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Taking up oars against breast cancer



The Pink Challengers, Malaysia's first Breast Cancer Survivors Dragon Boat Team, all geared up and ready to take on the Penang Channel Challenge on Sunday.

KUALA LUMPUR: Nine cancer survivors have pledged to paddle across the Penang channel on Sunday to create awareness on the benefits of early detection of breast cancer as well as its treatment and recovery.

The nine women, dubbed the Pink Challengers, will make up Malaysia's first Breast Cancer Survivors Dragon Boat Team who will take part in the Penang Channel Challenge.

In this challenge, the participants are required to paddle across the channel from the mainland of Butterworth to Penang.

The team hopes that through this challenge, those who are going through breast cancer will have the support and encouragement to fight

the battle. They also hope to show that it is possible to have a meaningful and fulfilling life after cancer.

The team is sponsored by Malaysian Mosaic Berhad as part of its corporate social responsibility programme.

Its general manager for corporate affairs, Puan Sri Maimon Arif Patail, said she believed the team would achieve the desired result of creating better awareness of breast cancer.

The one-day Penang Channel Challenge is supported by the Penang Port Commission, Penang Port Sdn Bhd, Tanjung City Marina, Jabatan Laut Wilayah Utara, Marine Police (Wilayah Utara), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency, and Lingkaran Luar Butterworth.