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**Attention: Francois Ryffel, Simon Toulson**

Re: Dragon Boat USA

Gentlemen,

I am pleased to announce to you the formation of Dragon Boat USA. This organization has been created by a core of dragon boat club leaders from various parts of our country to further the development of this great sport. The group has selected Dr. Howard Chen, a life member of USA Canoe/Kayak and a member of the ICF Dragon Boat Committee, as its initial chair.

At its meeting on January 31, the Board of Directors of USA Canoe/Kayak formally acknowledged Dragon Boat USA as the governing body for that sport within our federation and welcomed the many dragon boat enthusiasts in our country to our family. This group and our staff and Board will work diligently to grow the participation in dragon boating in the US, to cultivate cooperation between dragon boat clubs and events and our other paddling sports such as sprint and to secure teams to represent the United States in ICF Dragon Boat competitions around the world.

All of us are excited about the future of dragon boating within USA Canoe/Kayak and seek your continued support for our efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Yarborough", written in a cursive style.

David Yarborough

Cc: Jose Perurena, Gina Sanchez, Howard Chen



**About USA Canoe/Kayak**

USA Canoe/Kayak is a non-profit membership organization promoting canoe and kayak racing in the United States. A member of the United States Olympic Committee, Charlotte, N.C. based USACK is the national governing body for the Olympic sports of Flatwater Sprint and Whitewater Slalom and official U.S. Federation of the International Canoe Federation. Other paddling sports sanctioned by USACK include Marathon, Rodeo, Wildwater, Kayak Polo, Outrigger, and Dragon Boat.