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BARC PADDLES TO PROTECT HAMILTON HARBOUR AT HAMILTON WATERFEST DRAGONBOAT RACES

Local Dragonboat Teams Make a Splash to Bring Back the Bay

Hamilton, ON – On Saturday, July 7, Bayfront Park will be alive with excitement as the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) and Lively Dragon team up once again to put their paddles in the water to protect Hamilton Harbour.

The day-long fundraising event will see 40 dragonboat teams, including BARC's own Harbour Huggers, compete in a series of race events on the bay for fun, for glory and to raise funds in support of BARC's work to restore our harbour.

Hamilton's Waterfest is fun for the whole family. There's a festive atmosphere with live music, dragonboat races and a beer garden. Medals will be awarded to the fastest dragonboat team and the top fundraisers will receive prizes.

"We were very grateful to last year's teams for raising a significant amount of money for BARC. It was an incredible event and we're hoping to have the same success again this year," said Jim Hudson, Executive Director, Bay Area Restoration Council. "Having the event take place at Bayfront Park allows people to come down and experience the impact of harbour revitalization, which is what we're all here to support."

Everyone is welcome to attend this free public event and show their support for all of the teams who have worked so hard to raise funds for BARC. Together, we're bringing back the bay. For information on this and other Harbour happenings, please visit www.hamiltonharbour.ca.

About the Bay Area Restoration Council

Formed in 1991, the Bay Area Restoration Council is a community not-for-profit group at the centre of community efforts to restore and protect Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. BARC strives to create a multi-use harbour that balances vibrant and diverse ecosystems with opportunities for public recreation along a bay that is the economic engine of our region.

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