

# Season 08/09



2008/09 looms as another exciting and innovative season for both the EW Dragonboat team and NZ dragon boating generally.

Following on from last year which saw the introduction at Regatta's of world class Dragonboats and a longer 500 metre course at the Nationals at Lake Pupuke we will see further improvements. Of particular significance to the EW dragonboat team will be the introductions of the carbon fibre T bar design paddles. These light weight paddles are of a design similar to the Waka Ama paddles with the T bar easier to grip. The EW Dragonboat AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 approved the purchase of 30 of these top grade paddles to replace the old paddles that have seen better days. We had deferred maintenance/replacement because we knew the introduction of new paddles was imminent.

## Regatta dates for 2008/09

**Hamilton Super 12 Regatta** – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2008

Easily the event of the year.....

**Auckland Regatta** – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009  
Maritime Museum Viaduct, Auckland, 250M Sprints

**Auckland Dragon Boat Festival** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
Killarney Park, Lake Pupuke, Takapuna, Auckland, 500M Races

**Wellington Dragon Boat Festival** - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2009  
Frank Kitts Park, 300M Sprints

**NZ Nationals** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2009  
Blue Lakes, Rotorua, 500M Races

There is the possibility of Super 12 Regatta Tauranga and Takapuna Beach races.  
*-Allan Halse*



Old hands and new faces – Season 08/09