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'The Pinkies Are Back' is an inspirational and heart-warming feature film, following a group of extraordinary women on their journey to rebuild a dragon boating team despite some having never held a paddle before. The women are united by previously beating breast cancer, and together strengthened in their attempt to win gold at the Auckland regionals. The bond, love and laughs between these charismatic larger-than-life women will be a must see on cinema screens.

'The Pinkies Are Back' is Kiwi Burd Film's latest theatrical release and will soon be released in more than 60 cinemas throughout New Zealand.

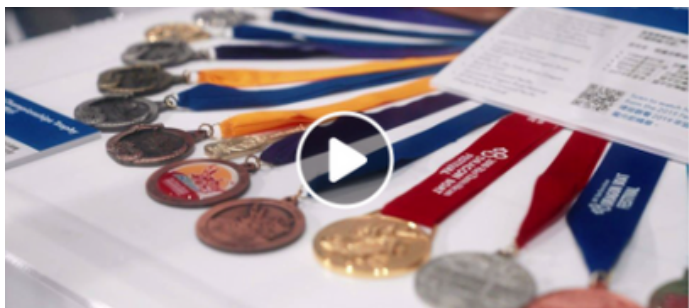
Watch the official trailer : <https://youtu.be/04p8si7gAYY> Official Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/ThePinkiesAreBack>

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Preview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8MI_fpl80



Tickets: <https://bcsportshall.com/exhibit/dragon-boat/>



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WELCOME THE YEAR OF THE OX



My very warm and good wishes to all dragon boaters for a happy, healthy and safe year of the Ox. Let us all hope that in this year of the Ox the whole world is able to get Covid-19 under control and we can begin to return to normal and meet our families and friends again.

This year of the Ox will be a very special year for the IDBF as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary since the foundation in Hong Kong in June 1991.

I sincerely hope that we will be able to gather in Hong Kong in November for the 15th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships where again the best athletes from around the world will gather to compete to be the World Champions.

The 2nd IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championship in 1997 was held in Hong Kong, also in the year of the Ox. I remember the wonderful competitive racing that took place between the Chinese and Indonesian teams in that Championship. They looked more like speed boats leaving the starting line with spray everywhere!

I wonder what other wonderful memories of HK97 we have that we could share? It will be over two years since the family of dragon boaters have gathered for a World Championship. Two long years since we have awakened the dragon with the dotting of the eyes and we have been able to meet and share our love of the sport of dragon boat racing with our friends from all around the world.

Let us all look forward with optimism that we will be able to meet again later in this year of the Ox in Hong Kong.

Happy New Year!

Best wishes

Mike Thomas

President IDBF

2021

HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE OX

IDBF 30TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO

To kick-off the celebrations, we have created a 30th Anniversary logo to mark the occasion. The traditional 30th anniversary symbol is a pearl. This is fitting for IDBF's anniversary celebrations as Chinese dragons are known to hold a pearl in its mouth (or under its chin). Various dragon boat designs also incorporate the pearl in the dragon's mouth. We hope this anniversary design connects the sport to its heritage and cultural roots.



WELCOME REGATTA SPORT



The IDBF has recently partnered with RegattaSport as their official supplier of licensed merchandise.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the formation of the IDBF in 1991 as the world governing body of dragon boat sport. As such, the IDBF wish to mark the occasion by partnering with RegattaSport to supply commemorative merchandise for its 30th Anniversary and 15th World Nations Championship in Hong Kong.

"We are delighted to be working with RegattaSport as a professional and well established supplier of high performance gear. Our work ethos is very much aligned and we are confident they will deliver to the highest of standards." Mike Thomas, President of IDBF said.

Established in 1988, RegattaSport offers world-class performance gear for a range of water sports. Business partners and former national team rowers, Chris Cookson and Joe Camillo understand what athletes want when it comes to peak performance and recovery both on and off the water.

"RegattaSport is proud to be the official merchandise partner during this special anniversary. We look forward to working with the IDBF team to bring items that paddlers will wear with pride for years to come." Joe Camillo and Chris Cookson, co-founders of RegattaSport said.

RegattaSport have been providing high quality performance kits to many local, state and national teams worldwide for over twenty years. They are also the official merchandiser for Dragon Boat Canada, World Rowing in North America and the 2022 Canada Summer Games.

IDBF commemorative merchandise will be available for purchase online in March. Items include caps, polos, hoodies, technical gear, and more. Don't forget to head to the [IDBF Facebook page](#) for the latest updates on our special anniversary merchandise.

FACEBOOK PHOTO COMPETITION



The Grinch, Snow White and the Dwarves, having a cracking festival paddle!
#idbf30 #dragonboat @3RiverSerpents



It's amazing what you can do with a bit of horse feed !
Diamond (grey horse) and Rachel (brown and white),
still going strong 8 years later. #idbf30 #dragonboat

As a part of the 30th Anniversary celebrations, we're running a Facebook Photo Competition! Winners of each category will receive a copy of IDBF's 30th Anniversary book. So now's the time to get inspired and Marie Kondo your collection of dragon boat photos!

- Competition starts Monday 15 February 2021 and ends Sunday 9 May 2021
- There are six categories. Each fortnight will be a different category (generations, seasons, abstract, emotions, actions and pets)
- Entry is free and open to anyone
- Entries from persons under 18 must have parent/guardian consent
- Multiple entries will be accepted

How to enter

1. Post your photo on the IDBF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/idbf.dragonboat.sport>
2. Include the following hashtags: #dragonboat, #idbf30 and your club hashtag (if any)
3. Include a title or a short sentence about the photo
4. Tell all your family and friends to 'like' your pic!

- At the end of each fortnight, the top three photos by 'likes' will be shortlisted
- Shortlisted entries will be announced on IDBF's Facebook page within a week of the category entry closing and will also have their photo published in the forthcoming IDBF 30th anniversary book. Winners of each category will be announced at a later date.

See the full submission guidelines and conditions of entry - <https://www.dragonboat.sport/photo-competition>

IDBF LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT HALL OF FAME

The International Dragon Boat Hall of Fame aims to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of the men and women who have made a significant contribution to the sport of dragon boat. Whether it is their excellence on the water or their efforts behind the scene, they have demonstrated their commitment to building our sport and inspired others to achieve their best.

KEY DATES-2021

- Nominations open - March
- Nominations close - June
- Finalists announced - October
- Winners announced - November at the 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner in Hong Kong (WNC)

Nominees will require endorsement from their national member federation before nominations can be accepted.

Further details including the full Selection Criteria and Nomination form will be available from the IDBF website in March.

CATEGORIES



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