

BARRIE FESTIVAL

For once the Barrie festival didn't get cancelled or shortened due to the weather and it was a beautiful day with just enough waves to make the paddling exciting! The crew all arrived at the site in good time and our first race, the Breast Cancer Race against Barrie's Ribbons of Hope and Windsor's Wonder Broads, took place at 9:40. The Wonder Broads won the Breast Cancer cup with Dragons Abreast only 2 seconds behind them! We were treated so well by the Barrie team and enjoyed breakfast, snacks and lunch provided by them. Our first race in the Copper Division was very interesting with a near collision and challenging waves which seemed to spur us on to our best time of the day at 2:56. By the time our final race in the Copper Division was held the waves were even more challenging and all teams were having a thrilling ride. Following our final race at 2:48 pm, some of the team retired to the beer tent and others headed home. Eleanor did double duty as salesperson at our table and drummer of our last race. Thanks to Mary who drummed us in her usual regal style down the course, Anne who with her expert steering kept us from near disaster when another boat went "wild" and all those who paddled through the exciting waves - and to all those who came to support us and cheer us on.

Captain Leslie