



# L♥VEBoracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2026

April 24 to 26, 2026

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

## INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

The Local Government of Malay, Aklan, through the Boracay Dragon Boat Association, technically supported by the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation, is pleased to invite all dragon boat teams to participate in the L♥VEBoracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2026 on April 24 to 26, 2026 at Station 2 (in front of District Hotel), White Beach, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan.

### RACE INFORMATION

- Race Distance:

200 meters straight course
- Race Categories:

Premier Open Standard Boat  
Premier Mixed Standard Boat  
Premier Women Small Boat  
Senior A Mixed Small Boat  
24&U Mixed Small Boat

Premier Open – DB22	Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm
Premier Mixed – DB22	
Premier Women – DB12	Five (5) pairs, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm
Senior A Mixed – DB12	
24 & Under Mixed – DB12	

- Entry Fee:

P2,500.00 / participant (international teams)  
Early bird rate: P2,300 / participant for international teams (until Dec 15, 2025)
- P2,000 / participant (subsidized race fee for local teams)  
Early bird rate: P1,800 / participant for local teams (until Dec 15, 2025)

### PRIZES AND AWARDS

The top three (3) teams in each competition class will be awarded trophies, medals and cash prize. All participating teams will receive a certificate of participation, and the members of each participating team will receive race kits which include singlet and other items from our sponsors and partners.

Distance	Event	Champion			1 <sup>st</sup> Runner-up			2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner-up		
		Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash
200m	Premier Open-22	1	28	TBA	1	28	TBA	1	28	TBA
200m	Premier Mixed-22	1	28	TBA	1	28	TBA	1	28	TBA
200m	Premier Women-12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
200m	Senior Mixed-12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
200m	24U Mixed – DB12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
		5	104		5	104		5	104	

CREW COMPOSITION

Premier Open & Mixed Standard Boat

Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Those under 18 years of age need to have a signed parent’s consent with waiver to join the race.

Strict compliance with the IDBF Rules on the requirement of minimum of 8 and maximum of 10 of each gender will be observed in the Mixed Standard Category. Thus, to satisfy the minimum crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed standard crew:

Male	Female
10	10
10	9
10	8
9	9
9	10
8	10

No gender and age restriction with respect to drummer and helm.

Premier Women Small Boat

Five (5) pairs of paddlers, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer – all must be biologically female, and one (1) helm of any gender. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Those under 18 years of age need to have a signed parent’s consent with waiver to join the race.

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load.

Senior-A & 24U Mixed Small Boat

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load. For the Senior-A Mixed event, all paddlers must be at least 40 years old in any date of the year 2026. For the 24& Under Mixed event, all paddlers must be 24 years old or younger in any date of the year 2026. For both events, no age restriction with respect to drummer and helm. Strict compliance with the IDBF Rules on the requirement of minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 of each gender will be observed in the Mixed Small Boat events. Thus, to satisfy the crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed small boat crew:

Male	Female
5	5
5	4
4	4
4	5

The team manager shall represent the crew in all matters pertaining to the racing competition. The team manager is not allowed to compete / race with the crew on boat.

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

The race will apply PDBF Rules and Regulations, which are based on the IDBF Competition Rules and the IDBF Rules of Racing. Other matters not covered by the Rules of Racing will be covered by the IDBF Rules suppletorily. Race will be conducted by PDBF race officials and BDBA volunteers.

**REQUIRED FORMS (as attached)**

- A. EXPRESSION OF INTENT TO JOIN. Please fill out the online registration form using Google Forms link <https://forms.gle/EXJLrqVV4Rh3x3iX7>.
- B. RACE FORMS. All race forms are in the Excel file. Those required to be emailed may please be submitted Excel format to [loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com](mailto:loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com). DO NOT covert to PDF, Google Sheets or other format to allow organizers to adjust the cells upon printing of the forms. Those required to be submitted in hard copy or printed copy may please be given to the race secretariat during the team managers’ meeting on April 24, 2026.

Form	Email Deadline: Jan 31, 2026	Hard Copy Deadline: Apr 24, 2026	Remarks
Crew list	✓ (signature not needed)	✓ (w/ all signatures)	1 crew list each per entry
Group waiver form	✕	✓	
Crew gallery	✓	✓	Put name under photo of racer
Crew summary	✓	✓	1 crew summary per Team A, B, C, etc.
Parent’s consent	✓	✓	For racers aged 12-17 only
Health Monitoring	✓	✓	
IDs / Proof of age	✓	✓	For Senior-A and 24&U only

- C. HEALTH CHECK FORM – In accordance with the regulations of the Local Government of Malay, Aklan, all participating teams are required to submit a health monitoring form, listing all the names of the registered participants of the team, including officials and support crew, and logging their age, blood pressure and blood oxygen levels, signed by a licensed physician, nurse, or health center worker, whether from the home country or anywhere in the Philippines. Name, occupation, license number, expiry date of license, and signature of medical professional signing the health checklist form must be legible.
- D. TEST WATER SCHED – Submit preferred test water schedule by filling out the Google Forms <https://forms.gle/MGcaQM9xEpuxUBRo9> on or before March 31, 2026. Remember that each team is guaranteed only ONE (1) training schedule from April 23 to 24, 2026. Each training schedule is good for one (1) hour regardless of number of events participating in and registered crew members. Request for second test water schedule MAY BE accommodated after all teams are given their first test water schedule, but this will be subject to availability. We will consider the request for test water sched based on the order of submission, with the earliest submissions given priority over later ones.

SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES

Deadline	Event
Dec 15, 2025	Last day of early bird registration
Jan 31, 2026	Final confirmation of entry
	Submission by email of soft copy of race forms
Mar 31, 2026 or until slots are full	Test water schedule request
Apr 23 to 24, 2026	Arrival of teams / Test water
Apr 24, 2026	Team Managers' Meeting
	Parade of teams & Opening Ceremony
Apr 25 to 26, 2026	Race days
Apr 26, 2026	Awarding & Closing Ceremony
Apr 27, 2026	Departure of teams / Tour around Boracay

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Race Fee

Check payments or bank deposits may also be made to the following bank account with a copy of the deposit slip emailed to the organizing committee at [loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com](mailto:loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com), copy furnished the PDBF at [phidbfed@gmail.com](mailto:phidbfed@gmail.com) and the Boracay Dragon Boat Association at [boracaydragonboatassociation@gmail.com](mailto:boracaydragonboatassociation@gmail.com):

Bank: Eastwest Bank  
Savings account number: 200063660409  
Account name: Hannah Estela S. Fernando  
Swift Code: EWBCPHMMXXX

If a team later on decides not to participate in the race, **NO refund** shall be made to those who have paid their race fee partially or in full, for whatever reason.

Payments for hotel and transportation may be paid directly to the service providers. A list of accredited hotels and transportation groups will be provided in the next information bulletin.

Uniform

Crews may use their respective team's uniform. One team uniform with the same color and design is recommended for easier identification. Free singlet provided may also be used as team uniform.

Crew Waiver Form

Please be reminded that when signing a crew list and crew waiver form, the person signing is confirming that all competitors on the list are "fit to race." This means that race participants are not only physically able to take part in the race, but also do not possess any medical conditions that could jeopardize their health and the general conduct of the race. These conditions include but are not limited to COVID-19 infection, consumption of alcohol or a known medical condition that make the participant unfit to participate in the competition. By signing the crew waiver form, the team representative is also confirming that all participants are able to swim at least 100m with light clothing and are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. No unvaccinated individual will be allowed entry into the premises, none more so, participate in whatever capacity in the event. Also, by signing the crew waiver form, the participants give their express consent to the sharing, use and storing of their personal information for the purpose of this race.

### **Equipment**

Standard-sized (DB22) dragon boats with full equipment (dragon head and tail, drum, caller's seat, drum stick, and steering oar) will be provided by the organizers. However, dragon boat paddles and personal floatation device (PFD) or life vests of all racers are NOT provided. Teams are advised to bring their own IDBF-certified paddles, or at least with the same specs, and water safety-compliant PFDs.

### **Use of Personal Floatation Device (PFD)**

Consistent with the requirement to ensure safety of participating players, everyone is required to wear PFDs / life vest during all water activities. No paddler shall be allowed to load the boat and race without a PFD securely worn. Approved PFDs are those that are worn over the shoulders and strapped across the body. **Inflatable belt PFDs and even those worn over the shoulders if inflatable are not allowed per Philippine Coast Guard regulations.**

Teams are advised to read carefully and brief their members on the PDBF water safety guidelines which is available at the PDBF website (<https://pdbfsport.com>).

### **Cleanliness**

Cleanliness and environmentally-sound practices will strictly be enforced to maintain proper sanitation and waste disposal in the race venue. Teams are **STRONGLY ADVISED** and encouraged to keep their respective tents clean and orderly at all times. Use trash bags. Single-use plastic materials are prohibited. Bring personal canisters or cups and mesh kits. Observe proper waste segregation and dispose all garbage before leaving the race site. Keep the entire area clean at all times. Failure to do so shall be dealt with accordingly.

Per Tourism Department regulations, consumption of food at the beach area is strictly prohibited. Thus, meals of the teams during the days' races must be consumed at the vegetation area at the back of the team tents.

### **Lootbags**

Loot bags for all participants will be provided to include a race jersey, event pin, and other surprise items. Packed lunch for two racing days will be provided to all registered participants. Water and ice stations will also be setup around the race area for all racers. The organizing committee is also working with partners to provide more accessible transportation options to all participants. A more detailed update will be shared in the second information bulletin.

### **Hotel and Other Accommodations**

The island paradise of Boracay is one of the most beautiful and renowned in the world. The island is host to a number of hotels, inns and transients that fit every budget, from five-star hotel experience to AirBNBs. Our hotel partner Alta Vista Hotel offers discounted rates exclusively for the LOVEBoracay International Dragon Boat Festival participants. Those interested may contact SJ Quizon via WhatsApp or Viber at +63.949.880.8989 or via email at [sales@avboracay.com](mailto:sales@avboracay.com) or [scquizon@dmcihomes.com](mailto:scquizon@dmcihomes.com).

More accommodation options will be provided in Information Bulletin No. 2, including discounted rates from other hotel partners.

### **Transportation**

As one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Philippines, Boracay Island is easily accessible via Caticlan Airport or Kalibo Airport. From Caticlan Airport, vans and tricycles are available to get to Boracay Jetty Port. From the jetty port, ferries have trips every 15 minutes or so to Boracay Island. Once in Boracay Island Jetty Port, guests can take a local e-jeep or e-trike to any hotel or inn in the island. Some hotels also offer local transportation as part of their hotel bookings. Local teams may also get to Boracay via roll-on-roll-off (RORO) ships.

Transportation provider partners offer roundtrip transfers from Caticlan Airport to any hotel or accommodation in Boracay Island. For local tourists, rate is P1,500/pax with a minimum booking of 5 pax. Rate for foreign tourists is P1,800/pax with a minimum booking of 5 pax. Services include:

- Airconditioned van to and from Caticlan Aiport to Port
- Terminal fee
- Environmental fee
- Ferry boat ticket
- Cab, electric vehicle to hotel and back to ferry terminal

To avail of or to seek assistance on early hotel bookings, local transportation, airport transfers and ferry trips, teams may coordinate with Arwin Calinao via WhatsApp or Viber at +63.956.125.2077 or via email at [calinaoarwin0@gmail.com](mailto:calinaoarwin0@gmail.com). Payments and arrangements may be made directly to our accredited partners.

Other details and/or additional information will be posted on the LOVEBoracay Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558501093138&sk=about>, the PDBF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ePDBF>, the PDBF website [pdbfsport.com](http://pdbfsport.com) or via email at [loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com](mailto:loveboracaydragonboatfestival@gmail.com), as well as the Facebook page of the Boracay Dragon Boat Association <https://www.facebook.com/BoracayDragonBoatAssn>, or their email: [boracaydragonboatassociation@gmail.com](mailto:boracaydragonboatassociation@gmail.com).

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