



## Project Proposal / Request Form

PROPOSAL FOR YEAR(s):	2017-18
PROJECT PROPOSAL TITLE:	BCS/S Division( Mixed Survivors and Supporters Division)
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### *About this project*

**ACTION - (The HOW) describe how to get this done:**

Add a BCS/S Division to all events.

**DESCRIPTION - (The WHAT) describe the project and scope:**

Recent changes to the IBCSPC Dragonboat paddler definitions have clarified the profile of survivor participant. However, I believe that process generated an unanticipated outcome. I believe, the important role and commitment of supporters has been overlooked, and overnight they became excluded from BCS division team paddling in many festivals.

No team begins or grows without supporters.

While teams may grow to a size where they can fill their boat(s) with survivor paddlers; that does not minimize the role of supporters in enabling individual recovery and team success. Teams develop, bond and transition in different ways. Like teams, survivors have different needs. For some it is the joy of competition and for others it's the joy of being alive and able to paddle. Ours is a floating support group.

I am delighted that the BCS Divisions have grown to a point where they can participate in the highly selective IDBF World Games and competitions.

For our team, the joy of paddling includes having the supporters who have made it possible at our side. Its true that a BCS team with supporters onboard can paddle in Women's or Community Open divisions; but in my mind that diminishes the contributions of and the integral nature of those BCS supporters to the very activity and boats that they made possible, There must be room in the BCS Dragonboat Community for the transitional teams that emphasize recovery and recreation.

I invite your support in proposing that events include Survivors/Supporter teams. It may be a separate BCS division, or a non-points designation that identifies individual boats not pursuing IDBF Regional Dragon Boat Racing qualification points. But Supporters for survivors in transition cannot be excluded.

Thank you

**BENEFIT TO ERDBA - (The WHY) list benefit(s) to ERDBA and/or Members:**

More participants leads to more members

**REQUIREMENTS - (The NEED) list support needed to initiate and complete project:**

Provide an official definition of the BCS/S Division

As a standalone subgroup there would be no additional costs will be incurred.

### *Operational Budget*

**REVENUE - estimated number of attendees, fee to charge and gross revenue to host and/or ERDBA:**

Same rates as BCS teams.

EXPENSES - estimated expenses, costs:

NET BUDGET IMPACT TO ERDBA - estimated:

### *Project Details / Logistics*

SITE - Project Location:

All races with BCS competitive divisions should include a BCS/S subgroup

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

No additional.

DATE(s) (please try not to conflict with area member events):

Use same dates.

Other Comments:

This projects seeks to include the teams that include supporters for survivors in transition.