



Jersey Hospice Care

DRAGON BOAT RACING RAISES £34,000

PRESS RELEASE

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PIRATES, schoolgirls and Rastafarians helped raised £34,000 for Jersey Hospice Care at last weekend's Condor Ferries Dragon Boat Races.

Around 1,000 people in 52 teams raced the 300m course in the harbour at Albert Pier but it was Paddlers United who eventually claimed victory in the final with the fastest time of the day - 1.11.25. Cool Rowings, from RBS International, raised more than £2,000 and secured a place in the final as the team which raised the most sponsorship. Sadly however, their fantastic fundraising efforts were not reflected on the water as they posted the slowest time of the day with 2.46.08.

The event, which is sponsored by Condor Ferries and organised by RBS International, attracted hundreds of islanders down to the seafront to enjoy the racing, live music and entertainment which included a Chinese dragon and balloon magic. The Jersey Caledonian Pipe Band piped in the teams after the final from the gangplank to the presentation area.

'It was a fantastic day and everyone said they really enjoyed themselves. There was a superb atmosphere and as the day progressed the competitive spirit certainly seemed to grow among the teams. The sponsorship from Condor Ferries and the support from RBS International means we're able to direct all the money raised towards the running costs of the hospice which provides an invaluable service to islanders,' said Lynsey Beahan, Jersey Hospice Care's Fundraising Manager.

Condor Ferries' Jersey Manager Steve Bailey said it had been a pleasure to sponsor the event once again .

'We're delighted that the teams managed to raise such an incredible sum of money for such a worthy cause. It is always great to see groups from different areas of the community come together for what is a fun way to raise money and our thanks go to Jersey Hospice Care and

RBS International for all their hard work. We're already looking forward to trying to raise even more money next year,' he said.

Winners on the day

Fastest time of the day – 1.11.25 by Paddlers United

Slowest time of the day – 2.46.08 by Cool Rowings from RBS International

Most sponsorship – more than £2,000 raised by Cool Rowings from RBS International

Best dressed – Agents for the Black Pearl from Thompson Estates

Fastest School – Splish Splash Splosh from D'Auvergne School

Fastest States department – The combined Jersey Airports and Jersey Harbours team

Aquaplaners

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Notes to editors

- Jersey Hospice Care is a specialist palliative nursing service, which provides holistic care for cancer and motor neurone disease patients. Its comprehensive service includes Home Care, Day Hospice and an In-patient Unit at its headquarters, Clarkson House. Jersey Hospice Care also provides a Community Bereavement Service, which accepts referrals from colleagues within the charity and from the community.
- Jersey Hospice Care is a registered charity and makes no charge to patients. It receives no funding from the States of Jersey and relies entirely on the generosity of the public. It costs more than £2 million to run Jersey Hospice Care every year.
- Demand for Jersey Hospice Care continues to rise with one in three people contracting cancer. For more information about Jersey Hospice Care, please call 01534 510349 or log on to www.jerseyhospicecare.com