



NUSTAR RESORT CEBU DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2026
(NUSTAR Dragon Boat Regatta 2026)

September 19 to 20, 2026
NUSTAR Boardwalk, Kawit Island, Cebu City, Philippines

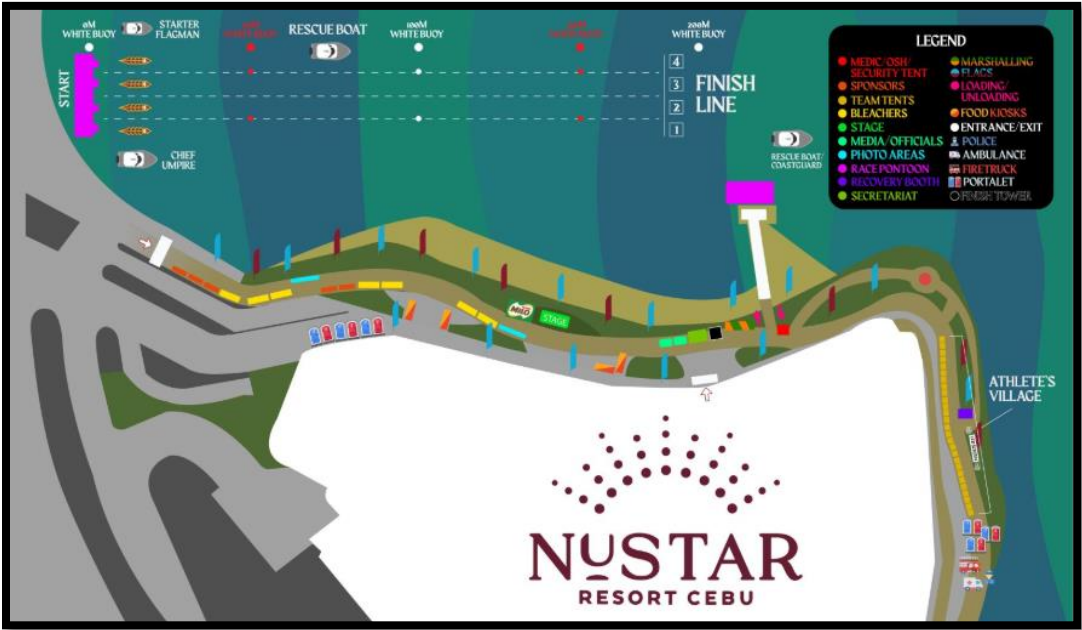
INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 2

This Information Bulletin No. 2 provides further information about the **NUSTAR Resort Cebu Dragon Boat Festival 2026 (NUSTAR Dragon Boat Regatta 2026)** and informs the participating teams about the important updates. This Information Bulletin is complementary to the earlier bulletin. In case of discrepancy, this subsequent information bulletin supersedes the earlier one.

CHANGES FROM INFO BULLETIN 1

Info Bulletin 1	Info Bulletin 2 (Corrected & Updated)
Page 1 – Race categories: Premier Standard Boat Elite (DB22)	Race categories: Premier Standard Boat (DB22)
Page 4 – Events in Provisional Day 2, September 20, 2026 (Sunday) Schedule: - Premier Mixed Standard (DB22) - Premier Mixed Small Boat (DB12) - Para-Dragon 1 Open Small Boat (DB12)	Confirmed Day 2 events: - Premier Mixed Standard (DB22) - Senior-A Open Small Boat (DB12) - Para-Dragon 1 Open Small Boat (DB12) <i>Note: There is no Premier Mixed Small Boat (DB12) event; but there is Premier Open Small Boat – Corporate (DB12) event.</i>
Page 6 – Item No. 8: Race Day Lunch Lunch will be provided for free to all registered participants, with due consideration of the food restrictions specified in the online confirmation for submitted by the team. Water and ice will likewise be available onsite. Food and drink merchants are also set up around the race venue, which the participants may also want to explore.	Race Day Lunch Considering the lowered cost of the registration fees from last year and significant discounts given to early bird registrants, senior citizens, PWDs, and students, free race day lunch for participants is, at this point, not yet guaranteed and still subject to the confirmation of partners and sponsors. Organizers will confirm on a later date if race day lunch can still be provided. To ensure convenient access to quality meals throughout the event, NUSTAR has curated a selection of nutritious & flavorful food and beverage options for competitors and guests. Packed lunches and snacks, priced affordably between ₱150 and ₱250, will be available for purchase at NUSTAR food kiosks located around the race venue.
Page 1 - Premier Women Small Boat Five (5) pairs of paddlers, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, and one (1) helm – all must be biologically female	Premier Women Small Boat Five (5) pairs of paddlers, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, and one (1) helm – all, except the helm, must be biologically female.
Page 4 – Deadline of Registration Payments July 15, 2026	Deadline of Registration Payments Extended to August 15, 2026
Page 2 – Premier Open Small Boat (Corporate)	Premier Open DB12 (Corporate) event is open to corporate teams in the private sector only.

Race Venue: The race will take place on **September 18 to 20, 2026 at NUSTAR Boardwalk**, NUSTAR Resort Cebu, Kawit Island, Cebu City, Province of Cebu, Philippines. A sketch map of the venue is provided hereunder.



Floorplan and event layout subject to change depending on future requirements

Race Distance: 200 meters straight course

Race Categories:

1. Premier OPEN Standard Boat (DB22)
2. Premier MIXED Standard Boat (DB22)
3. Premier WOMEN Small Boat (DB12)
4. Premier OPEN Small Boat – Corporate (DB12)
5. Senior-A OPEN Small Boat (DB12)
6. 24U OPEN Small Boat (DB12)
7. Para-Dragon 1 OPEN Small Boat (DB12)

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity
September 17-18, 2026	All day	Arrival of teams / Test water
September 18, 2026 (Venue to follow)	15:00	Team Managers’ Meeting & Draw Lots
Race Day 1: September 19, 2026 NUSTAR Boardwalk	07:00 – 07:10	National Anthem, Opening Prayer & Oath of Sportsmanship
	07:15	Eye-Dotting Ceremony / Awakening of the Dragon
	07:25	Welcome Remarks & Solidarity Messages
	07:45 to 17:00	Premier Open Standard DB22
		Premier Women Small Boat DB12
		Premier Open Small Boat DB12 (Corporate)
		Para-Dragon 1 Open Small Boat DB12
	Race Day 2: September 20, 2026 NUSTAR Boardwalk	07:00 to 17:00
Senior-A Open Small Boat DB12		
24&Under Open Small Boat DB12		
Unfinished Day 1 races (if any)		
September 20, 2026 NUSTAR Grand Ballroom	18:00	Celebration dinner & awarding

RACE FEE, PAYMENT DEADLINE & GUIDELINES

Early Bird Rate	Php1,750/head	Applicable only up to June 30, 2026
Regular Rate (Domestic)	Php2,000/head	Applicable starting July 1, 2026
Regular Rate (International)	USD50/head	All international teams shall be subjected to this registration fee.
Senior Citizen / PWD	Php1,600	Cannot be applied together with another discount
Student Rate	Php1,000	Cannot be applied together with another discount

Deadline: Deadline of payment is moved to August 15, 2026.

Payment Mechanics

1. Please make payment only through the Maya QR Code provided.



2. Upon successful payment, please email proof of payment to 2026nustarcebudragonboat@gmail.com and to Florides.Sia@UniversalHotels.ph.
3. Proof of payment should contain listed details below:
 - a. Team Name
 - b. List of Paid Team Members *(please specify category: regular rate, student, international, senior citizen, PWD)*
 - c. Complete photos of IDs for students, senior citizen and PWD
 - d. Number of Paid Participants
 - e. Team Manager's Contact Details (Mobile Number and Email Address)
 - f. Screenshot of the transaction receipt, including the transaction reference number
4. Ensure that the date and time of the transaction are clearly visible in the submitted proof of payment and are indicated in your email.
5. Payments will be verified and credited on the next banking day following receipt of the proof of payment. A confirmation email will be sent within seven (7) calendar days from the date the proof of payment is received.
6. Only teams with complete and verified payment will be eligible to participate. Incomplete or unverified payments will not be accommodated.

RACE FEE INCLUSION

Race Kit

All registered paddlers will receive a race kit which includes:

- Event singlet
- ID with lanyard



Fellowship Night

All registered paddlers will also be given free access to the NUSTAR Dragon Boat Regatta 2026 fellowship night and dinner at the NUSTAR Grand Ballroom on September 20, 2026 from 6PM onwards.

NUSTAR AND FILI HOTEL: Special Room Rates and Packages

Fili Hotel and NUSTAR Hotel are offering special package rates for all NUSTAR Dragon Boat Regatta 2026 participants.

Package Inclusions and Details:

- Booking Period: June 1–September 17, 2026
- Stay Period: September 18–21, 2026
- Package Inclusions:
 - All package rates already include two (2) nights and three (3) days accommodation
 - Dragon Boat Regatta participation fee
 - Package Rate Single – includes registration fee for 1 participant
 - Package Rate Double - includes registration fee for 2 participants
 - Package Rate Triple - includes registration fees for 3 participants
 - Daily buffet breakfast up to 2 persons
 - Complimentary airport shuttle on an hourly schedule, shared basis.
- Terms & Conditions:
 - Minimum stay of two (2) consecutive nights
 - Full pre-payment of the total room charges, including tax and service charge is required at the point of reservation
 - Booking is non-cancellable and non-refundable
- Remarks:
 - Teams that have already paid the registration fee but wish to avail of the special room rates will be offered a separate accommodation package. Details will be provided soon. You may also contact the Fili Hotel and NUSTAR Reservations Team via the email addresses provided in the next section.
 - For guests who wish to book accommodations before September 18, 2026 or extend their stay beyond September 21, 2026 please contact the Fili Hotel and NUSTAR Reservations Team via the email addresses provided in the next section.

Please see information below regarding the special package rates:

Fili Hotel

Room Category	Package Rate Single (net)	Package Rate Double (net)	Package Rate Triple (net)
Superior King	₱16,000	₱18,000	₱21,500
Superior Twin	₱16,000	₱18,000	₱21,500
Deluxe King City View	₱18,000	₱20,000	₱23,500
Deluxe Twin City View	₱18,000	₱20,000	₱23,500
Deluxe King Sea View	₱19,000	₱21,000	₱24,500
Deluxe Twin Sea View	₱19,000	₱21,000	₱24,500
Premier Deluxe Twin	₱20,000	₱22,000	₱25,500

**Rates above are inclusive of applicable taxes*

**Terms and conditions apply*



NUSTAR Hotel

Room Category	Package Rate Single (net)	Package Rate Double (net)
Signature King City View	₱22,000	₱24,000
Signature Twin City View	₱22,000	₱24,000
Signature King Sea View	₱24,000	₱26,000
Signature Twin Sea View	₱24,000	₱26,000

**Rates above are inclusive of applicable taxes*

**Terms and conditions apply*

Inclusions exclusive only for NUSTAR Hotel Room Reservation:

- Club Lounge Access - Resident guests of NUSTAR Hotel enjoy a host of privileges at the Fili Executive Club Lounge:
 - Breakfast buffet at the Executive Club Lounge
 - Boardroom use for up to 2 hours
 - Mid-afternoon tea
 - Garment pressing (one suit on arrival)
 - Evening cocktails and canapés
 - Business Center Services
 - All-day coffee, tea, and non-alcoholic beverages

Booking Guidelines for Fili and NUSTAR Hotel Package

You may book and avail of the packages through the link and promocodes below:

Fili Hotel

- **Link to website:** [Fili Hotel NUSTAR Cebu - Reservations](#)
- **Promocode:** FILDRBO26
- **Email:** Fili.Reservations@nustar.com.ph

NUSTAR Hotel

- **Link to website:** [NUSTAR Hotel - Reservations](#)
- **Promocode:** NUSDRBO26
- **Email:** reservation.NUSTARHotel@nustar.com.ph

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Champion, 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up

A total of four hundred fifty thousand pesos (P450,000.00) is at stake for the winners of the 2026 NUSTAR Dragon Boat Regatta. The Champion, 1st runner up and 2nd runner up in each category will receive trophies, medals and cash prizes. Please see details on cash prizes below:

Division & Racing Class	CHAMPION	1 st Runner-up	2 nd Runner-up
Premier Open DB22	Php 50,000	Php 30,000	Php 20,000
Premier Mixed DB22	Php 50,000	Php 30,000	Php 20,000
Premier Women DB12	Php 25,000	Php 15,000	Php 10,000
Premier Open DB12 (Corporate)	Php 25,000	Php 15,000	Php 10,000
Senior-A Open DB12	Php 25,000	Php 15,000	Php 10,000
24U Open DB12	Php 25,000	Php 15,000	Php 10,000
Para-Dragon 1 Open DB12	Php 25,000	Php 15,000	Php 10,000



3rd Runner Up

The 3rd runner up in each category will receive a trophy.

VERIFICATION OF ENTRIES

SENIOR-A AND 24&UNDER - For crews participating in the Senior-A and 24&Under events, please submit proof of age for all participating crew members via email to 2026nustarcebudragonboat@gmail.com on or before August 15, 2026. Accepted documents include scanned copies of a valid ID, passport, birth certificate, or any official document indicating the racer's date of birth. To avoid delays during race day, please submit these documents in advance and not during the event. The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify or deny participation to any crew whose age eligibility has not been verified prior to race day.

CORPORATE AND PARA-DRAGON - Competitors participating in the Premier Open Small Boat (Corporate) event are required to submit a scanned copy of their company or agency ID, or a certificate of employment, to verify that all crew members belong to the same company or institution. The Premier Open DB12 (Corporate) event is open to corporate teams in the private sector only. Competitors in the Para-Dragon event must submit a duly accomplished Paddler Information Sheet, attached as an Annex to Information Bulletin No. 1. This information will enable race officials to assess each paddler's medical condition and assign the appropriate classification points in accordance with the IDBF Rules on Para-Dragon Racing. Please submit on or before August 15, 2026.

Notwithstanding the submission online of proof of age, employment information and para-dragon athletes' form, 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, checker or race official. 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-A, 24&U, Corporate, and Para-Dragon events. 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.

SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF RACE FORMS

Teams that have not yet submitted soft copy of their race forms are required to submit the same on or before August 15, 2026. 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.



HARD COPY OF TEAM WAIVER & RACE FORMS

Please submit hard copy of the team waiver form **with signature of all racers** and hard copy of other race forms to the Secretariat on September 18, 2026 during the team managers' meeting. Those arriving earlier in Cebu may already submit to the Secretariat their race forms. Race kits (loot bags, racers' ID tags, singlets, etc.) may also be claimed 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, which will be created no later than September 1, 2026.

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.

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.

BORROWING HELMS & DOUBLE ROSTERING

Borrowing steerspersons is allowed, provided the helm is a registered competitor under any team, or if not a registered competitor, must be expressly allowed by the chief official for reasons of safety and to avoid delays in races. This means that a helm listed under one 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. If the team decides to have one helm in more than one event, it is understood that the crew is willing to take the risk of not being able to race by reason of default in reporting to the marshalling of the complete crew. Notwithstanding the registration of the registered or even borrowed helm, the race officials reserve the right to disallow a person from further competing as helm if in the assessment of the race official, said person is not competent to safely steer a crew during the race. In such case, the crew concerned will be required to find another helm, or compete with a steersperson provided by the race officials, should any be available. 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 teams have the same team name, their Teams A and B will be considered as separate teams. For example, Competitor W is listed in Premier Open DB22 of Team Strong – B. In the Premier Mixed DB22 of Team Strong-A, even if there is no Team Strong – B in the Premier Mixed DB22 event, Competitor W will not be allowed to join the Premier Mixed DB22 of Team Strong – A, except as helm. All teams with single entry in every event are considered as Team A, except if they have entered a Team B, which will be considered an entirely different team from Team A. 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. A table on the next page illustrates this rule.

Heat 1						
Crew Name	Team Strong-A			Team Strong-B		
	Prem Open DB22	Prem Mixed DB12	Senior Open DB12	Prem Open DB22	Prem Mixed DB12	Senior Open DB12
Paddler V	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x
Paddler W	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Drummer X	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x
Drummer Y	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓
Helm Z	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Semi-Final 1						
Crew Name	Team Strong-A			Team Strong-B		
	Prem Open DB22	Prem Mixed DB12	Senior Open DB12	Prem Open DB22	Prem Mixed DB12	Senior Open DB12
Drummer V				x	x	x
Drummer W	x	x	x			
Paddler X				x	x	x
Helm Y	x	x	x			
Paddler Z				x	x	x

TEST WATER SCHEDULE

Four (4) standard boats and four (4) small boats will be used for the race and the test water of teams. Standard boats will be a brand with IDBF-license while the four small boats are locally-produced boats. 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 all teams have secured at least one test water schedule. A second test water schedule may be accommodated, subject to availability on a first come, first served basis as determined by the order of booking test water schedule submitted through the official link.

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/CaaJk5xjw7kcsFRg8> (same link provided in Information Bulletin No. 1)



TENT ALLOCATION

Each team will be allocated a tent all throughout the race event. Further details will be announced in Information Bulletin No. 3.

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.

FREE BILLETING & ACCOMMODATION PROVISION

Limited free billeting for budget-conscious teams is available at designated city facilities. As of July 15, 2026, confirmed billeting is available for up to 300 participants only. Allocation will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve slots for your team, please make sure to send an email to 2026nustarcebudragonboat@gmail.com with an email subject: REQUEST FOR BILLETING. Further details regarding the billeting venue and other guidelines will be announced in Information Bulletin No. 3.

FREE TRANSPORTATION

Limited complimentary transportation to and from the designated pick-up points and the NUSTAR Boardwalk will be provided, subject to availability. The transportation schedule, along with the designated pick-up and drop-off points, will be announced in Information Bulletin No. 3. A link will be provided on a later date for the scheduling of transportation for the teams.

RACE DAY LUNCH

Considering the lowered cost of the registration fees from last year and significant discounts given to early bird registrants, senior citizens, PWDs, and students, free race day lunch for participants is, at this point, not yet guaranteed and still subject to the confirmation of partners and sponsors. Organizers will confirm on a later date if race day lunch can still be provided. To ensure convenient access to quality meals throughout the event, NUSTAR has curated a selection of nutritious & flavorful food and beverage options for competitors and guests. Packed lunches and snacks, priced affordably between **₱150 and ₱250**, will be available for purchase at NUSTAR food kiosks located around the race venue.

AWARDING & CLOSING DINNER

All registered participants are invited to attend the awarding on September 20, 2026 at the NUSTAR Resort Cebu Grand Ballroom. Additional details will be announced in the next information bulletin

WHATSAPP GROUP

Designated team managers and either a coach/team captain will be added to the NUSTAR Dragon Boat Regatta 2026 WhatsApp group starting September 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.



CONCERNS, CLARIFICATIONS AND OTHER INQUIRIES

For any concerns, clarifications and other inquiries regarding the NUSTAR Dragon Boat Regatta 2026, please send your questions to the following platforms/email addresses:

- Official Event Email: 2026nustarcebudragonboat@gmail.com
- Official Facebook Page: [NUSTAR Dragon Boat Regatta Facebook Page](#)

For all inquiries on hotel reservations, please send an email to the ff:

- **Fili Hotel:** Fili.Reservations@nustar.com.ph
- **NUSTAR Hotel:** reservation.NUSTARHotel@nustar.com.ph

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