



L♥VE Boracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2024

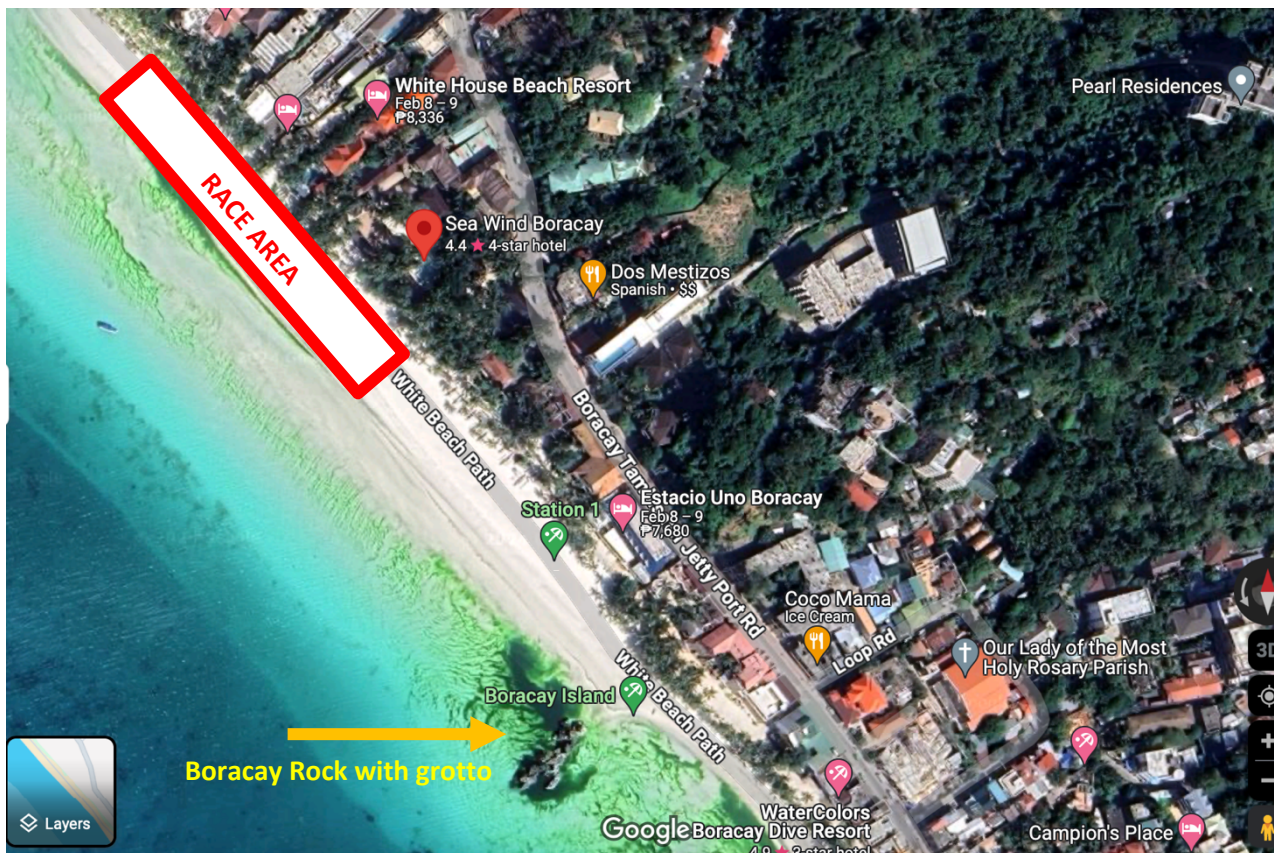
April 27 to 28, 2024

Station 1, White Beach, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan

Information Bulletin No. 2 is supplementary to and amends any inconsistent detail provided in Information Bulletin No. 1.

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 27 to 28, 2024 at Station 1, White Beach, Boracay Island, Municipality of Malay, Province of Aklan, Philippines. A sketch map of the venue is provided hereunder.



Confirmed Teams and Final Race Distance

A total of 54 teams confirmed for the race from China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada, Australia, Dubai, Guam, and various parts of the Philippines. Considering the number of confirmed teams and the limited number of days allowed to finish all the races, the **final race distance will be TWO HUNDRED METERS (200m) only**. To emphasize, all events with five hundred meters (500m) race distance ARE CANCELLED.

CLARIFICATION ON CREW COMPOSITION OF SENIOR-A MIXED SMALL BOAT

Crew composition of the Senior-A Mixed Small Boat shall observe the 50% rule. This means that paddlers cannot have more than 50% of each gender or sex. It is clarified that the “no gender restriction” referred to in Information Bulletin No. 1 pertains to the drummer and helm only, not to the paddlers. For clarity, the following permutation of paddlers are allowed for the Senior-A Mixed Small Boat:

MALE	FEMALE
5	5
5	4
4	4
4	5

SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF RACE FORMS

Teams who have not yet submitted soft copy of their race forms are requested to email the same on or before January 31, 2024.

In addition to the race forms previously published, teams are also requested to fill out the Google form for test water schedule on April 25 and 26, 2024 from 7AM to 5PM. Just click the link: <https://forms.gle/M132Fz2KXU5D8AT96>. Please complete the form by February 15, 2024. Each team is allowed to reserve for one hour per day. Each time slot will have eight (8) boats available. Test water schedule request in excess of the one hour per team per day allotment may be accommodated, if all teams have already registered their test water schedule and there are still open slots for the test water schedule requested. For everyone’s guidance, test water schedule are as follows:

DAY 1 (APRIL 25)

- 0700 to 0800H
- 0815 to 0915H
- 0930 to 1030H
- 1045 to 1145H
- 1200 to 1300H
- 1315 to 1415H
- 1430 to 1530H
- 1545 to 1645H
- 1700 to 1800H

DAY 2 (APRIL 26)

- 0700 to 0800H
- 0815 to 0915H
- 0930 to 1030H
- 1045 to 1145H
- 1200 to 1300H
- 1315 to 1415H
- 1430 to 1530H
- 1545 to 1645H
- 1700 to 1800H

AGE VERIFICATION FOR SENIOR-A

For those with entries Senior-A events, please email to phidbfed@gmail.com on or before February 15, 2024 the proof of age of participating crew members. This may be scanned copies of a valid ID, passport, birth certificates and the likes. 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.

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 26, 2024. The Secretariat will start receiving team waiver form and hard copy of race forms by 12NN. Venue will be announced later.

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, 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.

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. The organizers will do its best to allow 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.

RACE FEE PAYMENT

Race fee is P2,500/head, except local teams who have availed themselves of the subsidy. Please settle payment of race fees, subsidized or not, on or before February 28, 2024. Payments may be deposited to the PDBF bank account:

Bank: Banco De Oro (BDO) Unibank Savings Account No. 0005-0013-8656
Account Name: Philippine Dragon Boat Federation Inc.

Check payments may please be made payable to: PHILIPPINE DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION INC.

Official receipt will be issued during the team manager’s meeting on April 26, 2024.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

April 25, Thursday	Arrival of teams / Test water
April 26, Friday	-- Arrival of teams / Test water (all day) -- 12NN-3PM Submission of hard copy of race forms / Claiming of lootbags, race ID and singlets -- 3PM Team Manager’s Meeting
April 27, Saturday	200m Women Small Boat 200m Senior A Mixed Small Boat 200m Open Small Boat (Eliminations & Repechage)
April 28, Sunday	200m Open Small Boat (Quarter Finals to Grand Finals) 200m Mixed Standard Boat 200m Open Standard Boat -- 7PM Awarding / Closing Dinner
April 29, Monday	Departure of teams / Enjoy Boracay Island
April 30, Tuesday	Departure of teams / LOVEBoracay festivals of other events
May 1, Wednesday	Departure of teams / Labor Day / LOVEBoracay Parties
May 2, Thursday	Departure of teams

DEADLINES

- January 31 - E-mail soft copy of crew galleries, crew summary, and team waiver with crew lists (no need for signature of racers yet)
- February 15 - Deadline for filling out test water schedule & food restrictions
- February 28 - Last day for payment of race fee; send proof of payment to phidbfed@gmail.com
- March 31 - Deadline for crew change
- April 25 to 26 - Test water
- April 26 - Team Manager’s Meeting / Distribution of race kits

CREW CHANGE

The race forms submitted on January 31, 2024 are provisional. Teams will be allowed to change their crew members without any limitation as to the number of crew members that will be changed until March 31, 2024. Thereafter, we will only entertain last minute crew change. Last minute changes in crew members may be allowed before the start of the first race for 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 will be issued, which will still be honored, provided complete with the valid signatures of race officials concerned.

HOTEL & ACCOMMODATION

Boracay offers a wide array of accommodation options, from beach front hotels and properties to budget-friendly hostels and inns at the town proper. We have identified some hotels and hostels for discounted rates. Please take note that different hotels also offer different inclusions and packages in their rooms. Booking may be done directly to the respective websites of the hotels. The following information show the hotel name, rate, and distance to the race site.

	Hotel / Inn	Rate ¹ /Night (in PHP)	Approx Distance to Race Site
1	Discovery Shores Boracay ★★★★★	13,800 ² /room 🧑🧑	250m
2	Seawind Hotel ★★★★★	6,250/room 🧑🧑	20m
3	Happiness Hostel ★★★	990/bed 🧑	1.3 km / 18min 🚶
4	Crimson Boracay ★★★★★	12,400/room 🧑🧑	4.4 km / 16min 🚶
5	Sunshine's Resort ★★	4,499/room 🧑🧑	900m / 12min 🚶
6	Aqua Boracay ★★★★★	8,503/room 🧑🧑	1.9 km / 25min 🚶
7	Belmont Boracay ★★★★★	3,100/room 🧑🧑🧑	3.9km / 15min 🚶
8	Savoy Hotel Boracay Newcoast ★★★★★	3,465/room 🧑🧑🧑	4.1km / 16min 🚶
9	Mövenpick Resorts & Spa ★★★★★	8,400/room 🧑🧑	4.5km / 17min 🚶
10	Jony's Beach Resort ★★★	4,953/room 🧑🧑	1.1km / 14min 🚶
11	Sur Beach Resort ★★	8,000/room 🧑🧑	1.7km / 22min 🚶
12	White House Boracay ★★★	5,213/room 🧑🧑	1.7km / 22min 🚶
13	Henann Regency Resort & Spa ★★★★★	6,186/room 🧑🧑	1.7km / 22min 🚶

Please note that per local government and Tourism Department regulations, tourists and visitors to Boracay Island are required 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.

If you are looking at other hotels or accommodation options not included in the recommended hotels above, teams may inquire and contact the travel and tours association president of Boracay Island given below. 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.

MS. CLARIBEL CASIMERO
B & C Island Leisure Tours
e-mail address: bandcleisuretours@yahoo.com.ph
Landline: (+63) 36.288.6441
Mobile: (+63) 921.661.9189

¹ Indicated rate is minimum rate only and may be subject to change by the hotel management. Extra bed may include additional fee.

² Offers free roundtrip airport transfer to and from hotel and Caticlan Airport, breakfast, drinks, and many more. Please inquire with the hotels on the inclusions.

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.



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

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.



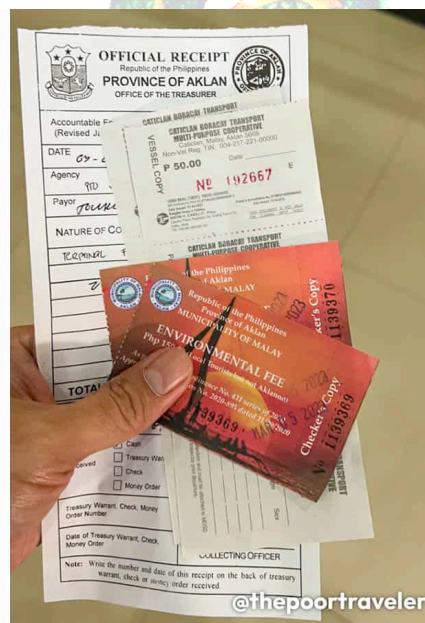
Small booth at the right is where you will get the ticket with the assigned tricycle



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

Source for both photos: <https://www.thepoortraveler.net/caticlan-airport-to-boracay/>

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. Organizers are currently negotiating for discounted rates on these fares. Please wait for further updates in the next information bulletin. 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

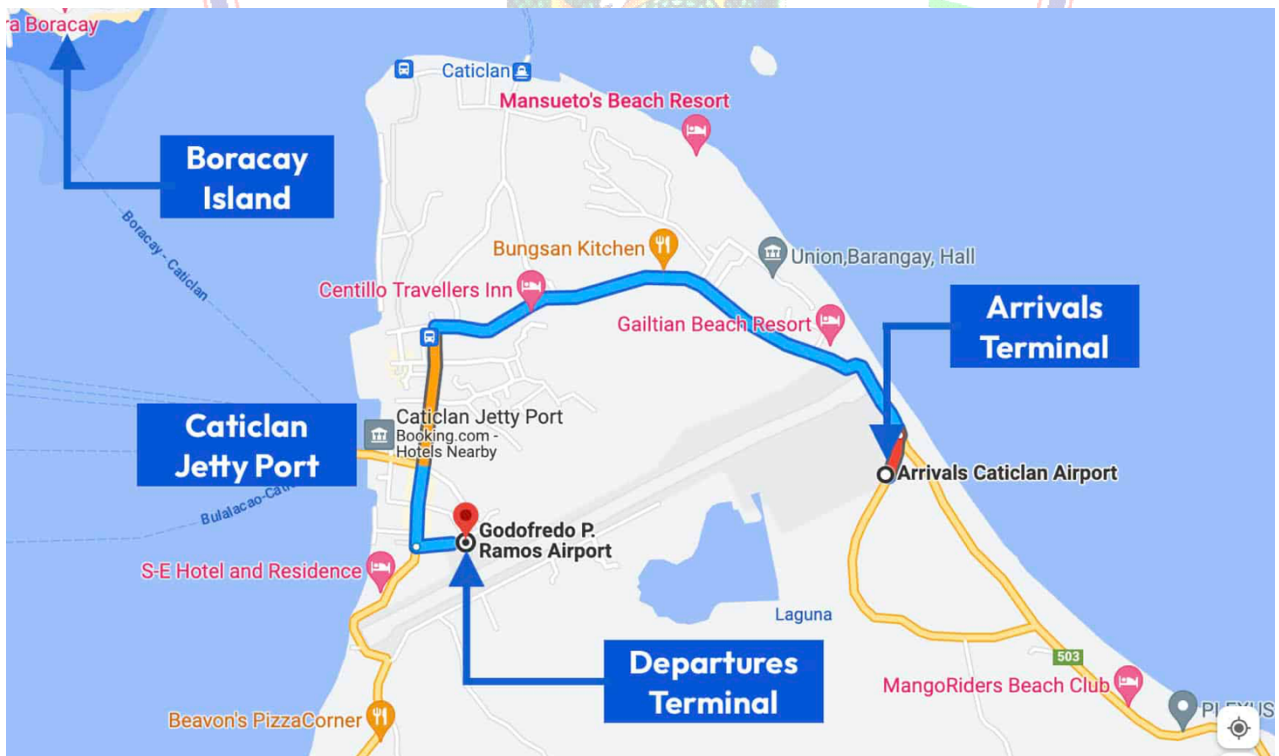
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Once inside the boarding area for the ferry, you will be issued a seat number. The conductor will tell you what ferry you will be taking.

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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.

B&C Island Leisure Tours offer unlimited HOP-ON-HOP-OFF land trips anywhere in Boracay Island, including jetty port pickups and trips. Cost is P200/person/day. If interested, please contact Ms. Claribel for this option.

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 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

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:

<https://www.thepoortraveler.net/caticlan-airport-to-boracay/>
<https://diveintophilippines.com/caticlan-to-boracay/>
<https://diveintophilippines.com/kalibo-to-boracay-island/>

Those who wish to travel by sea may also do so from Batangas Port to Caticlan Port, which is about 1.5 to 2 hours away from Manila. Cost is around P2,000 per passenger per way. Checkout the daily routes of 2GO Travel at <https://travel.2go.com.ph>. Teams from other provinces in the Philippines may also check trips, schedule and fees from their respective ports of origin.

MEALS

Lunch for both race days on April 27 to 28, 2024 will be provided by the organizers and its partners / sponsors. For the closing dinner, meals will be provided at the awarding ceremony venue, which will be confirmed in the next bulletin. Water provisions will likewise be provided for all teams for both race dates. Food restrictions may please be indicated in the test water Google form given above.

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. Those with multiple teams (A & B) will each have one tent for each of their team. 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.

Further information and details will be provided in the next information bulletin.

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