

OWLS Officers, Board 2006–2007

(Left to right)
Back row: Heather Van Meter,
Hon. Adrienne Nelson, Kellie Johnson
2nd row from back: Katherine Weber,
Nancy Cook, Norma Freitas,
Gwyneth McAlpine, Nicole DeFever
2nd row from front: Bethany Graham,
Leslie O'Leary, Concetta Schwesinger,
Sally Anderson-Hansell, Phylis Myles,
Hon. Katherine Tennyson
Front Row: Laura Caldera Taylor,
Alice Bartelt, Ellen Jones
Children: Torina and Angelina Taylor
Some board members are not pictured.
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The DragonFlies: Rose Festival and Beyond!

By Kristin Sterling

The OWLS dragon boat team, the Mighty Mighty DragonFlies, had another great race weekend at the Rose Festival, finishing strong in the 18th annual Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association Dragon Boat Races on June 10 and 11. The team earned two first-place finishes (3:13.89 and 3:15.07) in Saturday's qualifying rounds, which placed them as the fourth seed in the Women's Division I on Sunday. The 'Flies had a very, very close second-place photo-finish race Sunday morning in the quarterfinals (3:12.25 to a 3:12.22 finish by rivals SSPMS) and a tough semifinal race Sunday afternoon, in which they placed third (3:14.38).

Year after year, the DragonFlies face tougher and tougher women's teams, including some teams that compete internationally. The 'Flies have consistently held their own and remain a force to be reckoned with on the water, despite their busy professional careers. The 'Flies look forward to racing August 19–20 in

Victoria, B.C., and they'll be at Sellwood Park in Portland on September 9–10.

This year the DragonFlies were again coached by Dr. Richard Cole and his wife, Heide, who also paddles with the team. Flag catcher Barbara Creel, caller Beth Allen, and tiller Heather Van Meter guided the 'Flies across the finish line in the Rose Festival races. This year's roster also includes captains Nancy Bergeson and Kristin Sterling and the following paddlers: Robyn Arden, Robin Bellanca, Marianne Brams, Heather Brann, Laurie Daley, Nicole DeFever, Debbie Fong-Urbe, Ali Greene, Amber Hollister, Rachel Houston, Lisa Hunt, Jaimie Kairis, Caroline Kincaid, Sara Kobak, Holly Martin, Gwyn McAlpine, Sue-Del McCulloch, Shoshanah Oppenheim, Susan O'Toole, Sue Phillips, Diana Stuart, Stephanie Tate, and Rebecca Thiebes. Next time you sit across the conference table from one of these ladies, check out her biceps!

As always, the DragonFlies wish to thank all of their supporters as well as

this year's sponsors: Cable Huston Benedict Haagensen & Lloyd LLP; Yates Matthews & Associates PC; Kairis Court Reporting; Weber Gunn PLLC; Healing Hands Massage; Williams, Kastner & Gibbs PLLC; Paradigm Legal Nurse Consulting; and Susan L. Phillips, Attorney at Law, PLC.

If any OWLS members are interested in joining the DragonFlies, just show up for practice! The 'Flies will be on the water Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. throughout the summer. No special skills or equipment required! Just show up at the flagpole circle by the RiverPlace Hotel 15 to 20 minutes before practice is scheduled to begin, in clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting a little wet. For more information, please email Kristin Sterling (khsterling@stoel.com) or Nancy Bergeson (nancy_bergeson@fd.org).

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