

THE AMERICAN LEGION DRAGON BOAT PROJECT THE BIGGER PICTURE



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THE FIRST STEP – Goals:

BREAK THE BARRIER -

- Disabled US Vets break the barrier that has excluded the Disabled Community from this Sport
- Demonstrate the safety and stability of adaptive boat design approved by IDBF
- Promote the manufacture of our adapted boat accommodating the Disabled Community worldwide.

THE SECOND STEP- Goals:

SPONSORSHIP OF AM. LEG. DRAGON BOAT CLUBS (2012)

- Assisted by post Aug 2011 Cube Sponsorships
- Expectation for 5 - 7 Clubs on Long Island
- Sponsorship of Am. Leg. Dragon Boat Clubs available to any Post with the appropriate infrastructure
- Every Post approved for sponsorship is eligible for **grant funding** to assist in club development
- Grant Funding availability tied directly to cube sponsorship
- Every Am Leg. Dragon Boat Club will be started with 4 boats plus equipment (1 an adaptive boat)
- Must be proactive in recruiting members from the general public as well as Vets
- Universities, colleges, and academies can host a Club under **Am Leg** leadership

THE THIRD STEP-Goals:

HOSTING OF AM. LEG. DRAGON BOAT FESTIVALS (2013)

- Details to be developed for High School / College / Academy Dragon Boat Festival – Local
- To firmly establish our outreach toward involving Young Adults in our Team Building Sport

THE FOURTH STEP-Goals:

WORK TO INCLUDE ADAPTIVE DRAGON BOAT RACING IN THE PARA OLYMPICS 2016 – RIO

- Already Dragon Boat Racing is slated for inclusion in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio
- Following our “splash” in the IDBF Event in Tampa, Summer 2011, lobby for Adaptive Dragon Boat Racing in the Para’s
- American Legion Dragon Boat Project Leadership Meet w/ IDBF Reps in this regard