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BARC PADDLES TO PROTECT HAMILTON HARBOUR AT HAMILTON'S 2008 LIVELY DRAGON WATERFEST

Local Dragonboat Teams Make a Splash at Bayfront Park!

Hamilton, ON – On Saturday, July 5, Bayfront Park will be alive with excitement as the Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) and Lively Dragon team up once again at Hamilton's fifth annual Lively Dragon Waterfest.

BARC's very own team, the Harbour Huggers, will be joined in the day-long fundraising event by over 40 dragonboat teams, all competing in a series of race events on the bay for fun, for glory and to raise awareness and funds in support of BARC's work to restore our harbour. The races will take place between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Hamilton's Waterfest is fun for the whole family, complete with live entertainment, dragonboat races, food vendors and a beer tent. The fastest dragonboat teams in each division will receive medals. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraising teams, as well as the top fundraising individuals.

"One of the exciting aspects of this event is the large crowd it draws to Bayfront Park," said Jim Hudson, Executive Director, Bay Area Restoration Council. "What a great way for local residents and tourists from afar to experience the progress that has been made to restore our harbour."

Everyone is welcome to attend this free public event and encouraged to come out 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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