

# GT DRAGON BOAT SOCIETY

## COACH, PADDLER & STEER

### Membership Waiver

**Waiver of Liability and Release of Claims – Read carefully. By signing this, you give up all right to litigation and other forms of action.**

I hereby release and discharge the GT Dragon Boat Society [GT], its officers, directors, coaches, members, volunteers, agents and employees, herein referred to collectively as 'personnel' from all claims, demands, actions, judgements and executions, which the undersigned's heirs, successors, executors, administrators, representatives or assigns may have, or claim to have, for any and or all personal injuries, known and unknown, and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising, out of the participation in the activity of paddling and rowing sports, not limited to dry land training, on water practices, regattas, competitions, racing demonstrations, events, boat rentals, orientation and instruction session, and other such activities, events and services in any way connected with or related to GT Dragon Boat Society.

I, the undersigned, fully understand, acknowledge and agree that this sport activity has inherent risks involved, and I am fully aware of the nature of these risks, notwithstanding these risks, I hereby waive any and all rights, claims, prospective causes of action, cause of action, etc. as heretofore enumerated, and I hereby assume any and all risk associated with my participation in this sporting activity. I understand that paddling and rowing on lakes and rivers involve certain dangers, not all of which can be listed here. Among the more obvious and frequent are:

- Improper use of equipment
- Overturning or upsetting of the boat
- Falling from the boat while on the water
- Abrupt weather changes
- Immersion in cold water – hyperthermia
- Poor swimming ability of myself or others
- Conditions of water surface and variations in the water conditions
- Collision with manmade or natural objects, other paddlers or bystanders
- Accidents which occur while loading and unloading equipment
- \* Surfaces and currents
- \* Travel to or from paddling site
- \* Equipment failure
- \* Paddling site hazards
- \* Sustained, rigorous physical activity
- \* Negligence of GT personnel

I am not relying on any oral or written statement, if any, made by the GT personnel, whether in brochure, advertisements or in individual conversation, to lead me to become involved in this program on any basis other than our assumptions of the risks involved. I accept all of these risks and the possibility of death, personal injury, property damage and loss resulting from my involvement with practice and racing events. I acknowledge that the GT personnel have been available to fully explain the various hazards and risks associated with these activities; in addition, I have read and understand the GT Safety Guidelines.

- I certify that I am physically capable and fit to participate in these activities. I agree to pay for all costs incurred by the GT Dragon Boat Society, should an action or lawsuit be launched on my behalf.
- I, the undersigned, have read this waiver/release, and understand all of its terms and conditions. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significances. I understand that it will be binding, not only on me, but on my heirs, next of kin, successors, executors, administrators, personal representatives.

Members Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_