's Senior B Small Boat. SNCC's first small boat team. Photo by Jamie MacArthur.



Mixed Senior A standard boat in their 2000m race. Photo by Jeff Holubeshen Photography. Not pictured, Women's Senior A standard boat and Women's Senior C standard boat.



# WODs held July 28-30 at Welland

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C-4, left to right: Kathleen, Casey, Joe, Edward



So many great moments captured on film for SNCC. Well done to all athletes, coaches, organizers, and volunteers!



K-4, left to right: Kathleen, Gianna, Alexa, Lily

C-2, left to right: Kathleen, Joe



Performance at WODs helps to determine who moves on to Provincials and to Nationals. Good showing by our Youth Racing Camp athletes!

K-2, left to right: Casey, Kathleen



Photos by Alan Wright. For more photos, see our FaceBook page.



# Updates from the Board

## Bingo Volunteers: August 6 at Delta City Bingo, Welland

Additional volunteers are welcome to join the fundraising fun in support of SNCC. It's one 2-hour shift per month for people 19 years or older. Contact Marilyn at [626sledger@gmail.com](mailto:626sledger@gmail.com) for the online training and for more information. To date, SNCC has raised over \$4000 from three Bingo shifts!



## Hope Floats Challenge Volunteers: August 25, 26, 27



This dragon boat regatta is a fundraiser for the SNCC Canal Dragons crews. Many jobs need to be filled. On Saturday people are needed to sell merchandise, sell food and drink, serve alcoholic drinks, sell raffle tickets, assist with the Flower Ceremony for the Cancer Survivors, and paddle with the SNCC Special Needs Crew (their first ever races!). On Sunday, people are needed to steer and paddle for the Canal Tours and paddle for the Steering Clinic. The banquet on Friday is a fundraiser for Wellspring Niagara and it also requires volunteers. Contact Bernadette at [beejmorrissey@gmail.com](mailto:beejmorrissey@gmail.com) for more information.

## Volunteers in General for SNCC: ongoing

All members of SNCC are required to complete 5 hours of volunteer time in a membership year to help keep our operating costs and fees low. Volunteering at stipend events at WIFC or with Bingos or with the Hope Floats Challenge certainly count towards your hours. SNCC also needs your help with running the club year-round. The club does not have a General Manager or an Equipment Manager or a Marketing Manager or an IT manager. That's where volunteers can help! If you have experience, expertise, or an interest in any of the above areas, contact a Board member or email [info@sncc.ca](mailto:info@sncc.ca) or [admin@sncc.ca](mailto:admin@sncc.ca). Your assistance is appreciated!



## Niagara's Sport and Recreation Fair: September 16, 10:00am-2:00pm at McBain Community Centre

Volunteers are needed to set up and run the booth showcasing SNCC and paddlesports to families, especially youth and children, in Niagara Falls. Email [info@sncc.ca](mailto:info@sncc.ca) or [admin@sncc.ca](mailto:admin@sncc.ca) for more information.



## SNCC's 15th Anniversary: October 19 or 20, 2023, location TBD.

Looking for people who like to plan a party! The Annual Awards night will be combined with our Anniversary party for an evening of celebration and food. Contact Kathleen via email at [kat\\_reardon@hotmail.com](mailto:kat_reardon@hotmail.com) if you can help out.

## Next issue: September 2023

Pictures and story ideas for **The Catch** can be emailed to Kathleen: [kat\\_reardon@hotmail.com](mailto:kat_reardon@hotmail.com)



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