

Orenda News & Views

May, 2007



Long Range forecast:

The following dates may be of interest to you and the paddling community in general:

- July 27-30 Pan American Games (Rio de Janeiro)
- Aug 9 – 13 Senior World Champs (Racice CZE)
- Aug 22-26 Canadian Championships (Ottawa)
- May 16-18 2008 Olympic qualifier (Montréal)
- Aug 28-31 2008 Canadian Championships (Dartmouth)
- Aug 2009 World Championships (Dartmouth)

Wanted: Cash register receipts from Sobey's and Sobey's Fastfuel. Sobey's will provide funding to Orenda for the receipts turned in.

To donate recyclables, drop them off at Riley's recycling depot and tell him it's for Orenda. .

New fundraiser:
Is someone you know shopping around for best mortgage rates? For every mortgage funded through Mortgage Intelligence, A donation of \$100 can be made to Orenda. For more details, contact Julien Comeau 434-0571.

Got Canadian Tire money? Just drop it in the registration box.

Java, Java, Java

At the open House, Karen Eisener will be taking orders for coffee. This was a cool fundraiser held last year and it's back by popular demand! Make sure to order your beans.

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As the spring season progresses and we get closer to the summer activities, the pace has picked up around the club. The pitter-patter of feet on the shiny new docks and ramps can be heard. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the numerous volunteers who have invested some of their time lately to get things started up.

At the recent Semi-Annual meeting, the membership approved a fee structure which includes an all-in-one fee. This means that the registration fee quoted on the registration form now includes an amount inclusive of the previous "Operations and Maintenance" fee, CanoeKayak Canada (CKC) fees, and the Orenda Racing Canoe Club registration fee. Also new for this year, participants in good standing (all paid up for all current and past programs) and who choose to register (with payment) for summer programs by May 27th, get a preferential rate. Programs at Orenda qualify for the Provincial Healthy Living Tax Credit for participants who will be 17 years of age or younger on Dec 31, 2007. The Federal Government Children's Fitness Tax Credit applies to our programs for children who will be 16 years of age or younger on December 2007; All Orenda programs qualify for both the federal and provincial tax credit.

Hope to see all of you who can make it to the Open House and registration day Sunday May 27 from 1pm to 3pm. If you wish to help out with the event or with general clean-up in preparation of the Open House, please contact vice-commodore Les Mayo (829-3872).

Congratulations to Head Coach Corey and Orenda athletes who have participated in the recent nationals team trials in Montréal last weekend. To the Orenda athletes who have been training to achieve their personal best, your dedication to the sport is an inspiration to all.

Powerful Spirit indeed

Julien Comeau, Commodore

Orenda secures financial support

This week, Orenda has received good news with respect to some funding approvals:

From Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) Community Grants Program Application, HRM staff recommended a one-time capital grant of \$4,692.00 to Orenda for facility improvements - purchase and installation of air exchange/ventilation system.

From the Nova Scotia Economic Development Student Career Skills Development Program, funding to help pay part of the wages for the following positions:

- 1 Activities Coordinator : 13 weeks at 35 hours per week
- 1 Extended hours Coordinator: 9.6 weeks at 35 hours per week

These positions are available to returning post-secondary students, or of High School graduates accepted to post-secondary education in September. Applications will be accepted until Thursday May 24.

Special thanks go out to executive committee volunteers Les Mayo, and Julie Myers for the time and effort invested in preparing grant applications.

Calendar of Events

Date	
May 24	Last day to apply for coaching job
May 26	Long Distance Regatta (Kinap)
May 27	Summer Registration and Open House. Last chance for early bird rates Coffee fundraiser
June 2	Long distance regatta (Sac-A-Wa)
June 4	Executive meets at 7pm. All are welcome
June 10	Orenda "Fathers Day" Brunch
June 15	National team trials (Dartmouth)
June 22	Canada Games trials (Dartmouth)
June 30	Triathlon (Sac-A-Wa)
July 1	Canada Day invitational (Ottawa)
July 1	Masters regatta (Dartmouth)

What's Up?

A spring cleaning is ongoing. Contact Vice-Commodore Les Mayo (829-3872) or vice-commodore David Lombardi (431-1944).

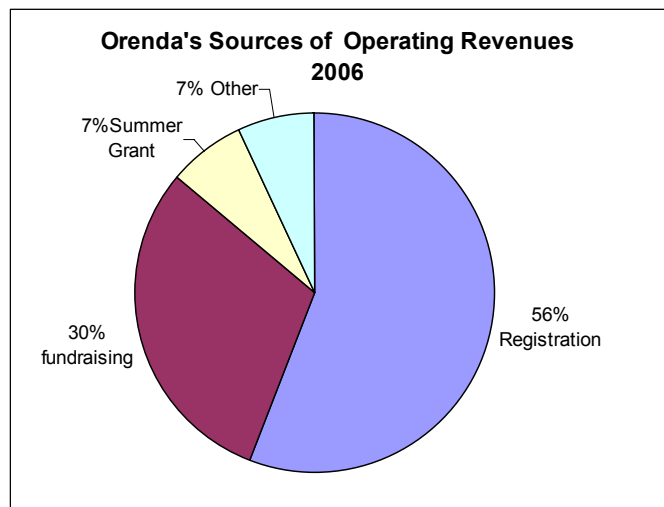
- Still one executive (fundraising) volunteer position available.
- The annual Father's day Brunch is fast approaching. Leaping forward one week, the brunch is held one week ahead of actual Fathers day. This is because many of you will be tied up at the June National team trials. Dad gets pampered twice? Contact event volunteer Linda Young (431-1944).
- Orenda gets a new singlet this year.
- The spring bottle drive was held May 12. Thanks go out to those who came out.
- Be considerate to volunteers: If your current or past program fees are not paid up, you're way late. Time to pay up!
- Volunteer David Lombardi will head up organizing the group going to Nationals (trip to Ottawa Aug 22-Aug 26).

Updates

Orenda will be offering extended supervised hours for those paddling participants.

- ❖ Father's day brunch will be held one week early, June 10th.
- ❖ Orenda is hosting the Atoms regatta July 28th
Organizing committee to be formed shortly. Contact paddling rep volunteer Susan Lawlor (829-2652)

Regatta schedules are posted on the Atlantic division site.



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Because Orenda Canoe Club is a volunteer run non-profit Club, sponsor support is invaluable to us. It helps us to maintain our equipment and grounds and procure much needed new equipment. We thank all those who contribute and help make our Club a success.

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