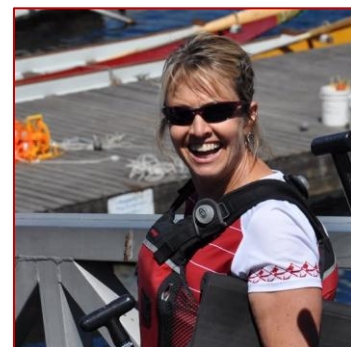




CANADIAN OUTRIGGER HALL OF FAME

Daphne Ann Brockington (Posthumous)



Summary

Daphne Ann Brockington had notable canoeing achievements in the pre-digital era of the 1980s-1990s. Online references during this time are sparse, making it a challenge to compile a Hall Of Fame Profile that fully represents the accomplishments of Daphne. Personal accounts collected via in-person and virtual interviews during 2020-2025 from individuals such as Andrea Dillon, Drew Mitchell, Annie Boulding, Hugh Fisher, Heather Taylor, Bob Stewart, and Ruth Matson, who were part of the Canadian paddling community for many decades, which have been captured in Canadian Outrigger Hall Of Fame Bios, Hugh Town Memorial Bios, and Canadian Outrigger Canoe Club Legacies, have provided much of the Canadian outrigger canoe history from the 1980s-1990s, including background on Daphne.

What is known is that a FCRCC social media post paying respect to Daphne conveys her spirit. *"We are heartbroken to share our sad news that Daphne Brockington, often referred to as "Scrappy", passed away on October 18 after a 14-month battle with cancer. In true Daphne style, she fought with strength and courage to beat the odds just as she approached every boat she ever paddled. Her paddling career included 12 World Sprints Championship races and many long-distance outrigger competitions. Too many medals to count. And then there is her marathon achievements mostly with her good friend Barb Willson. We have lost a very special person who we remember as a good friend, a teammate and damn good paddler. She touched so many lives in the paddling community, in her work, and in all parts of her life. We will remember her for her quick wit and sense of humour. She leaves a forever legacy of determination, commitment, and team support with each of us."* [05]

Early Career

There is some information available on the early career of Daphne that led to her involvement with outrigger canoeing. It is known that Daphne, as with many in the BC paddling community who moved to outrigger canoeing, was involved with dragon boating in the 1980s-1990s. It is believed that Daphne A. Brockington graduated in 1977 from SFU with a BA in Health Data. [11] It is believed that Daphne A. Brockington (HRA) of the Bone Marrow Transplant Program of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC Canada, was affiliated with University of British Columbia from 1998-2000, and was affiliated with Vancouver General Hospital from 1999-2003, and made contributions on at least 6 publications related to Bone Marrow Transplantation through her data collection efforts. Daphne continued to work in clinical trials for cancer research until 2023. [13] [14] [15] [16] [17] [18] [19]

Outrigger Canoeing Achievements

The earliest mention of Daphne with regard to paddlesports is a FCRCC social media posting which notes Daphne started with the Dragon Ladies womens dragon boat crew in 1988, then added outrigger canoeing, and then going onto compete internationally for over 30 years. [05]

The early 1990s saw an FCRCC initiative to deliver a womens outrigger canoe program that would be competitive at the international level. FCRCC had recruited 40+ women in 1993 to fill 2 Molokai Na Wahine crews with a Catalina Channel Crossing race as a precursor. The FCRCC womens outrigger canoe program coached by Drew Mitchell and Don Irvine would send crews to Molokai Na Wahine in 1991/1993/1994. Daphne was likely with the 1991/1993/1994 FCRCC crews. [21]

Daphne has represented Team Canada at International Va'a Federation (IVF) World Sprints from 1996-2022. At 1996 New Caledonia IVF World Sprints, Team Canada Women with Daphne would take Bronze and place 4th in V6 500M Masters Women, take Silver and place 4th in V6 1000M Masters Women, and take Silver in V12 500M Masters Women. [22] [23]

[24] At 1998 Fiji IVF World Sprints, Team Canada Women with Daphne would take Bronze and place 5th in V6 500M Masters Women, take Bronze in V12 500M Open Women, take Gold in V6 500M Senior Masters Women, and take Silver in V6 1000M Senior Masters Women. [26] [27] [28] [29] At 2002 Tahiti IVF World Sprints, Team Canada Women with Daphne would take Gold in V6 500M Masters Women, and take Gold in V6 500M Senior Masters Women. [31] [32] [33] At 2004 Hilo IVF World Sprints, Daphne would advance to Semifinals in V1 500M Senior Masters Women, and race with Team Canada crews in V6 500M Senior Masters Women, V6 1000M Senior Masters Women, and V12 500M Senior Masters Women. [35] [36] [37] At 2012 Calgary IVF World Sprints, Daphne would compete in V1 500M Senior Masters Women, and race with Team Canada crews in V6 500M Senior Masters Women, V6 1000M Senior Masters Women, and V12 500M Senior Masters Women. [39] [40] At 2022 London IVF World Sprints, Daphne would and race with Team Canada crews in V6 500M Masters 60 Women, V6 1000M Masters 60 Women, and V12 500M Masters 60 Women. [42] [43] [44] [45] [46]

The Yukon River Quest is an annual marathon paddling race. Paddlers come from around the world to test their endurance, racing day and night to the Klondike on one of North America's great rivers. It is open to solo and tandem canoes and kayaks, solo stand-up paddle boards (SUP), and bigger C4 and Voyageur canoes. [51] Andrea Dillon, Barbara Willson, Diane Shepherd, Heather Taylor, Joanne Aitken, Judy Shandler, Kendall Macmillan, Marina McCready, Pauline Adams, and Daphne would race as FCRC Women to take 1st place in Womens Voyageur Canoe at the 2006 Yukon River Quest event. [52] [53] [54] [55]

Barbara Willson and Daphne brought the same level of commitment and excellence to Womens Tandem Marathon Canoe (MC2) that Laurel Archer and Jacinta Sheridan brought to Womens OC2. Barbara Willson and Daphne had a very long and successful career as Womens Tandem Marathon Canoe competitors going back at least as far as 2000. You will find Barbara Willson and Daphne in the Top 3 in the standings in their boat / gender / age division for PNWORCA Winter Series races, CORA small-boat races, Big Chop Summer Racing Series and so many other events when you review race results on Webscorer, Paddleguru, Pacific Multisports, CORA Website, and Jericho Website. [61] [62] [63] [64] [65] [66] [67] [68] [69]

Ski-To-Sea is the original multisport relay race, from Mt. Baker to Bellingham Bay. [71] Barbara Willson and Daphne would place 1st or 2nd in Competitive Women Tandem Canoe (C2) at Ski-To-Sea in 2019 / 2022. [72] [73] [74] [75]

When Daphne was not doing outrigger canoeing or marathon canoeing, she was doing long-distance running. Daphne participated in the Vancouver Sun Run and Scotiabank Vancouver Half-Marathon and other long-distance running races in Vancouver between 2008-2015. [81] [82] [83] [84] [85]

Coach-Builder Achievements

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