

## **NDPS President's Report: AGM of Oct. 27, 2024**

2024 has been a growth year despite the devastating loss of two cherished teammates, George McLeod and Brian Asselstine.

We took on recreational paddlers and continued our Wednesday paddles with teammates and alumni.

Congrats to our newbies, who fared well in their first year and will lose that title starting November. You've been an amazing addition to the team.

The biggest success of the year was the return of our dragon boat experiences and the amazing number of bookings thanks to Dale. Through this, Pajo's Fish & Chips has come on as a sponsor. Huge kudos to all who stepped up to keep these running smoothly. What fun we've had fundraising with our DBEs!

I'm very proud that we hosted another successful Inlet Spring Regatta, this time bumping it up a notch by having two American teams. I feel a sense of pride whenever I see the ISR jerseys around Rocky Point or at other dragon boat events.

I'd like to thank the executive who have supported me this first year of my presidency, in particular thanks to Brian Kenny who has guided me along.

I'm looking forward to team camaraderie, new opportunities and exciting race experiences in 2025.

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