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Last Friday our 13-year-old granddaughter and 15 of her friends came up from Toronto to race in the Dragon Boat races on Saturday. We want to thank Sue Whitley, Fred Loosemore, Adrienne Kolbuc, Joanne and Larry Woolner who took the time Friday evening to coach and practice with them so they would be ready.

The kids had a blast on Saturday. Special thanks to Luke Barker from Bell Alliance who sponsored their boat, The Bell Draggin Sailors, and even supplied a tent for them. The Sail Parry Sound Sailing School was kind enough to take them under its wing, supply T-shirts and show them the ropes. The team even cut 15 per cent off their race time from the first heat to the third heat. That alone was a source of pride for the 12 and 13 year olds.

The kids were surprised that it was such a large event; much bigger than they had anticipated.

It was a fun day for all and as the convoy was leaving Sunday, bound for Toronto, there were cries of "See you next year!"

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