

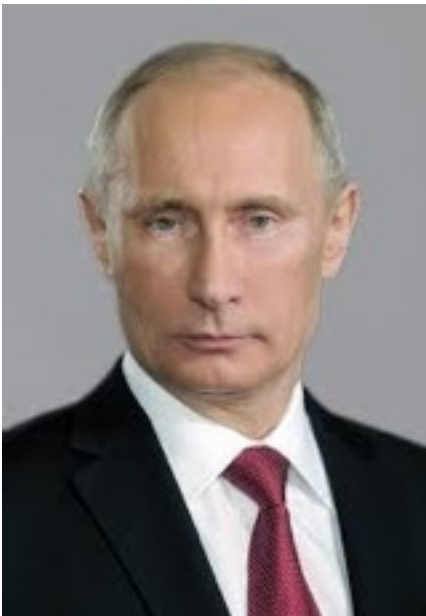
The Russian Federation

Saving our Home on The Blue Planet

with

An Hawaiian Boat with A Russian Name

A Chinese Paddle for Life



President Vladimir Putin



“Spirit of Peter’s Botik and Energy Climate Change”

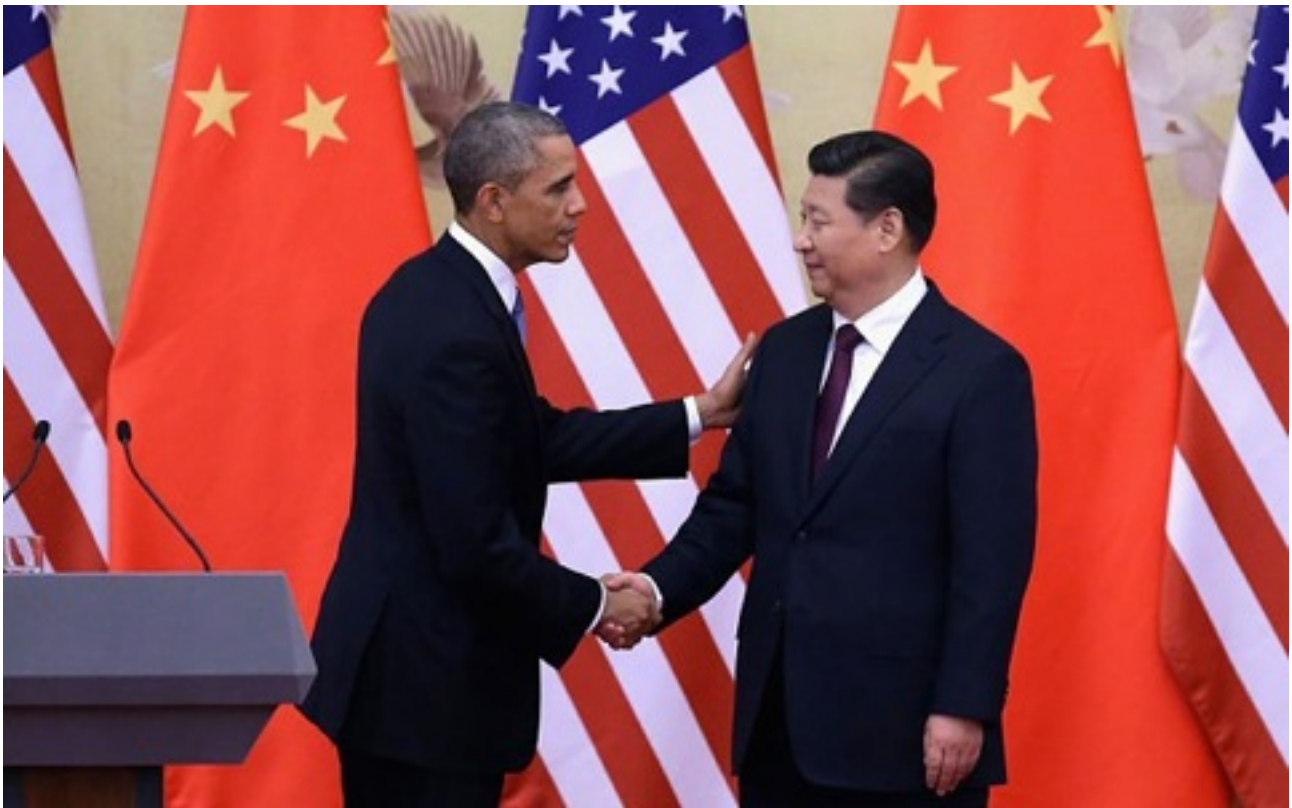
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A Letter to the Helm

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A World Dream



Presidents Xi Jinping and Barack Obama. November 2014

In November 2014 President Xi and President Obama signed an historic agreement on the climate change problem. In the “Heart of England” we have developed a set of sporting and cultural soft power “tools”, inspired by Chinese and Hawaiian culture, to bring all the people of China, the United States and the world on board and working together to solve the problem.

The soft power “tools” are already in China and the United States but we need President Xi and President Obama on board if they are to spread rapidly enough across our planet to save civilisation from the effects of climate change and to set the world on a new sustainable course.

I am sure that if President Xi and President Obama knew about these ideas from the Heart of England, they would be delighted to sign Paddles for Life, as the leaders of the European Union have already done. It will ensure that a World Dream, step by step, becomes reality for our future generations. The person in pole position to reach President Xi is President Vladimir Putin by gifting him with the “Spirit of Peter’s Botik and Energy Climate Change” and the set of soft power tools from the Heart of England.

The “Soft Power Tools” needed by the Russian Federation to bring all the World on board



The “Hawaiian” Bell Boat. A “School on the Water” with its symbols of hope.

The “Chinese” Paddle for Life for the Children.

The Main Voyages for Our Home on the Blue Planet.

The Main Regattas for Our Home on the Blue Planet.

The Paddle for Life Perpetual Prizes signed by world leaders.

The Walter and Winnie Stories.

The Story of Peter's Botik

The greatest boating treasure in Russia is a small boat called "Peter's Botik".

In 1688, Peter the Great discovered a small, English designed boat, rotting in a shed. He had it restored, and learned to sail it. In 1701 it was stored in the Kremlin's Dormition Cathedral and inspired the creation of the Russian Navy.

Peter the Great sailed the boat down the Neva River on his birthday, it took part in ceremonies and Peter ordered that it be sailed or rowed to the Alexander Nevsky Monastery in Saint Petersburg, every year on the 30th August.

One story has it that it was a gift by Queen Elizabeth 1st to Peter's grandfather and presented to him by the British Ambassador in Moscow.

If the Russian Ambassador in Beijing now presented President Xi with a gift of the "Spirit of Peter's Botik and Energy Climate Era" and the other soft power tools from the Heart of England it would be a wonderful world story and would change the course of world history.



The Story of the Chinese Dragon Boat

In 1980, the Hong Kong Tourist Board wanted to get their message to the West. They sent three Dragon Boats to London, held a regatta and the winners were invited to take part in the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival.

In 1985, Mike Haslam, now president of the International Dragon Boat Federation, realised the potential for Dragon Boat racing in the West. He formed the British Dragon Boat Association and later the International Dragon Boat Federation. Within twenty years Dragon Boat racing has spread around the world and with it the story of Qu Yuan, a Shakespeare figure of China, which went back 2,300 years.

In 1990 I met the American engineers whose work led to the Japanese Quality Revolution in manufactured goods after WW2. I was asked to get their message to America and the West. I realised that if I designed a boat to reflect the ideas, created events which became part of culture and attached a story to the boat I could get a message to the world, even if it took two thousand years! I invented the bell boat, so called to draw attention to variation in all systems, part of the American ideas which transformed Japanese industry. I was later asked to add a message about emission reduction which I did with the Paddle for Life idea and a story.

Why is it vital to get the ideas to President Xi ?

The ideas were inspired by the story of Qu Yuan, China's first poet, whose suicide led to the creation of the Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, the second most important festival in the Chinese calendar.

President Xi and the Chinese leadership accept that emission reduction is a huge world problem long term and that to solve it needs people at every level of society to take part.

These ideas, inspired by Chinese culture, do just that, by the creation of water festivals, at local level, like the Dragon Boat Festival, across the planet, but involving children and people at every level of society, because of the stable bell boat making it possible.

Children make a paddle for life, shaped in the form of the Chinese Dragon Boat paddle, paint their design on it, their parents friends and teachers sign it in support, and the children plant trees to replace the wood used and keep the paddle for life, thus taking the first step in sinking carbon. Leaders sign Paddles for Life which are used as perpetual trophies for the regattas.

Because the Dragon Boat Festival is deeply embedded in Chinese culture, it would be very easy to add to the Chinese tradition by children making a Paddle for Life and taking part in a stable boat. It would greatly accelerate the process, if, led by President Xi, leaders at every level of society took part by signing the perpetual Paddle for Life trophy.

Three bell boats and three Paddle for Life trophies have already been given to China. Two bell boats were given to Penglai together with a Paddle for Life. The other is in Weifang, together with a Paddle for Life. Another Paddle for Life, signed by the prime ministers of the United Kingdom is in the museum of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, which is within a mile of President Xi's residence in Beijing.

If President Putin presented the "Spirit of Peter's Botik and Energy Climate Era" to President Xi, he would be made aware of these ideas from the Heart of England, which would help President Xi to bring all on board in China by embedding them in Chinese culture.

If that happened, the news would soon reach the United States and help President Obama, and any other future president to bring all in the United States on board.

The people of the United States hate to be left behind. They love a competition and always respond to it. They would soon follow and put their huge resources behind solving the problem. With China and the United States on board the world will follow.

So, President Putin and the Russian Federation have it within their power to set the world on a new course in tackling the emission problems. In so doing they will have discovered a new great role in the world and focussed on that will be good and valued neighbours of the European Union. One small boat, a sacred symbol of the Russian Federation's history and a great soft power tool for the world will have changed the course of history.

The Voyage from the Heart of England to Russia

In 2008 Mme Fu Ying, the Chinese ambassador to London, after signing Paddles for Life, told me that to get the President of China on board I needed to get the Queen, as head of state, to sign the Paddle for Life. I and others tried for five years to achieve it but failed because our system does not allow the Queen to take part.

In June 2013 events turned me to think of Europe. Within a couple of weeks President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy and President of the European Parliament, Martin Schulz to sign two Paddles for Life.

In July 2013, because of a chance meeting with two Lithuanians in my local pub, fittingly called “The Anchor”, I realised that there were twenty eight different systems within the European Union. I wrote to the heads of state and government and asked for their help in getting the Paddles for Life and the ideas into the hands of President Xi and President Obama.

I had many replies and letters wishing me well. Then President Dalia Grybauskaitė of Lithuania said yes and signed the paddles in Brussels. When I met President Grybauskaite she mentioned President Putin and it made me realise that I had made a mistake in leaving out Russia. To correct my mistake, I wrote to President Putin suggesting that he should present the Paddle for Life for Hawaii to President Obama at the G8 meeting due to take place in Sochi in June 2014.

Events after Sochi in Crimea and Ukraine meant that the Sochi G8 meeting was cancelled. It made me think, and with relations worsening between Russia and the West I wrote to President Putin to suggest, in the spirit of the Olympics, a great positive project for the people of Russia. I had a positive response from the Russian embassy.

Relations between the United Kingdom and Russia continued to deteriorate at the G20 in Australia in November 2014, just after President Obama and President Xi had signed their historic agreement on climate change.

I again wrote to President Vladimir Putin.

Letter to President Putin

22nd November 2014

Dear President Putin,

Paddle for Life: A Great Project for the Russian Federation

I am a former British Olympic canoe coach and for the last two decades, in the “Heart of England”, where I live, we have been developing a set of sporting and cultural “tools” to bring all the world on board to work together to solve the climate change problem.

The week before the G20, President Xi and President Obama signed an historic agreement to tackle the world’s emission problems. In a speech to students at the time of the G20, President Obama said that "every nation has a responsibility" to tackle climate change. One of the “tools” to bring that message home to everyone on our planet is the bell boat, based on the idea of the stable Hawaiian canoe.

I believe that if you now presented a bell boat named the “Spirit of Peter’s Botik and Energy Climate Era” to President Xi, together with a Paddle for Life, shaped in the form of a Chinese Dragon Boat paddle, and the ideas that go with them, it would change the course of world history.

Just before the Sochi Olympics you said in an interview, “After the collapse of the USSR, after the rather heavy and, frankly speaking, bloody events in the Caucasus, the general mood of the society was dispirited and very pessimistic. And we need to shake things up. We need to understand and feel that we can carry out large-scale projects,”

Clearly, Sochi proved that Russia could carry out large scale projects, but that great success has sadly been quickly forgotten because of the events in the Ukraine, but I believe that if, in the spirit of the Olympics, a truce is now maintained, then Russia still has a huge opportunity to show the world that it has indeed has the will and ability to tackle the world’s greatest projects.

In that spirit I would like to gift you the bell boat, “Spirit of Peter’s Botik and Energy-Climate Era”, a Paddle for Life and the ideas, for you to gift to President Xi. I believe that will be the start of a peaceful revolution in the

consciousness of humanity. A “Blue Planet Revolution” which will take us to a new era of human thinking and practice.

For such a revolution we need the symbols, or soft power tools, to bring all on board, whatever level of ability or disability, whatever age, creed, colour or disposition, which reflect the idea of all taking part. We in the “Heart of England” have invented those soft power tools, but we now need some great nation to grasp them and share them with the world in the shortest possible time, starting with China.

Your friendship with China puts you in pole position to get them into the hands of President Xi and the “Spirit of Peter’s Botik and Energy Climate Change” . It could be followed with a “Spirit of Peter’s Botik and Energy Climate Era” being presented to all the G20 and many other nations. It would become the flagship of a new world fleet and a great world story that every child in Russia, generation by generation, will be proud of.

Without the great sacrifices of the Russian people in WW2, we in the West would not enjoy the lives we live today. Without Russia leading the way into space, the United States would not have taken up the space race, which has led to humankind reaching out to the stars. Russia can now lead the way in bringing all the world on board to tackle the greatest long term problem facing humanity.

We now need Russia to become the catalyst for the “Blue Planet Revolution”. All the people of the planet will know of Russia’s new role in the world. The general mood of Russian society will be ever more spirited and ever more optimistic.

Russia is one of the greatest paddlesport nations on our planet. I hope that in the true spirit of the Olympics, of paddlesport, sport and culture, that you will present President Xi with the “Spirit of Peter’s Botik and Energy Climate Era” and then implement the ideas from the “Heart of England” throughout the Russian Federation, as a model for the world. We will all win gold.

My very best wishes,

Good paddling,

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Dear David,

Thank you for bringing the Sochi Paddle for Life for me to sign. I will be delighted to visit Worcestershire to name and launch the "Spirit of Peter's Botik and Energy Climate Era" when it is ready.

I had not realised that "Peter's Botik" was designed in England. It is a great connection between Russia and England and a great story to tell in this "The Year of Culture" in the United Kingdom.

We really appreciate all that you are doing to normalise and enhance the relationship between our countries. I look forward to visiting Worcestershire.

Sincerely yours,

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The Soft Power Tools



The Bell Boat

The bell boat is a school on the water, the raft of a philosophy of all taking part and working together to tackle humanity's greatest problems, starting with climate change. The bell boat is a stable, twin hulled boat, so that all can take part without fear.

The top flag on the bow flag staff represents the letter "W" and as a single flag means, "Urgent Medical Attention Needed". The lower flag represents the letter "E" and as a single flag means "Changing Course to Starboard".

The rear flag is the Russian Federation flag. The centre flag is that of the United Nations.

Thus, the signalling flags spell out the message that "WE, the crew of the Spirit of Peter's Botik and Energy Climate Era, recognising that our Home on the Blue Planet is in need of urgent medical attention, are changing course to starboard

to avoid a collision, and inspiring the rest of the world to join us.” On the top of the flagstaffs are the characters in the children’s stories.

The name of the boat and the flag at the helm can be changed for any club, county, country or organisation, spelling out that everyone has a responsibility to tackle the problem.

The Paddle for Life

Children make a Paddle for Life from what starts out as a wooden sword and shield, symbolising conflict to co-operation. They paint the paddles with their individual designs and then get their parents and friends to sign the back and sponsor them. They plant trees to replace the wood used and keep the paddle for life, thus taking the first step in sinking carbon from the atmosphere.



The Main Voyage for Our Home on the Blue Planet

The children with their teachers take part in voyages. In Worcestershire well over half the primary schools now have a day on the canals or rivers.



The Main Regattas for Our Home on the Blue Planet

Children, parents, grandparents of all ages and abilities take part together in the regattas. They are a “Henley” for all, with all taking part, rather than a few, with others watching.

In Worcestershire we have eight regattas, the largest being the Pershore-Main Regatta for Our Home on the Blue Planet, which has over nine hundred people taking part. Everyone receives a certificate.

The Paddle for Life Perpetual Prizes signed by world leaders.

In any system, whether it be a club, school or country, it is essential to get whoever is at the top of the system on board.

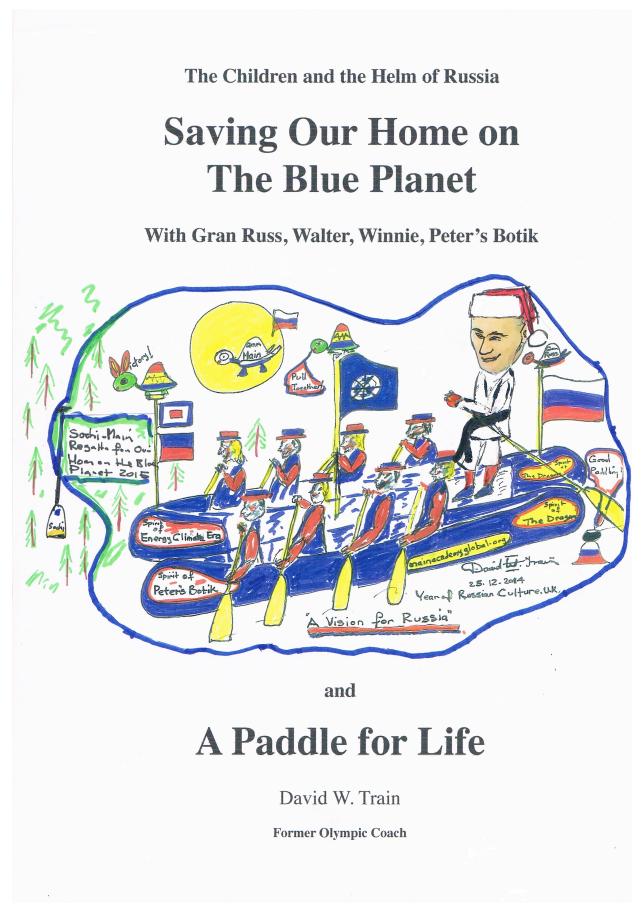
To achieve that and to start the process in any country we get a Paddle for Life signed by leaders which is used as a perpetual trophy for an event. Many leaders have signed Paddles for Life and are shown on the following pages.

However, in terms of the climate change problem we must somehow inspire President Xi and President Obama to sign. Other world leaders will follow and the ideas will sweep across the world.

The Walter and Winnie Stories.

Saving Our Home on the Blue Planet: A story which can be adapted for any place.

Walter's Festivals. Explains the meaning of the "Bell Boat"



You Tube Films

Google. “TED. com Lord Stern.”

It spells out the problem for humanity and how we must act quickly to bring all the world on board.

Google “TED.com James Hansen. Speaking Truth to Power.”

“Paddle for Life....David Train.”

It spells out a solution, through sport and culture of how to get all the world on board and working together to tackle the problem

**“Bell Boat...Keep Paddling “
How Scotland could use the ideas.**

“Greening the Vale”

What is happening in the Vale of Evesham.



Lord Stern with Paddle for Life

Events so Far

In the European Union

In the United States

In China