

DRAGON BOAT ACT
2022 MEMBERS SURVEY
REPORT

The Survey

The survey was sent out by email to 556 registered Dragon Boat ACT (DBACT) members on 6 May 2020.

It went out to 493 financial members (sports, student and life memberships), 53 non-financial members (supporters, officials, admin etc) and 10 Dragon Pass temporary members.

By the closing date of 24 June 2022, there were 152 responses in total (27.3%), from:

- 142 financial members (28.8% of financial members)
- 2 Dragon Pass members (20% of Dragon Pass members)
- 8 non-financial members (15.1% of non-financial members)

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Recruitment

57 respondents had started dragon boating in the past three years. They were asked the following questions about recruitment:

How did you find out about dragon boating as a possible sport for you?

Word of Mouth	29	42.0%
Internet search	10	14.5%
Other source	9	13.0%
Facebook	8	11.6%
Roadside sign	8	11.6%
Advertisement	4	5.8%
Other internet	1	1.4%
Media coverage of dragon boat event	0	0.0%

(10 of the respondents used more than one source)

Other sources mentioned were:

- Offered as a school sport
- Tried years ago, got breast cancer
- Saw them on the lake yesterday
- Invitation to Brest event
- Magazine article
- Info via Defence veterans
- My daughters Sport
- At RFS Come and try day
- Navy in Sydney
- Flyer in the office
- Seeing teams out paddling

Advertisements were seen/heard at

School	1
Shopfront	1
Radio	1
Work bulletin Board	2
Newspaper	1

Come and try

Of the 57 members who started dragon boating in the past three years, 43 (75.4%%) first came along to a 'Come and Try' day.

36 of these came to a club Come and Try day, 7 came to a DBACT Come and Try day.

Dragon Pass

Dragon Pass became available in late 2021, replacing the previous temporary membership process.

24 respondents said they had signed up to Dragon Pass when they started dragon boating.

They found out about Dragon Pass by:

Information provided by a club or DBACT	20	66.7%
word of mouth	6	20.0%
Club website	2	6.7%
Facebook	2	6.7%

How easy was it to find out about Dragon Pass?

5 - easy	21	56.8%
4	6	16.2%
3	5	13.5%
2	4	10.8%
1- very difficult	1	2.7%

How easy was it to sign up to Dragon Pass?

5 - easy	20	60.6%
4	5	15.2%
3	6	18.2%
2	2	6.1%
1- very difficult	0	0.0%

In terms of deciding whether or not to join a club as a full member, was the Dragon Pass one month time limit:

Enough time to decide	26	72.2%
Too long - decided in less than a month	2	5.6%
Too short	8	22.2%

If it was too short, was this because:

I wasn't able to get to many sessions that month for work or personal reasons	8	80.0%
The weather was bad that month	1	10.0%
Both reasons above	1	10.0%

Did you try more than one club when a temporary member or on Dragon Pass?

No - I knew I could but I was happy with the club I started with	29	64.4%
No - I didn't know I could try other clubs	13	28.9%
No - I knew I could but didn't know how to go about trying another club	2	4.4%
Yes	1	2.2%

If you signed up as a financial member after being a temporary or Dragon Pass member, how easy was it to find out your membership options

5 - easy	30	62.5%
4	7	14.6%
3	9	18.8%
2	2	4.2%
1- very difficult	0	0.0%

Financial members joining/renewing

142 respondents said that they were financial members. They were asked the following questions:

When you joined or last renewed, how easy did you find the registration/renewal process?

5 - easy	79	60.8%
4	23	17.7%
3	25	19.2%
2	3	2.3%
1- very difficult	0	0.0%

How easy was it to understand the membership options?

5 - easy	74	57.4%
4	27	20.9%
3	21	16.3%
2	6	4.7%
1- very difficult	1	0.8%

Did your club provide enough information to assist you in registering/renewing?

yes	85	65.4%
no	9	6.9%
I didn't need information from the club	36	27.7%

Non-paddling members joining/renewing

8 respondents said they were non-paddling members (supporters, officials, admin etc). They were asked the following questions:

How were you registered as a non-paddling member?

Registered myself via the club website or link provided by the club	4
My club or DBACT registered me	3

If you registered or renewed yourself, how easy did you find the registration/renewal process?

5 - easy	1
4	1
3	2
2	0
1- very difficult	0

Did your club provide enough information to assist you in registering/renewing?

Yes	3
No	0
I didn't need information from the club	4

Communication

Considering information you receive about Dragon Boat ACT and Australian Dragon Boat Federation issues, decisions and happenings, would you like to receive it by:

Email direct from DBACT	79	53.7%
Via club channels	18	12.2%
Email direct from DBACT plus DBACT Facebook	14	9.5%
Email direct from DBACT plus Via club channels	13	8.8%
Email direct from DBACT plus Via club channels plus DBACT Facebook	6	4.1%
Email direct from DBACT plus DBACT website	4	2.7%
Email direct from DBACT plus Via club channels plus DBACT Facebook plus DBACT website	4	2.7%
DBACT Facebook	3	2.0%
Email direct from DBACT plus DBACT Facebook plus DBACT website	3	2.0%
Via club channels plus DBACT website	2	1.4%
DBACT website	1	0.7%
Other	0	

The same answers separated into the five options:

Email direct from DBACT	123	59.4%
Via club channels	43	20.8%
DBACT Facebook	27	13.0%
DBACT website	14	6.8%
Other	0	0

Other comments on communication were:

- Happy with existing methods - e.g. rules and regulations etc through DBACT as I am a sweep. Other info through club.
- Email direct from either DBACT or Ausdbf
- Definitely NOT Facebook!!

Priority setting

Members were asked to rate the priority for DBACT of the following:

Recruitment of members:

Highest priority	50	34.7%
High priority	67	46.5%
Medium priority	23	16.0%
Low priority	4	2.8%
Lowest priority:	0	0.0%

Running local regattas

Highest priority	71	50.0%
High priority	55	38.7%
Medium priority	13	9.2%
Low priority	3	2.1%
Lowest priority:	0	0.0%

Working towards a new building at Grevillea Park:

Highest priority	89	61.0%
High priority	41	28.1%
Medium priority	12	8.2%
Low priority	3	2.1%
Lowest priority:	1	0.7%

Providing training for sweeps, coaches and officials:

Highest priority	61	42.4%
High priority	61	42.4%
Medium priority	17	11.8%
Low priority	3	2.1%
Lowest priority:	2	1.4%

Developing the ACT representative team, ACT Fire:

Highest priority	32	22.2%
High priority	59	41.0%
Medium priority	45	31.3%
Low priority	6	4.2%
Lowest priority:	2	1.4%

Supporting selection and training for ACT paddlers in the Australian representative team (the Auroras):

Highest priority	18	12.6%
High priority	53	37.1%
Medium priority	53	37.1%
Low priority	10	7.0%
Lowest priority:	9	6.3%

Attracting interstate teams to our regattas

Highest priority	22	15.4%
High priority	57	39.9%
Medium priority	52	36.4%
Low priority	8	5.6%
Lowest priority:	4	2.8%

Obtaining sponsorship

Highest priority	38	27.0%
High priority	58	41.1%
Medium priority	34	24.1%
Low priority	9	6.4%
Lowest priority:	2	1.4%

Regattas

Did you participate in one or more regattas in the 2021-22 season?

Yes - as a crew member	73
Yes - as a crew member Yes - as a club manager or support person	6
Yes - as a crew member Yes - as a volunteer/official	34
Yes - as a crew member Yes - as a club manager or support person Yes - as a volunteer/official	6
Yes - as a volunteer/official	11
No	20

If no, was this because (tick all that apply):

Regattas take too much time out of my weekend	2
I am not interested in competitive paddling	2
I was not a member during the 2021-22 season	2
I was concerned about exposure to Covid-19	2
I was concerned about exposure to Covid-19 Regattas take too much time out of my weekend I am not interested in competitive paddling	1
I was concerned about exposure to Covid-19 I didn't participate for other health or fitness reasons	2
I didn't participate for other health or fitness reasons	6
I had other commitments on regatta days I was concerned about exposure to Covid-19	1
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I had other commitments on regatta days	1

Other reasons given were:

- Work issues can't join
- I am the club administrator
- I'm too new, not up to competitive standard yet
- Not experienced

If you were a crew member, did you participate in one of the combined crews (ie more than one club)?

Yes	50	39.4%
No	77	60.6%

Combined crews can enable members of smaller clubs to be part of full crew (eg a women's 20s or a full male crew in an open race). Would you like to see combined crews as a regular part of DBACT regattas?

Yes	98	67.6%
No	9	6.2%
Don't mind either way	38	26.2%

If yes, is this because:

It creates more opportunities for members of smaller clubs It creates more challenging competition for the bigger clubs It helps clubs get to know each other	39	34.8%
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It creates more challenging competition for the bigger clubs It helps clubs get to know each other	1	0.9%

Other comments:

- It provides opportunity for different styles of racing, flag races, fun races etc.
- Allows for athletes to experience a variety of styles and coaching methods, increasing experience, especially if they want to trial for teams where they need flexibility and experience quickly.
- Increases opportunities for youth crews

If no, is this because:

It creates unfair competition with other crews	1
It creates unfair competition with other crews It should be club versus club competition It undermines club identity at regattas	2
It should be club versus club competition	1
It should be club versus club competition It undermines club identity at regattas	3
It undermines club identity at regattas	1

Other comment:

- This opportunity should be provided to men only.

If you could change one thing about DBACT regattas, what would it be?

Planning	
Planning regatta calendar:	Planning regatta program
More space in between regattas if possible (acknowledge the difficulties of COVID restrictions). Early notification of cancellation (inclement weather).	Less categories where the clubs don't really have enough people so the same people are pretty much in all the races anyway.
At times, too frequent. Every two weeks is a big commitment.	Make them shorter
Reduce the number to one per month or one every 3 weeks. Two per month is too frequent.	Reduce the day (number of races) a little, perhaps if necessary by eliminating second heats or semi-finals.
Start the regattas earlier in the season so teams can determine their levels of fitness and performance. The first regatta=The Benchmark Regatta. Reduce the race length...e.g. 100 m, 1000m	Start first race at 9am and finish at 1pm. 4 hours is enough for a regatta if the Marshalling is done correctly and all boats are used concurrently.
To have more regattas booked to allow for those that are cancelled	Start a bit later
More variety in the events - for example 100m races, relays	The duration of them
	Not so long
	Shorter regattas.

Running of regatta program	
To start on time! They NEVER start on time which is a complete mystery considering the people who volunteer & paddle are not new to the sport.	Loading and unloading the boats more efficiently. We seem to spend a lot of time waiting in marshalling waiting for boats to unload or other clubs to present to marshalling.
Meeting of sweeps etc so long rehashing same info every time. Surely all that needs to be gone over is changes.	Ensuring that they start on time wherever possible given how early everyone has to get up to attend!
Consistent management. The first one was like clockwork for paddlers. The second one had mistakes and delays, confusion and irritation.	Run to time. If the starting time is 8am then make sure the first boats are being loaded before 8am.
Organisation of the day to reduce time spent waiting, both for athletes and volunteers e.g. computer based, automatic timing, less volunteers.	Whenever the regatta schedule seems to be doing well there is a big break and it never seems to run smoothly for the rest of the day, just do it
Also organisers being more flexible when issues arise.	Less hanging around, if there's enough boats to cycle through 2 races do it
Efficient racing, so regattas don't drag on	Start on time!
Make them run a bit faster, there appears to be a lot of time wasted	Rolling racing, i.e. get more boats out on the water ready for racing.
Keep to schedule where possible	Delays between races
Less time standing around in marshalling, make use of the two fleets of boats. Keep things moving.	Use club members to manage the marshaling. Trust the clubs to manage their own crews and marshalling
Less time standing around in marshalling, make use of the two fleets of boats. Keep things moving.	Marshalling - recognising that marshalling is important at significant events (eg nationals), our local regattas have run somewhat more smoothly with the modified marshalling.
Smaller clubs to work together to do the regatta set up and pack up.	Set up night before
Run on time	

Volunteers	
Make less volunteers needed so more people can paddle. Clubs marshal and wrangle all boats. There are no points at regattas so keep it simple.	How slow they are, and the need for that many volunteers. You don't need that many for each of the jobs, fix the timer and reduce the volunteer numbers.
Reduce requirements on number of officials/supporters: 1. Utilise technology (electronic timing, drones) 2. Remove marshalling (clubs are happy to rely on trust) 3. Let clubs wrangle their own boats	Develop a system that requires the fewest volunteers possible. Let clubs load and clean their own boats. If regattas aren't pointscoreing then let clubs marshal themselves etc.
Stop putting an insane amount of volunteers on who stand around doing nothing.	Be more flexible with number of volunteers required per club based on size of club.
That clubs who choose not to participate do not have to provide DBACT volunteers	Too many people for jobs that could take less people.
Improve race day safety by engaging qualified marine and safety personnel for regattas rather than DBACT members. The 2022 Jindabyne Flowing Festival is an outstanding example of marine safety.	Help clubs understand that trained experienced volunteers and officials makes regattas run efficiently - not just a last minute part of regatta registration. Can also be pathway on from competition.
Fewer volunteers	

Starts, timekeeping and results	
Fix the automatic timer. Relying on time keepers with stopwatches is less accurate.	Getting the results up "live" to social media.
Improve the starting system - digitalise and set the course buoys to enable better outcomes re timing and start / finish. Having pontoons would be great but unaffordable I imagine.	Introduce electronic timing rather than relying on stopwatches.
I really must find out where to find out the results.	Electronic time keeping

Team lists/categories/crew restrictions	
Do away with team lists or modify the process making it easier for managers to provide teams.	Checking every paddler off the list for every race!
Limit how many paddlers a club can have, so Komodo are forced to send some of their paddlers elsewhere	Enable teams to share members so they can compete and allow last minute substitution without being made DNQ
They don't need to be so formal. They need to be about giving paddlers an opportunity to paddle/compete even if they don't have enough to field an official crew.	Paddle/sweep regattas for my club AND Dragons Abreast, (am dual member). Want to support DA. Only where not overlapping - e.g. DA women sweep/paddle, and open or mixed my club.

Youth	
Improve the junior competition, presently it is only several private schools involved. DBACT should aim to integrate at least 2 new public schools each year through senior clubs being support/mentors.	More opportunities to form youth events. Example one regatta a year for youth crews.

Communication	
More communication about changes to race schedules. More communication via website and Facebook page on regatta day. Better MC duties during regattas.	More information about the committee members and their thoughts on progressing Dragon Boating and the suggestions put forward by members. Better communication.

Facilities	
2 coffee carts	Another coffee van
Advising participants in advance if known if the coffee van or catering isn't going to be available.	Reliable (i.e. there at every regatta) food and coffee outlets that sell more than sausages and donuts.
Perhaps better facilities such as toilets and cafes	

Other suggestions	
Have music!	Better sound system with music, like we used to have with Betsy as MC
Would be actually nice to have the music back that was played over the loud speaker. Created a good atmosphere.	A safer route, other than dashing across speeding traffic, from parking to Grevillea Park. 🙌🙌
I would really like there to be medals handed out at ACT Champs. I could have gone home with 8 medals that weekend which would have been a real momento	Greater outreach to locals (for e.g., advertising on the news about upcoming regattas)
The weather (!)	Make them warmer, calmer and drier
Include more interstate clubs to provide greater competition.	

No change required	
There is nothing I would change about DBACT regattas.	Happy with the way that the Regattas are run
Many thanks! Love being able to participate in this sport!	Nothing to be honest. This is the greatest sport hands down!!
Nothing, I think they are run efficiently and consistently well. We are truly spoiled with the level of knowledge and commitment from our DBACT volunteers and officials.	Nothing

Covid-19

Apart from the late start to the season, did Covid-19 impact on your participation in dragon boating in the 2021-22 season (tick all that apply)?

No	85
Yes - I stayed away from training for part of the season	28
Yes - I delayed joining or renewing my membership	4
Yes - I stayed away from training for the whole season Yes - I stayed away from some regattas	2
Yes - I stayed away from training for the whole season Yes - I stayed away from all regattas Yes - I delayed joining or renewing my membership	1
Yes - I stayed away from training for the whole season Yes - I stayed away from all regattas	1
Yes - I stayed away from training for the whole season	2
Yes - I stayed away from training for part of the season Yes - I stayed away from some regattas Yes - I delayed joining or renewing my membership	1
Yes - I stayed away from training for part of the season Yes - I stayed away from some regattas	11
Yes - I stayed away from training for part of the season Yes - I stayed away from all regattas	2
Yes - I stayed away from training for part of the season Yes - I delayed joining or renewing my membership	1
Yes - I stayed away from some regattas	1
Yes - I stayed away from all regattas	2
Yes - I stayed away from some regattas Yes - other	1
Yes - other	6

‘Other’ impacts:

- Covid-19 triggered me to get out and join something, this turned out to be Dragon Boating.
- Didn’t try out for ACT Fire
- Due to increased work obligations I couldn’t attend many regattas or training
- Had covid missed a week
- Had to quarantine, so missed some things
- I was a close contact so had to isolate which precluded me from coaching at a regatta early this year

- We had restricted paddling sessions to replace training sessions that were not possible
- We trained regularly on line during the lockdown so we all stayed connected.

Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been eased in the ACT, how concerned are you about being exposed to Covid-19 at training?

5 = Not concerned	56	37.58%
4	40	26.85%
3	34	22.82%
2	13	8.72%
1 = Very concerned	6	4.03%

Do you think your club is doing enough to reduce the risk of exposure to Covid-19 at training?

Yes	126	85.14%
No	7	4.73%
Don't know/not sure	15	10.14%

Do you think DBACT is doing enough at regattas to reduce the risk of exposure to Covid-19 ?

Yes	106	72.60%
No	6	4.11%
Don't know/not sure	34	23.29%

Fees

As a volunteer-run organisation, DBACT does not have the resources to chase up unpaid fees. However, an option may be to use a 'buy now, pay later' service such as AfterPay to enable fees to be paid by instalments. If that option were available would you

Definitely use it	4	2.70%
Possibly use it	20	13.51%
Don't know	16	10.81%
Probably not use it	53	35.81%
Definitely not use it	55	37.16%

Looking into the Future

Do you expect to be dragon boating in the 2022-23 season?

Yes	125	85.03%
No	3	2.04%
Don't know/not sure	19	12.93%

Is there one thing DBACT or your club could do to make it more likely you will participate in 2022-23?

Building the sport	
One thing which would make me more likely to participate next season would be an increase in the number of paddlers.	Make it more of an inclusive community sport - the clubs at the moment are a little siloed.
More youth friendly. Opportunity for come and try for students from public school high schools.	To help smaller clubs recruit people through advertisement.
Have open days so I can try other clubs	Have a rookie boat more often
More support for youth.	Bring more men into the sport
DBACT need an Instagram for recruitment	Improve recruiting across the clubs

Regattas	
Long form regattas eg 8 or 10km events.	More opportunities for men to paddle
More Masters events. More regattas.	Greater variety of races
DBACT needs to be more flexible when issues arise for paddlers and teams, and reduce the (time) length of regattas, and when volunteering from smaller clubs.	DBACT - Not needing team lists or marshalling. It can stop people being able to paddle and paddling is our main goal!
The return of the corporate regatta as it encourages new members and is a good way of raising the sport's profile. Also it's fun.	I don't like waiting around all day at regattas for races, I would rather do a couple of races back to back then go home
At significant regattas (at ACT Champs), engage a local Elder to perform a Welcome to Country. Also be respectful for the announcer to acknowledge country at start of each event.	Create more competition: entice more interstate clubs to regattas, enable NSW regional teams to compete at ACT State Championships.
Actual trophies and medals for ACT Champs, otherwise it's like a "so what...."	Have medals or a trophy at DBACT Champ.

Boats/facilities	
Keep the boats up and running	Maintain boats and facilities.
Being able to get into the boats without getting wet feet. Some clubs have a dock that the boats are tied to, and you can step in/out.	It would be great to have a jetty or floating pontoon to board the boats during winter.
Build the building asap for hot showers and space for erg machines.	

ACT representative team	
Have more than just premiers team compete at Aust Nationals.	Encourage more seniors to nominate for ACT representation
Have real ACT representative opportunities building long term depth. In 2022 it was obvious ACT coaches were only interested in a premiers team of their perceived best current paddlers.	

Interclub issues	
Maintain positivity and good will across all DBACT clubs.	Community and support for all teams together.
Some clubs have an undue influence on decision making - even before incidents or the like have even been investigated	Good open communication within and between clubs. Opportunity to raise suggestions for improvement to the current process for wider discussion.
My opinion there is some negativity between clubs, looking for any opportunity to dob someone in for minor indiscretions, just chill peeps	Allow clubs to combine so that we can grow better as a community and help promote as an entire group instead of individual clubs trying to outrank each other.

Safety	Behaviour
Encourage members to have RAT tests before regattas and training. Wear masks in between events at regattas.	Have a system where someone can report unacceptable behaviour
Have a greater safety focus - PFD and stop racing in unsafe conditions	Take a hard line on bullying, harassment and poor behaviour by club members and officials.
	Zero tolerance to bullying

Other	
Need more sweeps and coaches - ? Paid coaches.	My club is not doing enough winter training. Other clubs are doing more.
I attend for fitness and social connection.	That it's ok to be a social paddler.
Unsure, my club is good at rearranging training times to suit weather etc which is important	Reminders to join

No changes suggested	
Our club is currently doing what I was looking for. So, more of the same for at least the next year.	No DAA amazing - they pay my DBACT membership is they do for a small number of survivors.
Not really.	No they do everything right
Not really, all good.	Keep on doing what you are doing.
Aside from act as weather gods ... no.	I'm happy so far, getting what I signed up for.
Love my club and just want to become a stronger paddler for them.	

(Eight others just said no or nil or indicated that they would not be paddling next year for personal/work reasons.)

Is there one thing that you really like about dragon boating in the ACT that you do NOT want to see changed?

Culture within and across clubs	
The friendly spirit that most paddlers have for others irrespective of the clubs they paddle for.	The camaraderie and 'niceness' of all the clubs and how we mostly get along most of the time. Thanks for the survey.
The great camaraderie amongst all teams.	Strong sense of community.
The connections made between clubs and paddlers when sharing the GP facilities.	The culture of the clubs and regattas, and the regattas seem very organised
The enmeshment and collaboration across clubs. It's awesome that people move between clubs and that we have healthy relationships between clubs.	The focus on community alongside competition. I cherish the time spent with my club and with combined DBACT activities.
Healthy club rivalry but shift to combined crews when needed.	The camaraderie within and between clubs

Friendly and inclusive	
The inclusive and friendliness, especially amongst the older paddlers. I like the emphasis on participation, not competitiveness.	The diversity in the clubs catering to a wide portion of the Canberra community. e.g. age, gender and level of competitiveness.
The friendliness of the regattas	How inclusive and welcoming it is!
The community is awesome and officials are always lovely.	I like that the focus on paddling for all genders is encouraged
Positive welcoming encouraging attitude.	Great vibe. Love the sport and the lake.
Having a friendly & welcoming environment to enjoy the sport in.	Friendly sport for all demographics, ages and fitness levels

Regattas	
The regattas are run extremely well.	the number of DBACT regattas
The regattas seem very organised	Regattas are great.
Good range of regatta categories provided over the season both in 10s and 20s.	Regattas. It was really good to see some other formats during the season.
Keep the fun! Some regattas got very 'serious' with marshalling requirements /team lists being put in meaning some people could not race when deadlines were missed - this is unnecessary.	

Training flexibility and facilities	
The countless opportunities both during the season and the rest of the year for paddlers to get in a dragon boat.	Like that the facilities and equipment is available to all clubs and members at any time
Flexibility and support for clubs to access amenities (question the need to lock bathrooms if outer doors are locked)	The freedom that my club has re members and training while being competitive and having fun
The flexibility to attend when available given other commitments.	Common ownership and responsibility for boats.
Ease of booking access to boats, ergs, etc.	

Competitiveness	
It's competitive, and the teams take it seriously, but not too seriously. I can push myself without feeling I'm being pushed to hard by others.	The competitiveness of the ACT team was awesome. Finally wasn't seen as a joke don't go back to the old way
Having the ability for interstate teams to compete at our local regattas	

Communication	
Keep up the email communications, especially updates on regattas!!	It would be good to have a table on the DBACT site showing up to date training days/times for each club as this info is important when selecting a club

Other	
I love everything about this sport	Thanks for what you do, I love it!
All in all I'm pretty happy with it as is don't overdo the safety, a small amount of danger is fun. climbing is dangerous and fun sitting still is boring	The reasonably low membership fees. Don't mind being asked to contribute for specific temporary purposes though, such as new boats or facilities.
Training for sweeps and coaches in all aspects of safety.	Participation in community events
The hysterical phrasing of questions (<i>this is my favourite response - Ed</i>)	