

It's the Worlds, Jim.....



Somewhere in the deep dark underbelly of EW a secret interview took place between Willy (Mark Williams)* and mystery interviewer SG

SG: So how much can you bench press?

Willy: Environment Waikato started dragonboating in the summer of 1995/96.



SG: Sorry, wasn't listening, too busy flexing my biceps. Say, do you think you could body slam all the other team members?

I was going to.....

SG: Right....

.....paddle but my wedding was on the day of the Nationals and my wife wouldn't let me go ;-) Soooo I started paddling the next season 96/97 summer.

SG: So Bob, mind if I call you Bob? It's such a nice name. Anyway, Bob, how often do you workout?

I had a season off when I was sick and one or maybe two seasons off when my kids were born...can't remember exactly coz I think I might have filled in on the odd occasion even when I wasn't in the team full time.



SG: Aha, and how do you maintain team discipline?

I've paddled 8 or 9 seasons...seems like forever.

SG: I'm not sure you can say that here.

Well thank you ☺



SG: So, what part of paddling do you like most?

Watching (coz I didn't have to suffer the pain of paddling hehe).....

SG: er.....

.....Environment Waikato win our Final at Christchurch. We were awesome...and the gold medal looks good too!!

SG: So you are involved in team paddling?

This is the second time... I went to Rome in 2002 with Hamilton City Watersports but this is the first time paddling for NZ

SG:and we hope NZ leaves its Mark.

I am sure the cast & crew of DB07 would like to join SG in wishing Willy all the best for the 2007 IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships. Willy will be racing in the Masters division and if you would like to follow his fame and fortune more details (and, come the time, results) plus NZ Team Profiles are available at <http://www.dragonboat07.com.au/>.

(as the site says) The 2007 World Dragon Boat Racing Championship will be held in Sydney from September 19 to 23. This will be the first time that the event will be hosted in Australia. Many people are working hard and putting a great deal of effort and passion into making this a world-class event. The event will be hosted at the acclaimed Sydney International Regatta Centre ([SIRC](#)).



* Willy's words are reported accurately, SG's are somewhat transcendental