

San Diego Dragon Boat Race  
Mission Bay, October 23-24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## **TEAM BIO FORM**

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# **Team Bio for Brochure**

## **2010 San Diego Dragon Boat Race**

Team Name (plus city/state):\_

**TDBA – Destiny Dragons, Tacoma, WA**

**Team Sponsors: Tacoma Dragon Boat Association**

**Team Captain(s): Chad Ness, Curtis Ness**

**Team Coach(es): Mike Gehrke**

**Race Experience (Years): 10**

**Please write a brief description of your team (100 words or less):**

**Tacoma Dragon Boat Association (TDBA) - Destiny Dragons**

**The TDBA Destiny Dragons was established in 2000. In the Spring of 2000 the sister city of Tacoma, WA, Fuzhou, China, invited a contingent of Tacoma individuals to come to Fuzhou to compete in a Dragon Boat Event during their Dragon Boat Races at the end of May. Practices were held in Tacoma and a total of fifty (50) people went to China and raced under the name of “Destiny Dragons”. The event was such a huge success that the group established the Tacoma Dragon Boat Association on their return to Tacoma. The organization acquired Buk Dragon Boats and the rest is history.**

**TDBA paddles four days per week the year around, on salt water, in the Puget Sound Waterway, and competes in racing events throughout the year. The club currently owns nine (9) Buk boats and makes these available to other Dragon Boat Events.**

**The members of TDBA have spawned three other Dragon Boat Clubs in the Seattle/Tacoma area, the Kent Dragon Boat Association (KDBA-2003) Washington Dragon Boat Association (WDBA-2005) and the Seattle Flying Dragons (2009).**

**The stated Mission of TDBA is to promote Dragon Boating for everyone.**

**TDBA is a Tax Exempt Organization 501(c3) under Washington Sate Laws.**

Please **E-MAIL** your Team Bio Form along with your team photo (JPEG format) to dragonboatsd@gmail.com. These will be published in the race program and/or website.

**Submission deadline is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Thank You**