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PRESS RELEASE

MOTLEY CREWS TAKE UP THEIR OARS FOR FUN RIVER DEE ROW

Organisers of Aberdeen's Inter-Company Row 2011 have been inundated with entries for this year's event, which is sponsored by GDF SUEZ E&P UK Ltd.

Aberdeen Boat Club, which hosts the fun day, has been overwhelmed by the high level of entries, saying it is the highest for the past five years.

Over 40 companies have registered for the popular event, with more than 150 rowers now taking part in fancy dress to win a variety of prizes at the race from 10.30am to 5.30pm on Saturday 25th June.

Sheik, Rattle & Row, Lion Rowers, the Donald Ducks and the Dee Vikings are just a few of the competing crews taking up the challenge on the River Dee on the day.

The competitors range from a variety of Aberdeen businesses, including oil and gas companies, housing associations and law firms, who have all spent the last month being taught to row in just six lessons by Aberdeen Boat Club coxes.

The novice crews will race over a 500 metre downstream course from the Bon Accord Glass building on the north bank of the Dee to the finish line at Aberdeen Boat Club on the south bank.

Aberdeen Boat Club president Stuart Pressage said: "The event is one of the highlights of the rowing calendar in Aberdeen and is a great day out for those taking part as well as spectators, with crews trying to outwit their opponents either in the rowing or fancy dress stakes! Spectators are welcome at the event to enjoy the spectacle and the BBQ and refreshments."

Andreas Frank, operations manager with GDF SUEZ E&P UK based in Aberdeen said: "There is a real enthusiasm from within GDF SUEZ E&P UK to support this event, which is

the UK's largest inter-company rowing fixture. This competition has always been widely supported by Aberdeen's business community and we are delighted to support the row for a second year. We wish all the competitors the best of luck and we look forward to meeting the crews and their supporters on race day."

Companies competing include staff from GDF SUEZ E&P UK, Xodus Group, Abermed, Centrica, Shell, KCA Deutag, St James's Place, Genesis, Schlumberger, Abbot Energy, TAQA, Subsea 7, Nexen and Castlehill Housing Association.

For more information visit www.abc-intercompany.co.uk

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