



2nd Leg 2025 PDBF Philippine Dragon Boat Regatta

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

The Philippine Dragon Boat Federation formally invites all dragon boat teams to participate in the 2nd Leg of the 2025 PDBF Philippine Dragon Boat Regatta on May 24 to 25, 2025 at the picturesque Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Race is open to all member dragon boat club teams of the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation (PDBF) regardless of membership type and team location. Non-PDBF member clubs are also welcome to participate in the regatta but points for the national ranking is limited to PDBF member clubs only.

For the demonstration game on the Inter-Collegiate event, universities, colleges and schools anywhere in the Philippines are welcome to participate. Teams with zero experience will be given assistance in training weeks before the actual race to introduce the sport to student participants in this category.

The race is also open to international teams.

Since this is a regatta race, the point system will apply for all premier, Senior and U24 events with respect to PDBF member clubs. International teams and non-PDBF member clubs are eligible to win trophies for the events they will participate in but for the purpose of determining the national ranking based on points earned for this regatta, their participation shall not bear points.

RACE CATEGORIES

Race distance for all categories is FIVE HUNDRED METERS (500m).

DAY 1 EVENTS (May 24, Saturday)

- Senior Open Small Boat
- Senior Mixed Small Boat
- Under 24 Open Small Boat
- Inter-Collegiate Open Small Boat (Demo Game)

DAY 2 EVENTS (May 25, Sunday)

- Open Premier Standard Boat
- Mixed Premier Standard Boat
- Women Premier Small Boat

RACE ENTRY FEES

For PDBF member teams, five hundred pesos (P500.00) per participant with free loot bag. For non-PDBF member teams, six hundred pesos (P600.00) per participant. No additional race fee will be collected for the continuation of the 2nd Leg races.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS AND RACING RULES

The event shall be conducted by IDBF-licensed race officials of the PDBF and race volunteers, using PDBF Rules of Racing based on the International Dragon Boat Federation and Asian Dragon Boat Federation Competition Regulation and Rules of Racing.

CREW COMPOSITION

Open and Mixed Premier Categories: (Standard Boat)

Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm.

Note:
Strict compliance with the IDBF rule on the requirement of minimum of eight (8) and maximum of ten (10) of each gender allowed to load the boat will be observed in the Mixed Crew Category. Thus, to satisfy the minimum crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed standard boat crew actually loading the boat as paddlers:

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

No gender restriction with respect to drummer and helm. Number of paddlers may be reduced depending on water and weather conditions. If number of paddlers will be reduced, the crew composition for mixed events may be adjusted to fully comply with the 50% male and 50% female rule and the above permutation of gender of paddlers will no longer apply.

Women’s Category: (Small Boat)
Five (5) pairs maximum, four (4) pairs minimum, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm

Note:
Drummer AND helm must be biologically female. If team does not have a female helm, borrowing of helm from another team is allowed. However, races will not be delayed to wait for a helm or any other crew member that is currently racing or still on its way back to the unloading area. The team that will borrow a helm understands that they are taking the risk of being defaulted if their borrowed helm is not available upon being called to load.

Senior A Open, Senior A Mixed, U24 Open, Inter-Collegiate Open: (Small Boat)
Five (5) pairs maximum, four (4) pairs minimum, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm

Note:
Strict compliance with the IDBF Rules on the requirement of minimum of 4 and maximum of 5 of each gender allowed to load the boat will be observed in the Senior A Small Boat Mixed Event. Thus, to satisfy the minimum crew composition requirement, the following must compose a mixed crew actually loading the boat:

Male	Female
5	5
5	4
4	4
4	5

No gender and age restriction with respect to drummer and helm. Number may be adjusted depending on water and weather conditions, but the requirement for maximum of 50% of each gender will be observed at all times. If number of paddlers will be reduced, the crew composition for mixed events will be adjusted to fully comply with the 50% male and 50% female rule.

For the Open categories regardless of age division, no gender restriction applies to any crew member.

For the Inter-Collegiate Open Small Boat, all crew members, except the team manager, must be enrolled in the same university, college, or school. Proof of enrollment may be required, in addition to the declaration by the team manager that all crew members are *bona fide* students of the educational institution that they represent.

CHANGING ROLES
If in any case, the drummer has to be replaced, anyone from the crew list, regardless if listed as paddler or helm may be allowed to replace the drummer. The replaced drummer may be reassigned as either paddler or helm, or even back as drummer in the next races. As long as a crew member is in the crew list, said racer is allowed to participate in that particular event either as caller, paddler or helm in every race. However, once checked at

the athlete’s control for a specific role, no further change in the role in the boat shall be allowed for that particular race. Further role changes may be allowed in the succeeding races, but not during the same race, especially when already in the water.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Top four teams in each premier competition class will be awarded trophies. Minor finals in the premier events MAY BE awarded, depending on the number of entries. Results of the race will form part of the 2025 national ranking of PDBF teams. Winners will receive a trophy / plaque.

REQUIRED FORMS (as attached)

Crew lists, group waiver form, crew summary and crew gallery are not contained in just one Excel file. When submitting the electronic copy, please submit in EXCEL format only. DO NOT save and submit in PDF format.

- A. CREW LIST and GROUP WAIVER FORM must be duly signed by the crew manager. It may be used in conjunction with the PDBF ID and the crew gallery to identify and check members who are racing. The crew manager shall represent the crew in all matters pertaining to the racing competition. The crew manager is not allowed to compete / race with the crew on boat. Crew list for standard boat events (DB22) must have a maximum of 24 paddlers, one drummer, one helm, one coach, one captain, and one team manager (who is not allowed to be listed as a boat competitor). Coach and captain may be included as a crew member but must likewise be listed as either drummer, helm, or paddler.
- B. CREW GALLERY (for PDBF and non-PDBF participants) may be used to identify and check members who will be racing. Gallery should contain clear photographs of crew members: without head dress, without sun glasses. Indicate the name of the person whose picture appears on the crew gallery. The text below the box for the picture is editable. Put the name and designation of the person whose picture appears therein.
- C. SUMMARY OF CREW- required for administrative reference.
- D. PARENT'S CONSENT – for participants below 18 years old. May be submitted in PDF format.
- E. SCHOOL DECLARATION – for participants in the Inter-Collegiate Open Small Boat event.

SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES

Date	Activity
May 11, 2025 (Sunday), 8:30AM	<p>Team Managers Meeting</p> <p>Venue: To be announced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of entries• Draw lots for the elimination round / initial heats• Payment of race fees, membership dues and permanent ID <p>No complete payment of race fee, annual membership renewal, monthly dues, boat docking, and ID fee, NO LOADING</p>
May 17, 2025 (Saturday), 11:59PM	<p>Deadline for submission of soft copy of race forms and membership renewal form (for PDBF member teams only and if there are additional members not declared in the last membership renewal this 2025). Email EXCEL format of</p>

	<p>race forms to phidbfed@gmail.com, cc: marciacristobal@yahoo.com.</p> <p>After the herein deadline, crew gallery or change is subject to the approval of the organizers and may only be entertained for valid reasons.</p> <p>For the Senior and U24, email the valid IDs with birthday, or other relevant documents of all concerned athletes along with the race forms. For the Inter-Collegiate event, email school ID, or certificate of enrollment of all crew members. Bring hard copy of race forms, IDs and other documents mentioned here on the race day for the allowable crew changes onsite (Maximum of 4 for standard boat events and maximum of 2 for small boat events).</p>
<p>May 24, 2025 (Saturday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4:30 AM - 5:00 AM - 6:00AM - 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM 	<p>RACE DAY 1</p> <p>Call time for race officials and volunteers</p> <p>Call time for racers; Race officials' briefing, station check Coastal clean up</p> <p>Team Managers' Meeting / Claiming of freebies</p> <p>Prayer, National Anthem, Oath of Sportsmanship, Opening Remarks, Eye-Dotting Ceremony; Call teams for Race Nos. 1 & 2</p> <p>Races in Senior Open Small Boat, Senior Mixed Small Boat, U24 Open Small Boat, and Inter-Collegiate Open Small Boat (Demo Game)</p> <p>Last race of the day</p> <p>Awarding of Day 1 winners</p> <p>Egress</p>
<p>May 25, 2025 (Sunday)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4:30 AM - 5:00 AM - 6:00AM - 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM 	<p>RACE DAY 2</p> <p>Call time for race officials and volunteers</p> <p>Call time for racers; Race officials' briefing, station check Coastal clean up</p> <p>Team Managers' Meeting / Claiming of lootbags</p> <p>Prayer, National Anthem, Oath of Sportsmanship; Call teams for first two races of the day</p> <p>All day races for Premier Open Standard, Premier Mixed Standard, Premier Women Small Boat</p> <p>Last race of the day</p> <p>Awarding of Day 2 winners & Closing Remarks</p> <p>Egress</p>

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Identity Checking at the Loading Control

Crew lists and/or team galleries will be counterchecked with PDBF IDs of participants. Presentation of PDBF IDs (permanent or temporary IDs) will be required for checking/verification purposes. A participant's PDBF ID must bear the name of the team where the crew is listed for this race. Transferees from one team to another must obtain temporary ID from the PDBF prior to the start of the race. Teams that are yet to settle their permanent ID fee of P100/ registered member are advised to promptly settle said fee prior to race day to avoid inconvenience and delay during race day. Temporary IDs cost P50/each.

Since this is a regatta race, strict team membership shall be observed. Except for the helm, all members of the crew must belong to the team they represent as reflected in the most recent PDBF renewal forms of the member clubs. The PDBF Membership Committee database will be the basis for team membership of individual players, except when other proofs of membership are considered by the Secretariat and chief race official on meritorious grounds.

Issues with respect to a team's dry spell or restriction on an individual's participation in PDBF races may be applied subject to evaluation of evidence presented by the protesting party which may include clearance, team bylaws, rules of membership or board resolution. Ultimately, the chief race official, upon the recommendation of the race secretariat, has the final decision as to conflicts of this nature.

Teams that deliberately include in their crew list, players who are not their own team members or are not yet cleared from their previous teams may be given appropriate sanctions ranging from warning to disqualification from the race.

Age of participants in the Senior A, U24 and Inter-Collegiate events will be pre-screened using the e-mailed IDs with birth dates and other relevant documents. These IDs and documents must be emailed with the race forms on or before the due date mentioned in the **SCHEDULES & DEADLINES** portion of this Information Bulletin. Those allowed to be included in the crew or change crew, but have not submitted via email their proofs of age, must be ready with the physical or electronic copy of their proof of age. These must be presented to the secretariat before the beginning of the first race. The team manager must ensure strict compliance with this requirement to avoid delays in races. Inclusion of crew members not qualified for the age division entered and raced in, whether intentional or not, may cause the team's disqualification from the competition class concerned.

The marshals at the athletes control and the marshalling area may refuse a person from participating in the race if, in their assessment, the person is under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances, or is not in a good physical condition to race, or not in the crew list, or not within the allowable age bracket for the event where they intend to race.

2. Payment of Race Fee

The PDBF Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer will accept payments during the team manager's meeting. Check payments or bank deposits may be paid through the PDBF bank account with a copy of the deposit slip furnished to the PDBF:

BDO Harrison Branch
Savings account number: 0005 0013 8656
Account name: Philippine Dragon Boat Federation Inc.

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

3. Uniform

Team uniform must be used by the entire crew, except the life vest, which must be worn properly outside any other upper body clothing. The drummer may be allowed to wear a different uniform for easier identification of the team's drummer during checking and actual races.

4. Water provisions for teams

Each team is entitled to one 5-gallon purified water with manual pump, except if our official hydration partner confirms for the race. In such case, no more water provisions will be given, but only the hydration provisions from the official hydration partner. Those with Teams A and B will have two allotments of water provisions as they are treated as two separate teams. Once the water provisions are available, the same will be announced through the public address system and teams may get their allotment from the Secretariat area. Teams are advised to return their empty water bottles to the Secretariat area as soon as possible to avoid paying for the rented water bottles. Once returned, team representative must sign the water bottle return form. Lost water bottles will be charged to the team concerned at P500/ bottle.

5. 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 condition 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 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.

Moreover, by signing the crew waiver form, the participants are likewise giving consent to the use by the organizers of their personal information shared in the submitted forms, including the membership renewal forms, for the purpose of conducting dragon boat races and other related purposes where such information may be used. No abuse or unauthorized sharing of said personal information will be made by the organizers.

Lastly, by signing the crew waiver form, the participants likewise undertake to keep their respective area and the rest of the Dolomite Beach clean and its facilities preserved. Particularly, the following undertaking are deemed included upon signing the crew waiver form:

- a. Any damage to plants, plant boxes, tiles, pavements, fence, or any other installations and engineering works of the Dolomite beach within the team's assigned tent as well as its surrounding environs will be the responsibility of the team. Any damage therein will have to be reimbursed or paid for by the team at fault.
- b. No pets will be brought to the Dolomite Beach. Anyone caught with pets within the beach premises and within their tents will be subjected to fines imposed by the MBCO, DENR.
- c. Members will not eat or drink at the beach proper. Eating and drinking will be limited inside their respective tents or within the pavement. No such activity will be allowed at the beach proper. Applicable penalties may apply.

- d. Cleanliness inside the assigned tent and its immediate perimeter will be observed at all times. Trash will be collected in a proper receptacle and garbage bag to be disposed properly after the races, and not left behind inside the tent.
- e. The entrance and exit point to the race area is at the gate across Magsaysay Building only. Upon entry, participants and registered supporters will be asked to present their PDBF ID. Those without PDBF ID will be refused entry at the special entrance, even if racer, supporter, supplier, or concessionaire. Those without PDBF ID may nonetheless use the main entrance (the one near US Embassy) to access their team tents. No one from the team or its supporters will use the special gate for dragon boat athletes without a PDBF ID, or a PDBF-issued special pass. Registered athletes may secure ID passes for their guests, suppliers, etc. for P50 only at the Secretariat booth. No one is allowed to cross-over the fence to get in and out of the race venue.

6. Use of Personal Floatation Device

Consistent with the requirement to ensure safety of participating players, everyone is required to wear personal floatation device (PFD) / life vest during all water activities. No crew member shall be allowed to load the boat and race without a PFD securely worn. 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>).

7. Time Allowance & Starting Position

Team leaders are advised that there will be **NO TIME ALLOWANCE** for any competitors who are listed in any two or more events in the same team. The race schedule will be strictly followed. Crews with athletes in consecutive heats are advised that race officials shall not allow delay in races or make any extra allowances in the event of 'back to back' racing. Listing same players in two or more events, including drummer and helm, is strongly discouraged as it may result to the team's declaration of default or disqualification if it unduly delays the conduct of races by reason of its double rostered players. Double rostering of players in two separate teams including Teams A and B of wholly or essentially the same team name is absolutely prohibited, except for the Inter-Collegiate event. In such case, those lined up in Teams A and B of the Inter-Collegiate event may be allowed to race in the U24 Open, Premier Mixed, Premier Open, or Premier Women events, regardless if they are listed as Team A or B in the Inter-Collegiate event. However, no crossover of teams shall be allowed.

Pontoons for boat holders will be installed to facilitate easier alignment at the starting line. To discourage delay caused by crews who do not follow instructions or stop the race by raising their hands due to mere inconvenience (instead of an emergency), the starter may recommend the a time penalty of +2 seconds to teams who unduly delay the race, subject to approval of the chief official. This notwithstanding, the starter may choose to proceed with the race if one team has not yet reported at the starting line despite repeated instructions to do so, to avoid delays in the races.

8. Marshalling / Athletes Control Protocols

Once the crew members have been checked, they are not allowed to leave the Athlete's Control tent, nor can other paddlers, including the reserve players, be allowed inside the tent. Only the team manager can go with the paddlers inside the tent. Similarly, athletes, accompanied by the team manager and/or coach, are allowed to access the loading / unloading area. No team member, including reserve players who were not part of the competing crew that had been checked, will be allowed at that boat marshalling / loading / unloading area.

9. Minimum public health standards and protocols

Everyone is enjoined to observe minimum public health standards and protocols. All participants, support crew and spectators are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and must not exhibit any symptoms of the virus on the day of the event. A general health declaration is included in the crew waiver form. All teams are required to ensure that no member has a temperature of 37°C or higher.

11. Cleanliness

The event is supported by the DENR as the administrator of the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach. Cleanliness and environmentally-sound practices will strictly be enforced to maintain proper sanitation and waste disposal in the area. 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.

12. Parking

Except for the setup crew and VIPs, no vehicle will be allowed access inside the Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach promenade complex. Pay parking is available at the Roxas Boulevard Service Road and nearby areas as parking. Consider the current roadworks and the no-car scheme between 3AM to 9AM every Sunday along Roxas Boulevard in planning your trip to the race site.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- I. Two sets of four dragon boats. Eight (8) to twelve (12) standard dragon boats will be used: four (4) BUK boats, four (4) PDBF Champion boats, and four (4) more boats (subject to confirmation) may be used for the races. As much as possible, the same boat types will be used for the same round of each racing class. However, should there be fastest loser/s in the race progression, the same type of boat will be used. If the race progression does not need to get a fastest loser, the race organizers may allow the use of other boat brands for the other rounds to ensure faster crew transition and races.
- II. In case of cumulative heats. Top four teams with the best accumulated time (lowest recorded aggregate time from the two heats) will have a final race to determine their ranking. In case races need to be cancelled due to weather conditions and similar circumstances, ranking may be based on time of last round of races finished.
- III. Senior and U24. The Senior Open, Senior Mixed, and U24 Open (all small boats) category will be included in the national ranking of the 2025 Regatta. Depending on the number of entries, the basis of the winners may be cumulative time or the ordinary race progression. In case entries in this event are not in the multiples of four and basis of winners is time-based, entries may be included in other events with less than four teams in a heat, primarily in the eliminations round.

Other details and/or additional information shall be posted on the PDBF Facebook page, the PDBF website (<https://pdbfsport.com>) or may be sent thru email. For questions and concerns, you may leave us a message in the official Facebook page of the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation <https://www.facebook.com/ePDBF>, or email us at phidbfed@gmail.com.

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