

CALIFORNIA
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2005
RACE PACKAGE

8th Annual
California International Dragon Boat Festival
August 13 +14/2005
Jack London Square

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

INTRODUCTION

Welcome! The International Dragon Boat Association extends a warm invitation to all paddlers, near and far.

The 8th Annual **California International Dragon Boat Festival** will feature local and regional dragon boat teams along with our national level competitors for a fun, relaxed and spirited contest. Returning to Jack London Square on **August 13 & 14, 2005**, we look forward to greeting our 1000+ visiting racers. Check our web site: www.edragons.org frequently for up-to-date information leading up to the event.

As many of you are aware, dragon boating dates back 2,000 years ago. The annual event commemorates a revered, Chinese poet and statesman, Qu Yuan, who drowned himself in the Mi Lo River in protest against his corrupt government. Beloved by the people, the fishermen raced out in their boats in a failed attempt to try to save Qu Yuan. Today, dragon boating is a re-enactment of that rescue attempt and a tribute to his heroic spirit. We are proud to have introduced dragon boating to the region so this tradition could be continued.

PROPOSED EVENT FORMAT

California International Dragon Boat Festival - August 13 & 14, 2005

DAY 1 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Opening Ceremony (in brief).

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Preliminary dragon boat racing, arts and craft festival, cultural and performing arts, and art education projects.

DAY 2 - Sunday

Dragon Boat Racing Placement and Finals. Cultural entertainment and performances, arts & crafts festival, and art education projects continues. Closing Ceremonies with trophies and prize awards immediately following end of racing program.

GENERAL RACE INFORMATION

(subject to change without notice)

Stages of Racing

Preliminary Races

Held on the first day of two-day event. Teams will race for advancements in their category and will participate in at least three races depending on their performance.

Qualifications, Eliminations and Final Races

Held on the second day of two-day event to determine winners in the race categories.

Race Divisions and Team Categories

All divisions* (Competitive, recreation, etc.) are subject to minimum number of contestants. IDBA reserves the right to reclassify teams (e.g., higher level division) at its discretion.

California International Dragon Boat Festival Race Categories

Youth - Mixed

Recreation (Class A & B) - Mixed

Competitive (Class A & B) - Mixed

*Race Divisions Guidelines & Definitions -

Youth - All members of a youth crew must be 18 years of age or younger as of the first mandatory practice date. Crew members below the age of 18 **MUST** have parent or guardian's written consent in order to participate.

Recreation (Class A -Intermediate) - Return team with some experience and *less* than 20 practices (including the 4 mandatory practices) by August 1.

Recreation (Class B -Beginners) - First time teams (novice) with little experience and *less* than 10 practices (including the 4 mandatory practices) by August 1

Competitive (Class A - International/National level) - Highly competitive and experienced teams (e.g., usually travelling teams with extensive racing programs) with *more* than 20 practices by August 1 and 4+ racing events a year.

Competitive (Class B - Advance) - Very experienced teams (e.g., local and travelling team with ~3 racing events a/year) or with *more* than 20 practices (including mandatory practices) by August 1.

Mayor's Cup - Teams made up of residents or employees of the City being represented.

**Team Categories -

Open (unrestricted), Mixed (minimum 8 of opposite sex) and Women (women only)

Team Composition

All teams must have 20 paddlers, one drummer, one steers person and an additional three alternates on their roster. Once contest begins, teams **MAY NOT** change roster or substitute paddlers without advance approval from Race Officials. Must have 20 registered paddlers per race (not including drummer/steerer). Teams with inadequate number of paddlers during final rounds automatically forfeit race/competition.

"Rule of 5" Applies. (Definition of Rule of 5 - Except for team requirements based on gender, teams may have up to 5 non-conforming team members. For example, a youth team may have 5 non-youth on team.) Note: "Rule of 5" does not apply to International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) and United States Dragon Boat Federation (USDBF) qualifying events.

Teams in need of paddlers may contact IDBA for Single Paddlers Listing which includes up-to-date names, phone number and skill level of paddlers.

Practices

Mandatory

Included in the basic registration fee are four practice sessions scheduled with the Head Coach. All teams must adhere to the following minimum, mandatory practice expectations. Additional practices are permitted with the approval of Head Coach and are designed to insure and maintain safety, not competitive edge. All teams must be paid in full before a practice appointment can be granted.

Practice Requirements

All new, recreation and youth teams

Four mandatory practices

Competitive Teams

One mandatory weekend practice

Equipment

All boats, equipment, Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's), and paddles are supplied. Competitive Teams may use own paddles and PFD's. Non-standard equipment (designed to improve competitiveness) is prohibited.

Location of Races

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The races will be held in the Oakland estuary, immediately in front of Jack London Square with the race course being 500 meters long. Each heat will consist of at least four boats and heats will be run at approximately 20 minute intervals.

Event Facilities (On-Site And Off-Site)

Racer's Village

An area for racers and their tents (Racers' Village) will be designated. Please note that racers are not permitted to set up in the Main Square (outside of Racers Village). As the Port of Oakland require mandatory enforcement of this restriction, we ask all racers to respect this restriction so our access privileges will be protected. Picnic lunches are encouraged and food vendors are available. Teams are responsible for own litter and garbage. Racers' Village is reserved for teams with priority to registered paddlers.

Caution: No campfires or flammable cooking (barbecues) are allowed in Racers' Village *except in designated areas and by reservation.*

Accommodations

Special discounts on parking and hotel, car, or plane reservations may be available if advance arrangements are made with the International Dragon Boat Association. Stay in touch via our web site and we will be glad to share any special rates or discounts afforded to our organization with our registered teams.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR TEAMS

Registrar

Contact the Registrar at any time should you have any inquiries regarding registration.

**ADDRESS: 655 3rd St., #75D
Oakland, CA. 94610**

**EMAIL: info@edragons.org TEL:
WEBSITE: www.edragons.org**

Right of Refusal

Racing is *by invitation only* and IDBA reserves the right to refuse registration on any basis.

Registration Fee Schedule and Deadlines

Basic Package includes:

- Team Registration (25 individuals)
- Up to 4 practices
- Minimum 3 races per event

REGISTRATION FEE	AMOUNT	PAYMENT DUE DATE*
California International Dragon Boat Festival Race		
Local Teams (non-traveling)	US \$ 1000**	Full payment by June 30
Corporate Teams	US \$ 1500	Full payment by June 30
Out-of-State/Traveling Teams***	US \$ 300	Full payment by June 30
International Teams	Free	\$50 Advance Registration Required (Refunded upon arrival)

* We regret that due to facility limitations and logistic challenges this year, deadlines are firm

** \$250 rebated to teams that collectively perform a minimum of 25 hours of community service during weekend. Prior registration as community service team required. Rebate will be issued after event

*** Teams having to incur significant travel costs due to distance (hotel, airfare, etc.)

Make all checks payable to: International Dragon Boat Association

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP DOCTRINE

Good sportsman-like conduct by ALL team members will insure a return invitation. With regret, IDBA will disqualify teams in their entirety if individual team members engage in behavior which jeopardizes the public or compromises the fairness of the race. We encourage all paddlers to exercise control over their teammates and to intervene when appropriate to preserve property, safety and the integrity of the race. Dragon boat paddlers know "being good role models" are essential in promoting the sport and winning with honor and integrity is superior to winning at all cost".

BUYER BEWARE

The California International Dragon Boat Festival would like to warn all Team Managers about unsanctioned suppliers and sales calls. Teams may be approached by companies claiming that they are the "official supplier of the California International Dragon Boat Festival" or try to use the Festival for advertising purposes. Unless otherwise stated by authorized festival representatives, we do not partner with sales or marketing companies for any purpose and keep all team mailing addresses, telephone & fax numbers confidential. If you receive any calls or correspondence from suppliers claiming to be "official suppliers", please notify the us immediately.

NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER TEAM ENTRY

Check Applicable Boxes:

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Team Category: Mixed

Race Division: Youth

Recreation - Class A

Recreation - Class B

Competitive - Class A

Competitive - Class B

CONTACT INFORMATION

Team Name: _____

Team Manager's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Mail Check and Registration Form to:

Registrar
International Dragon Boat Association
844 Prospect Ave.
Oakland, Ca. 94610

Note: All teams must be pre-registered in order to participate in any related activities (e.g., practices, event activities, etc.). Unfortunately, due to insurance and liability issues, we cannot make exceptions for anyone. Your understanding is appreciated.

