

Seeking survivors!

For the Pink Steel breast cancer survivor dragon boat team



Pink Steel is the acclaimed breast cancer survivor dragon boat team, part of the Steel City Dragons organization.

A dragon boat is approximately 42 feet long and is propelled by 20 paddlers. A drummer sits up front and beats cadence while a steerer in the rear guides the boat with a massive wooden steering oar. These festive boats carry on a tradition begun in China over 2000 years ago.

Pink Steel began in 2005 to honor friends who had recently passed away from breast cancer and to apply the positive benefits of dragon boating found by Dr. Don McKenzie and others.

We support each other by training together as athletes and by sharing the joys of every success, along with the burden of every setback.

We are Pittsburghers from all areas around the city, and we enjoy a beautiful stretch of the Allegheny river during our May-October paddling season.

We race in high-level domestic and international competitions against the growing number of other survivor teams and in open competition against women's and mixed teams. Our growing collection of medals and trophies shows our success.

We are growing with new paddlers joining our ranks all the time, but we're always seeking more recruits!

We seek support to continue offering our outstanding level of support and training to all survivors, regardless of financial situation, age, experience, or ability. We operate as part of a 501(C)(3) charitable organization and all donations are tax-deductible.

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