



# LOVE Boracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2026

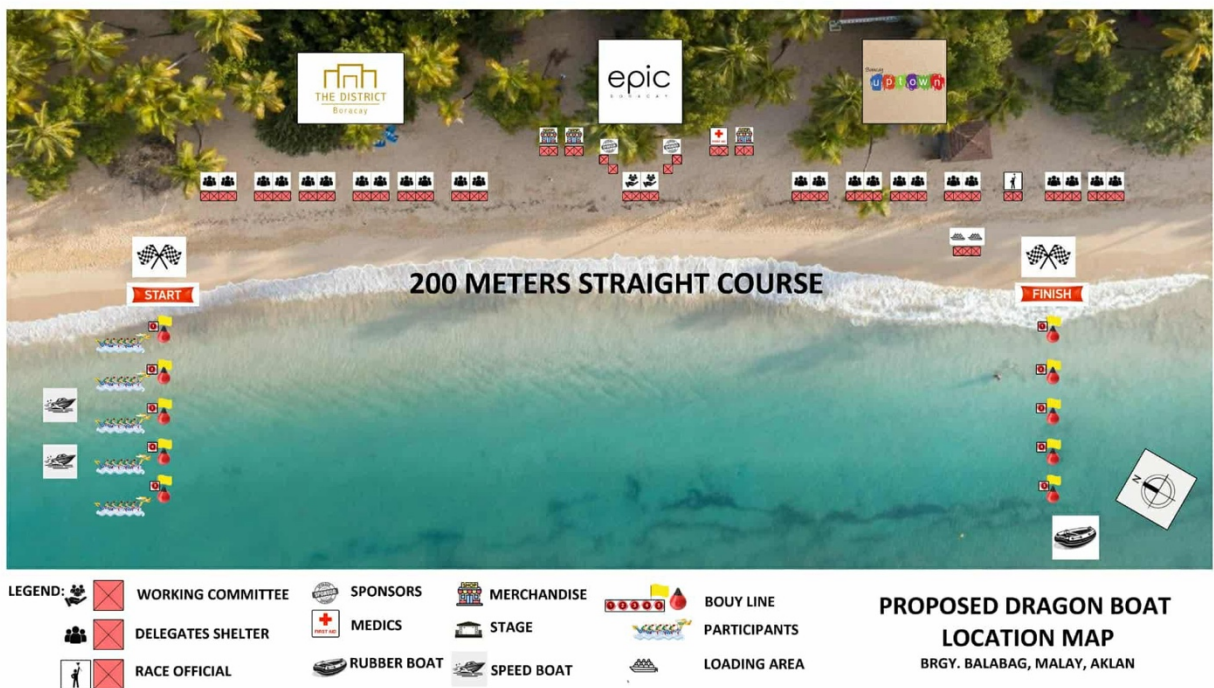
April 24 to 26, 2026

Station 2, White Beach, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan

## INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 2

This Information Bulletin No. 2 provides further information about the **LOVE Boracay International Dragon Boat Festival**, and informs the participating teams about the important updates.

The race will take place on April 24 to 26, 2026 at Station 2, White Beach, Boracay Island, Municipality of Malay, Province of Aklan, Philippines. A sketch map of the venue is provided hereunder.



### Confirmed Teams

Over 50 local and international teams confirmed for the race from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, New Zealand, Qatar, Singapore, United States of America, and various parts of the Philippines. As of today, there are 32 teams registered in the Premier Open Standard (DB22), 36 teams in the Premier Mixed Standard (DB22), 41 teams in the Premier Women Small Boat (DB12), and 28 teams in the Senior-A Mixed Small Boat (DB12), and eight (8) teams in the 24 & Under Mixed Small Boat (DB12) events. Request to include additional entries per event will be considered only if there are available racing lanes in the eliminations heats, and is purely subject to the discretion of the organizers and technical officials. Race program and race progression will be distributed during the team managers meeting.

### **SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF RACE FORMS**

Teams who have not yet submitted soft copy of their race forms are required to submit the same as soon as possible. Failure to submit soft copy of the race forms would require the team concerned to print their own race forms and submit the hard copy during the team managers' meeting.

### **TEST WATER SCHEDULE**

Total of eight (8) standard boats will be used for the race and the test water of teams, whether for small boat or standard boat events. Duty personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard aboard motor boats will patrol the race course area to ensure water safety during test water schedules. A first aid team will also be stationed at the nearest first aid station at the loading / unloading area during test water to ensure that medical contingencies are attended to immediately. Booking test water schedule will remain open until March 31, 2026. However, slots are quickly filling up. Participating teams are advised to book their test water schedule at the earliest convenience. Please note that securing a preferred test water schedule is on a first come, first served basis with specific reference to the time stamp of the submission of the Google Form. Book test water schedule through this link: <https://forms.gle/MGcaQM9xEPuxUBRo9> (same link provided in Information Bulletin No. 1)

#### **DAY 1 – APRIL 23, 2026 (as of February 26, 2026)**

**0600H to 0700H** – 8 slots open  
**0715H to 0815H** – 8 slots open  
**0830H to 0930H** – 8 slots open  
**0945H to 1045H** – 8 slots open  
**1100H to 1200H** – 8 slots open  
**1300H to 1400H** – 8 slots open  
**1415H to 1515H** – 8 slots open  
**1530H to 1630H** – 8 slots open  
**1645H to 1745H** – Vancouver Reign + 7 slots open

#### **DAY 2 – APRIL 24, 2026**

**0600H to 0700H** – Dajia Tiehan, Taiwan Storm + 6 slots open  
**0715H to 0815H** – 8 slots open  
**0830H to 0930H** – Poneke Dragons, Renegades, RCP Sea Dragons + 5 slots open  
**0945H to 1045H** – Team DBI, Yasha Dragons, Singapore Barbarians Red + 5 slots open  
**1100H to 1200H** – ZWL, Singapore Barbarians Black, Masterpiece + 5 slots open  
**1215H to 1315H** – 8 slots open  
**1330H to 1430H** – Maharlika Drakon, PEMCOR Paddlers, BWB Dragons, Alpas, Shanglong, Renegade Navy + 2 slots open

### **AGE VERIFICATION FOR SENIOR-A**

For those with entries in Senior-A and 24&Under events, please email to [loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com](mailto:loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com) on or before March 31, 2026 the proof of age of participating crew members. This may be scanned copies of a valid ID, passport, birth certificates, or any official document showing the age of the racer. Avoid delaying races by submitting these documents on race day. The organizer reserves the right to deny crews from racing if their age remains unverified prior to race day.

Notwithstanding the submission online of proof of age, the marshalling / athlete's control may still require presentation of valid ID / birth cert if the age of the racer appears questionable to the marshall or checker. Team managers are advised to always be ready with a hard copy or at least a photocopy or printout of the valid IDs of all racers participating in the Senior event. Moreover, by joining the race, the participants are expressly giving consent to the use of their personal information by the organizers for the purpose of facilitating the race and verifying the age and identity of the participants.

While the organizers will strictly keep personal information of the participants confidential, whenever there are challenges to the age and identity of the participants as part of the restrictions on crew composition (age, gender, etc.), the race officials and organizers may show or exhibit to the protesting party concerned a copy of the personal identification document of the racer/s concerned. In no case will a copy of the official personal identification document be furnished to any racer, even those protesting specific racers. These documents are strictly for exhibition purposes only, whenever necessary, and will never be forwarded to another person outside the organizing committee and race officials. Taking a photo or screenshot of these documents by anyone outside the organizers and race officials is strictly prohibited to protect personal information and data privacy of the racers. Request to be furnished a copy or to take photos of these personal documents will outright be denied.

### **WHATSAPP GROUP**

Designated team managers and either a coach or team captain will be added to the LOVEBoracay WhatsApp group starting April 1, 2026. Maximum of two team representatives (team manager and coach/team captain) may join the said WhatsApp group. All queries and concerns about the race may be coursed through this WhatsApp group. Meantime, prior to the opening of the TM's WhatsApp group, queries and concerns about the race will still be entertained via the event email: [loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com](mailto:loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com).

### **HARD COPY OF TEAM WAIVER & RACE FORMS**

Please submit hard copy of the team waiver form **with signature of all racers** and other hard copy of race forms to the Secretariat on April 24, 2026 during the team managers' meeting. The Secretariat will start receiving team waiver form and hard copy of race forms by 12NN. However, those arriving earlier in Boracay may already submit to the Secretariat their race forms. Race kits (loot bags, racers' ID tags, singlets, etc.) may also be claimed from the prior to the team managers' meeting. Details of the location for the claiming of the race kits and submission of race forms will be provided in the WhatsApp group.

Any discrepancy in crew galleries and team waivers must be resolved before the team managers' meeting by submitting the final printed copy of the race forms.

### **BORROWING HELMS & DOUBLE ROSTERING**

The organizers will NOT be strict about the steerspersons. This means that a helm listed under one team, or even if not listed in any participating team, may be allowed to steer for another crew member at the discretion of the chief official, EXCEPT, in the case of immediately succeeding heats. In such case, the races will not be delayed for the reason that the steersperson is still loaded in the boat or is just on its way back to docking. Moreover, a borrowed helm is PROHIBITED from being a drummer or paddler.

Similarly, the races will not be delayed for the reason that a drummer or paddler is still in an active race, or in any capacity still in the water. Any crew member (whether listed as paddler, drummer, or helm) may be allowed to assert any role in the boat as long as the person changing roles is in the crew list and crew gallery. Roles may even be interchanged in the succeeding heats. For example, in the elimination round of Premier Open Standard, Person A is a paddler, Person B is the drummer, and Person C is the helm. All of them are listed in the crew list. In the semi-final round of the Premier Open Standard, Person A may be allowed to be the drummer, Person B may be allowed to be the helm, and Person C may be allowed to be a paddler. The organizers will do its best to accommodate everyone to race. But if it will result in unduly delaying the races, the race officials reserve the right to either declare the offending crew in default (DNS), disqualified, or may be awarded a time penalty for unduly delaying a race. Teams are reminded to plan its crew rostering very well.

Crossing over teams is not allowed. This means that those listed in Team A cannot play in Team B in any capacity, except for the helm. Even if the team has the same team name, their teams A and B will be considered as separate teams. For example, Person X is listed in Senior Open Small Boat

of MALAKAS DRAGON BOAT TEAM – B. In the Premier Open Standard Boat of MALAKAS DRAGON BOAT TEAM, regardless whether there is a MALAKAS DRAGON BOAT TEAM – A and MALAKAS DRAGON BOAT TEAM – B in the Premier Open Standard Boat event, Person X will not be allowed to join the Premier Open Standard Boat of MALAKAS DRAGON BOAT TEAM – A. All teams with single entry in every event are considered as Team A. Only those teams which specifically entered a Team B will be considered as Team B. Those with Team B in any event are invited to carefully review their team composition per event to make sure that no person in Team A will be lined up in any event in Team B, and vice versa.

**SCHEDULE**

<p>April 23, Thursday</p>	<p>Arrival of teams / Test Water Day 1</p> <p>Submission of hard copy of race forms and claiming of loot bags, race ID and singlets (Coordinate with Ms. Nuckie Fernando)</p>
<p>April 24, Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 12NN to 3PM</li> <li>- 1PM to 4PM</li> <li>- 4PM</li> <li>- 5PM to 6PM</li> </ul>	<p>Arrival of teams / Test Water Day 2</p> <p>Pay balance of the registration fees Submit hardcopy of race forms, especially if with changes Claim loot bags, IDs and singlets</p> <p>Team Manager’s Meeting</p> <p>Parade of teams from Station 1 to Epic Bar. Team assembly at Maya’s</p> <p>Opening ceremony at the Epic Bar</p>
<p>April 25, Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call time: 6AM</li> <li>- TM meeting: 6:15AM</li> <li>- Target race start: 7AM</li> </ul>	<p>Race events (Eliminations to finals)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 200m Premier Open Standard Boat</li> <li>- 200m Premier Women Small Boat</li> </ul>
<p>April 26, Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call time: 6AM</li> <li>- TM meeting: 6:15AM</li> <li>- 7PM onwards</li> </ul>	<p>Race events (Eliminations to finals)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 200m Premier Mixed Standard Boat</li> <li>- 200m Senior Mixed Small Boat</li> <li>- 200m 24&amp;U Mixed Small Boat</li> </ul> <p>Awarding / Beach Party in front of Asyenda Inasal (formerly Elyu Inasal / Bombom Exit)</p>
<p>April 28, Monday</p>	<p>Departure of teams / Enjoy Boracay Island</p>

**CREW CHANGE**

Teams will be allowed to change their crew members before the start of the first race of the day. Maximum of four (4) persons per crew, including the drummer, will be allowed for the standard boat events; and maximum of two (2) persons per crew, including the drummer, will be allowed for the small boat events. PVC type race IDs for changed crew cannot be guaranteed. Instead, paper-type ID cards may be issued, or a re-validated ID may be given with the valid signatures of race officials concerned.

**TEAM HEALTH CHECK**

Per the local government health regulations, visitors in Boracay Island are required to make a health declaration. To this end, teams must fill out and submit the Health Monitoring Checklist attached to the race forms. Indicate names of all crew members and their respective age, blood pressure, and oxygen level signed for the team by a registered medical professional either from the country of origin, or from the Health officer of the Municipality of Malay, Aklan. Medical practitioners will be available onsite on April 23 and 24 for this purpose and to assist as first aid team during test water.

**HOTEL DECLARATION & TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE**

The local government and the Tourism Department regulations require tourists and visitors to Boracay Island to have a confirmed booking in a recognized hotel, hostel, inn, or accommodation. Expect to have a declaration of your hotel name and address at the Caticlan Port going to Boracay Island.

Below is a list of recommended hotels and accommodation options which offer special rate for the LOVEBoracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2026 registered participants:

Hotel Name	Rate/Night (PHP)	Occupancy	Free Breakfast	Free Shuttle	Contact
Alta Vista De Boracay	2,400-3,700	2 pax	✓	✓	<a href="mailto:sales@avboracay.com">sales@avboracay.com</a> +639498808989
The Lazy Dog	850-3,600	1-3 pax	Depends on room	✗	Jeanly/Joyce - +639177008571
Four Points by Sheraton	4,500-5,000	1-2 pax	✓	✓	<a href="mailto:fp.mphbp.reservations@marriot.com">fp.mphbp.reservations@marriot.com</a> +639190070096
Alta Briza	Starts at 3,900*	2 pax	✓	Upon request	<a href="mailto:reservations@altabriza.com">reservations@altabriza.com</a> +63995 1515585 / +639672241255
The Tides Hotel	Starts at P3,549*	2 pax	Depends on room		<a href="mailto:reservation@tidesboracay.com">reservation@tidesboracay.com</a> +63 917 5428306
Villa Simprosa	For room rates & other requests, message hotel directly: FB: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/villasimprosa/">https://www.facebook.com/villasimprosa/</a> +63920726233				

\*Published rate

If you are still looking at other hotels or accommodation options, teams may inquire with the travel consultant of the Boracay Dragon Boat Association: Arwin Calinao via WhatsApp or Viber at +63.956.125.2077 or via email at [calinaoarwin0@gmail.com](mailto:calinaoarwin0@gmail.com). Teams may also contact the number given for local transportation arrangements, including airport transfers going to and from the hotel or accommodation of your choice.

Please note that some hotels in Boracay, especially those at the higher end, offer free airport transfer and even ferry arrangements. Inquire with your hotel about this option.

**TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS**

International teams may travel to Boracay from three international airports in the Philippines: (1) Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila; (2) Mactan Cebu International Airport in Cebu; and (3) Clark International Airport. There are daily trips to Boracay from these airports, with the Manila flights having the most number of daily trips. Choose airports and flights that fit your arrival and departure schedule, as well as budget.

From Manila and any other local airports, travelers may go to Boracay via Caticlan Airport (also known as “Boracay Airport” or “Godofredo P. Ramos Airport”). From Caticlan Airport, public transport (tricycles or airconditioned vans are available just across the road when you exit the airport. Before crossing the road, there is a small booth where you will pay the tricycle or van. They will issue a ticket which you will bring across the road to the designated vehicle that will take you to Caticlan Jetty Port. Travel time is about 10 minutes, depending on traffic conditions.



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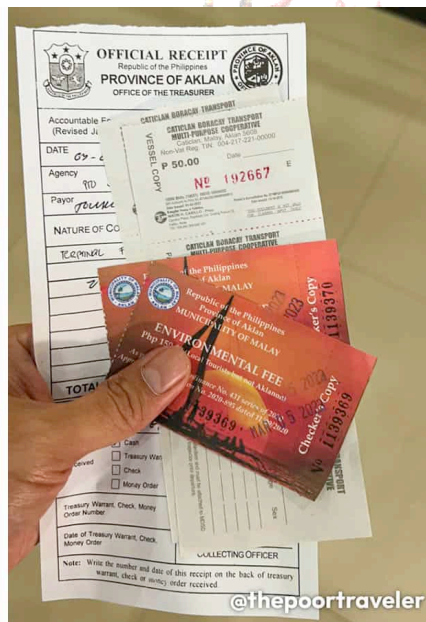
*Small booth at the right is where you will get the ticket with the assigned tricycle*



*The tricycle/van terminal right across the road when you get out of the Caticlan*

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Get off at the Caticlan Jetty Port. At the jetty port, there are three things that must be paid: (1) jetty fare of P50; (2) terminal fee of P150; and (3) environmental fee of P150 for Filipinos and P300 for foreigners. These prices are for one-way trip only. Travel time from Caticlan Jetty Port to Cagban Port in Boracay Island is around 15 minutes.



There are ticketing booths inside and outside the Caticlan Jetty Port. Either counters are valid.

Photo on the right gives the receipts issued for three different fees payable before you board the ferry to Boracay Island

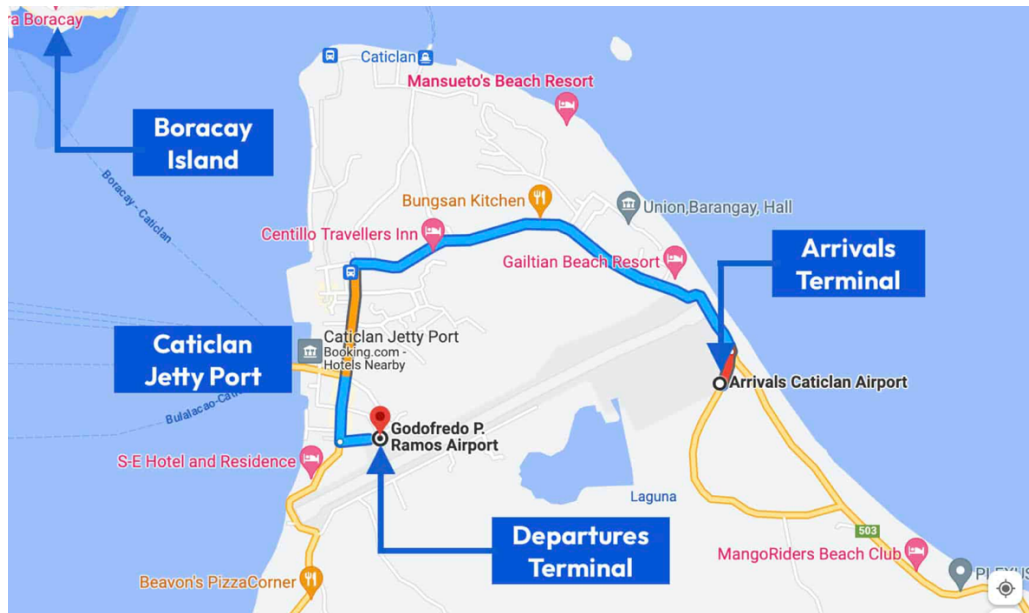
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Once inside the boarding area for the ferry, you will be issued a seat number. The conductor will tell you what ferry you will be taking.

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From the exit of the Cagban Port in Boracay Island, walk about 100 meters outside the terminal. Those traveling on their own may take either an electronic trike or an electronic jeep. Fare is around P50 to P100 per person depending on the destination. Some hotels and inns have airport transfer and Boracay Port pickup options, either for a fee or for free. Ask your hotel for their airport transfer options or pickup at the Cagban Port in Boracay Island.

Going around the island is best done by walking along the fine white beach that Boracay is so well known for. However, those who wish to take local transportation, they will have to go the main road of Boracay Island and take e-tricycles. Fares per trip range from P15 and up, depending on your destination.

### **Alternative Travel Options**

Aside from Caticlan Airport, participants may also go to Boracay Island through the Kalibo International Airport. Roll-on-roll-off (RoRo) ferries are also available from Batangas (the closest to Manila) and other local ports in the Philippines to Caticlan Jetty Port.



Source: <https://diveintophilippines.com/kalibo-to-boracay-island/>

From Kalibo Airport, the most convenient way to travel to your hotel in Boracay Island is by booking a transport package via Klook. It includes all land travel and jetty fees from Kalibo Airport until you get to your hotel or accommodation in Boracay Island. Fare is at around P740. Travel time from Kalibo Airport to Caticlan Jetty Port is about 2 hours depending on traffic conditions. Take note

though that there may be additional fees if your flight gets delayed beyond 5PM and it may take a while gather all other passengers booked for the same van trip from Kalibo Airport. Click the link for more details:

[https://www.klook.com/en-PH/activity/1029-airport-transfer-boracay/?aff\\_adid=724417&aid=14488&aff\\_label1=&aff\\_label2=&aff\\_label3=&aff\\_pid=&aff\\_sid=&utm\\_medium=affiliate-alwayson&utm\\_source=non-network&utm\\_campaign=14488&utm\\_term=&utm\\_content=&aff\\_klick\\_id=57431546369-14488-724417-50e5c9a](https://www.klook.com/en-PH/activity/1029-airport-transfer-boracay/?aff_adid=724417&aid=14488&aff_label1=&aff_label2=&aff_label3=&aff_pid=&aff_sid=&utm_medium=affiliate-alwayson&utm_source=non-network&utm_campaign=14488&utm_term=&utm_content=&aff_klick_id=57431546369-14488-724417-50e5c9a)

For more information on how to travel to Boracay, you may also visit the following blogs which contain quite detailed instructions on your Boracay trip:

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#### **MEALS**

Race day lunch during race days on April 25 to 26, 2026 will be provided to all registered racers and support crew. Water and ice provisions will likewise be provided for all teams for both race dates. All other meals not covered shall be at the own expense of the participating teams.

#### **TENT ALLOCATION**

Each team will be allocated a which has a dimension of 12x12 feet, more or less. No tables and chairs will be provided in compliance with restrictions on the use of Boracay Beach by the government agencies concerned. Request for additional tents is subject to availability of spare tents and will be evaluated based on the number of confirmed participants from the team. Most paddlers enjoy it better outside their tents, either by the fine white sand of Boracay Island, or under the tall coconut trees that abound at the race site.

#### **PFDs & RACING PADDLES**

Teams are expected to bring their own personal floatation device (PFDs) or life vests and racing paddles. No racing paddle or PFDs will be provided by the organizers. Please note that per Philippine Coast Guard regulations, allowable life vests and PFDs are those that are not inflatable, and are worn over the shoulders and strapped across the body. Belt type and inflatable PFDs are not allowed.

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