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SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	NUMBER
SLSS Youth Dragon Boat Racing Team	Thursday 31 October 2024	16/23-24

To	Club Junior Development Directors/Coordinators
From	Director Youth & Junior Development, David Love
CC	Club Presidents, Secretaries, Clubs, SLSS BOM, Y&JDC, MSC

Background:

Since the Covid 19 Pandemic, our hosts at the Junior Development Camps have not been able to provide Dragon Boat paddling, amongst other activities, due to staff shortages; which has been sorely missed by our attendees for a number of seasons now. So popular was it that word of it has been passed on in our clubs like the stuff of legend, and we still have people asking why we can't have it.

So fast forward to the end of the 2022-23 season and the creation of our broader SLS Sydney Youth and Junior Development Committee, where the idea was born that we could establish an SLS Sydney Youth Dragon Boat Racing Team by affiliating with an organising body or a club (or clubs) that would not only eventually enable us to provide Dragon Boat Paddling at our camps ourselves, but also provide a fun, healthy and rewarding means of engaging our Youth members who, for various reasons, are not, or are not likely to be, engaged in Surf Sports.

Where to now:

Through the recommendation of Dragon Boat NSW, the Sydney based governing body for Dragon Boat Racing, we have been placed in touch with the Zodiacs Youth Dragon Boat Racing Club that operate out of Pyrmont in Sydney's inner west, and they are very enthusiastic to help us build a team of one or more crews of 10 or 20 paddlers per boat from our Youth Surf Lifesaver ranks.

To this end the Zodiacs are holding a no-obligation free come-and-try day, from 9:00am for a 9:30am sharp start, until 11:00am, with a bbq brunch afterwards, on Saturday 9 November 2024 at Bank Street Pyrmont, next to the Sydney Fish Markets, under the Western Distributor approach to the Anzac Bridge.

Furthermore, the Zodiac club subscribes to the Dragon Boat NSW free "Dragon Pass" scheme whereupon prospective paddlers can participate in training, and even competition, for a month, fully covered for insurance, to see if they would like to take up the sport and join a club.

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To be involved in this exciting opportunity, applicants must:

- be a financial member of a surf club,
- be between the ages of 13 and 24,
- be a holder of a current SRC or higher,
- have the consent of a parent or guardian if you are under 18 years of age,
- register your interest via this [form](#) by CoB Thursday 7 November 2024
- and register with the Zodiacs via the QR code on the attached flyer.

REGISTER HERE

COME & TRY
SAT 9TH NOVEMBER
9.30 - 11.00AM
BANK ST, PYRMONT

DRAGON BOATING

SYDNEY ZODIACS
WELCOMES ANYONE
10 - 24 YRS

TEAM BASED FUN

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact
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