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### THE DRAGONS ARE COMING!

The dragon boats are arriving for the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival

**OTTAWA, May 30, 2011** – The Media is invited as the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival (THODBF) welcomes this year's fleet of dragon boats to Mooney's Bay on Wednesday, June 1 at the Rideau Canoe Club. The dragon boats are making their annual pilgrimage from Toronto and will be launched at the Rideau Canoe Club for team practices in preparation for the THODBF on June 17 to 19, 2011.

**What:** The annual arrival of the dragon boat for the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival

**When:** Wednesday, June 1, 2011 - the dragon boats are expected to arrive at 12:00 noon

**Where:** Mooney's Bay, Marina Parking Lot (entrance on Hog's Back Rd)

**Who:** Festival Staff and Executive Director, John Brooman. Representatives from some of the seven charities that the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation is supporting this year: Sens Foundation/Project S.T.E.P, CHEO, Ottawa Humane Society, Bruyere Foundation, ArtsSmarts and Debra Dynes Family House.

### About the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival

The Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival is the largest festival of its kind in North America and is one of Ottawa's must-attend summer events. This 3-day festival is hosted at Mooney's Bay Park from June 17-19 and features non-stop dragon boat racing, with 190 team and 5000 paddlers. Over 70,000 spectators take in cultural activities, live music, a variety of vendors/exhibits and family-oriented entertainment. For more information, visit [www.dragonboat.net](http://www.dragonboat.net), [www.facebook.com/ottawadragonboat](http://www.facebook.com/ottawadragonboat), [www.twitter.com/ottdragonboat](http://www.twitter.com/ottdragonboat).

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