

To: Team USA Senior C Candidates  
From: Coaching Staff  
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## **Bulletin #7**

We hope everyone had a marvelous Thanksgiving holiday. Please accept our warm wishes for a happy holiday season in the weeks ahead. Below is the most current news about our Team USA Sr. C Program.

### **1. Site of Next Assessment Camp/California Camp Cancelled**

At the concluding meeting at our October camp we advised all present that the site of the planned West Coast camp may be changed if we did not have sufficient interest generated from West Coast candidates. We had made arrangements with the Newport Aquatic Club in Newport Beach, CA to host the camp on January 20-22. That date was picked so that our camp would not conflict with outrigger events scheduled on the West Coast. Our hope was to draw many accomplished outrigger paddlers to Team USA. At this point it doesn't appear that we have drawn the interest in that sector that we had hoped. Moreover, the number of actual candidates from the West Coast is comparatively minimal. A sizeable majority of the folks that have signed up for the Newport Beach camp are from the East. Accordingly, we have decided to move the second assessment camp to Melbourne, FL.

### **2. Assessment Camp – Melbourne, FL**

**a. Dates** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> (and final) assessment camp will be held in Melbourne, FL on **Jan. 27-29, 2017**

**b. Camp Location** - The camp will run out of Oars & Paddles Park, 1329 Banana River Drive, Indian Harbour Beach, FL.

**c. Camp Program** – The program format will be similar to the first camp with regard to testing and training schedule. We will have double practice session days on Friday and Saturday. The camp will conclude by noon on Sunday. Erg & OC testing will be done Fri/Sat at Oars & Paddles, the video sessions and the fitness testing will be done at our host hotel, the Crown Plaza. A formal camp schedule will follow in January.

**d. Cost** - The cost for the camp will be \$60. Please bring a check payable to “Space Coast Dragon Boat Camp” to registration.

### **3. Host Hotel**

Crown Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront, 2605 N. Hwy A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903 will serve as our host hotel. The hotel is a short drive (2.6 miles) from Oars and Paddles Park. The room rate is \$129 per night. This includes a full breakfast, free parking, free Wi-Fi, our meeting rooms and our video rooms.

The Crown Plaza is a full service oceanfront resort with all the expected amenities: restaurant, bars, pool, spa, etc.

*If you're looking to share a room feel free to email athletes to make arrangements.*

**To make reservations, telephone 1-877 2 CROWNE and request the room block for “Team USA Dragon Boat.”**

We understand that there are many other hotel options available in the region. However, the price for our room block (30 rooms) allows us access to rooms for meetings, video review and our fitness testing. Unless we fill at least 70% of the room block we will need to pay contractual penalties. Unless we fill at least 85% of the room block, we will lose “comp rooms” for our coaching staff. It would really help if those attending the camp could utilize the host hotel. Many thanks for your cooperation.

#### **4. Site of 2017 IDBF World Championships**

At our last meeting we advised that the site of the 2017 IDBF World Championships would be Lake Dianchi, Kunming, China. Substantial concerns have been raised about the pollution levels at Lake Dianchi. We have received word from IDBF that the actual event is planned to occur in a water reservoir *near* Lake Dianchi—not in Lake Dianchi. This should allay many of the concerns about health risks due to competing in polluted water. The current President of IDBF, Mike Thomas, is presently in China doing a site inspection. We have been advised that there is 2 additional venue’s under consideration. We will keep you advised as the facts develop.