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FROM: Ross Flemer, USA Canoe/Kayak, Board of Directors  
TO: Paddlers of all disciplines and any affiliation (ICF or Non-ICF)  
SUBJECT: US Team Selection - 2010 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Szeged, Hungary

As a member of the USA Canoe/Kayak Board of Directors, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for Dragon Boat USA's ongoing pursuit of assembling a world class team to compete in the upcoming ICF Dragon Boat World Championships in Szeged, Hungary on August 27-29, 2010.

Dragon Boat USA is the governing body for ICF Dragon Boat sanctioned competitions in the United States and competes in ICF events worldwide. Our organizations are in a crucial period of time when Dragon Boat USA team coaches and coordinators are tasked with identifying, recruiting, testing and selecting high-performance elite athletes to compete for the USA in Hungary.

USA Canoe/Kayak encourages all paddlers of any paddling discipline and any affiliation, ICF or non-ICF, with interest in competing at the upcoming world championships to put their hat in the ring and notify Dragon Boat USA team officials of your interest in racing. Team coaches and coordinators are actively searching for talented athletes of all ages (under 18, Open/Elite, Over 40) with paddling backgrounds in: high kneel canoe, sprint kayak, marathon canoe (single and double blade paddle), outrigger canoe, dragon boat, freestyle/rodeo, wildwater, slalom kayak, canoe sailing, polo, surf-ski, stand-up paddleboard, war canoe and swan boat. Please visit the Dragon Boat USA website, [www.USACK-DragonBoatUSA.com](http://www.USACK-DragonBoatUSA.com), for additional and most current information on team selection if you are interested in a truly unique experience and racing opportunity at a world class level.

Sincerely,

Ross S. Flemer  
USA Canoe/Kayak, Board of Directors

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