

What a beautiful Saturday!

Weather was good and everyone was enthusiastic. We had two Races. Our first race was @ 8:11 am and we were 6 teams, 3 of which were Sport and 3 BCS Teams: Pink Sensations of Pickering, Rowbust from London and us. Rowbust time was 2mins.40 secs, Pink Sensations 2 mins .43 secs, Dragons Abreast 2 mins.45 secs. Our 2nd Race @ 11:51 am was for the Breast Cancer Survivor Cup which was won by Rowbust 2 mins 42 secs. Pink Sensations 2 mins.49 secs, Dragons Abreast 2mins.52 secs. This was followed by the Carnation Ceremony which was touching and well organized more so because all the other team members who were not in the races including Lorraine Molloy and Doreen Davenport came and joined us in a special boat. By 1:00 pm our Races were over.

Pickering is a very organized venue and the races were pretty close to schedule. Pink Sensations provided food for us which included breakfast, lunch, dessert and water - and what a spread it was! We had time to socialize, shop, got to know each other better and met the families and friends who came to support and cheer us on. You are a wonderful group and I want to thank each and everyone for their co-operation and understanding. I got to know each one of you better and it made being captain easier. You were full of determination even with our late starts, we were together and gave our utmost.

Thanks to Anne who rescued us steering, Gerald Buxton (Marilyn's husband) who was our manager and who was up and down trying to find out if we had a third race. Thanks to Marge Ramsden and Laura Woodhouse for helping to put up the tents Friday evening.

To our new members - Nada Bastawi, Anne Dello, Jackie Jones, Diane Ruygrok, Mary Ellen Thornley and Sandra Rechico, you made Dragons Abreast proud. Keep those heads up high, you are now experienced paddlers. Thanks to Stan who was coaching us before and after the races .

Thanks again for this opportunity to be captain.

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