

# L♥VEBoracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2024

April 27 to 28, 2024  
Station 2, White Beach, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan

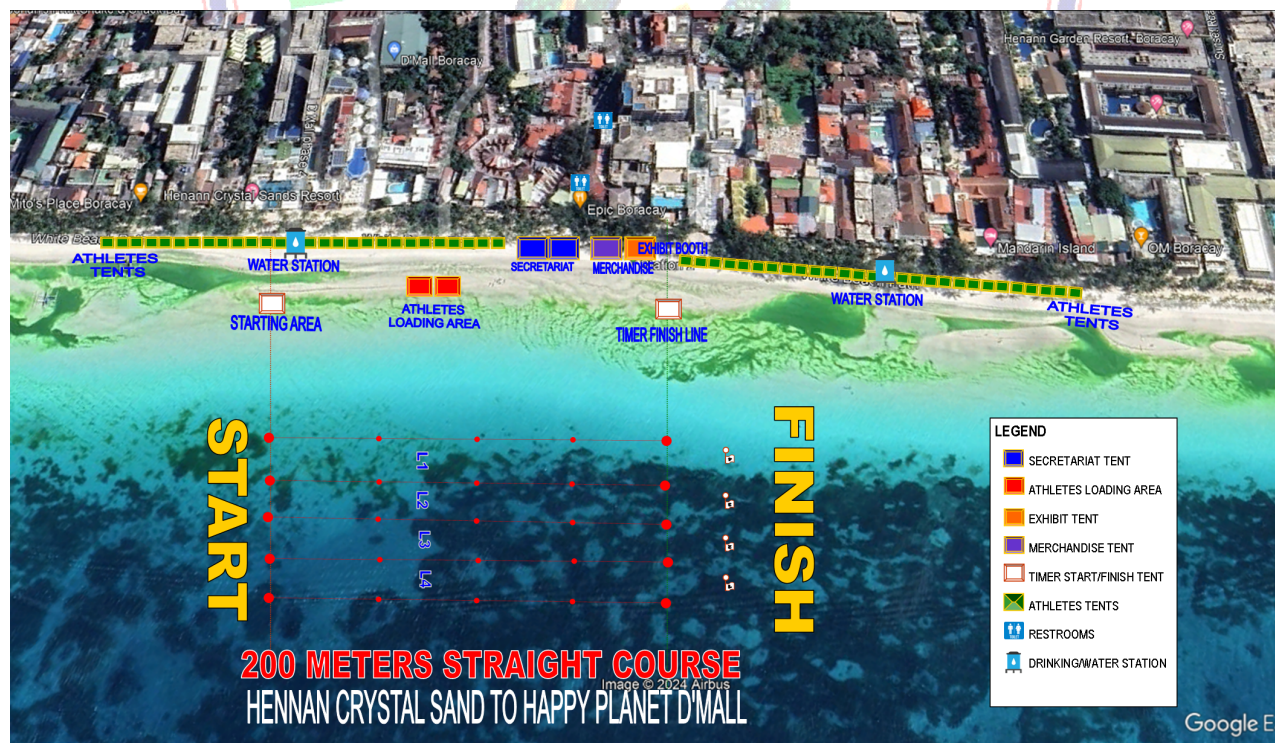
## INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 3

Information Bulletin No. 3 is supplementary to and amends any inconsistent detail provided in Information Bulletin Nos. 1 and 2.

This Information Bulletin provides further information about the *LOVEBoracay International Dragon Boat Festival*, and informs the participating teams about the important updates.

### CHANGE OF RACE VENUE

In line with the simultaneous events that will happen in Boracay Island during the week of the LOVEBoracay, dragon boat **race location has been changed from Station 1 to Station 2**, White Beach, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan, Philippines. The new race site is still in the same beach but has been moved toward the middle of the White Beach. It is at the stretch of the beach fronting Hennan Crystal Sands, D Mall up to Mandarin Island. New race venue is just about 7 mins walk by the beach from the previous race venue. A sketch map (not to scale) of the venue is provided hereunder.



### SUBMISSION OF SOFT COPY OF RACE FORMS

Soft copy of all race forms must have already been submitted by this time. Teams that have not yet submitted their race forms are advised to do so ASAP by emailing them to [phidbfed@gmail.com](mailto:phidbfed@gmail.com). Teams without race forms will risk not having their race IDs printed on time, which can affect their participation in the races. Race IDs will be badges for training, racing, celebration party and other official events of the race. Please note that the crew list that goes with the Team Waiver Form must be signed individually by all team members before submission of the hard copy. The crew list with the Team Waiver Form NEED NOT be submitted online. They may be submitted in hard copy during the team managers' meeting on April 26, 2024.

### **SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF RACE FORMS**

Submission of hard copy of race forms, correction of crew galleries, payment of deficiencies in race fees may be made at the admin tables that will be setup at the venue for the team managers' meeting, starting 1PM. Please note that the team managers are part of the team and must therefore pay the race fee in full. Supporters who wish to have access to the team tents and the closing party must also pay P1,500 per head. Teams with administrative and financial concerns are advised to be at the team managers' meeting venue earlier than usual to settle their team's concerns before the start of the team managers' meeting at 1PM. No complete payment of race fee, no loading. Official receipts may also be claimed from the admin table during the team managers' meeting.

Team managers must not be listed as paddler, drummer or helm. Team managers are to remain on land to take care of any matters concerning the team, especially when the team is currently in the water. Coaches and team captains may be part of the boat's crew either as paddler, drummer or steerer, provided the same coach or team captain concerned is also listed as either a paddler, drummer or steersperson.

### **WATER TEST SCHEDULE**

For those teams that haven't, please fill out the Google form for test water schedule on April 25 7AM to 5PM and April 26, 2024 from 9:30AM to 5PM. Just click the link: <https://forms.gle/M132Fz2KXU5D8AT96>. As of the issuance of this Information Bulletin, test water for April 26, 2024 0700H to 0800H, 0815H to 0915, 0930H to 1030H, and 1430H to 1530H are already full. Those who have not yet chosen a test water sched may please choose other test water schedule.

### **CLAIMING RACE KITS**

Race kits may be claimed at Happy BONG-alow Bar, Zone V, Bolabog, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan starting April 25, 2024 from 1PM to 6PM and on April 26, 2024 from 7AM to 12NN. Unclaimed race kits may be received during the team managers' meeting on April 26, 2024, 1PM to 5PM at the Shangri-la Boracay Conference Room, Barangay Yapak, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan.

### **TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING**

Team Managers' Meeting will be on April 26, 2024, from 1PM to 5PM at the Boracay Shangri-la Conference Room, Barangay Yapak, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan. Each team may send a maximum of two representatives to attend said meeting. Modest refreshments will be served. Shangri-la is accessible by public transport available at the main road of the Boracay Island.

Draw lots of the initial lane assignments for the elimination heats will be done during the team managers' meeting. Moreover, the Rules of Racing will be discussed and a copy thereof disseminated during the said meeting. Questions or clarifications about the rules may likewise be brought up during the said meeting. The PDBF's Rules of Racing, primarily based on IDBF Rules of Racing and Competition Regulations will be used for the competition. For any matter not covered by the PDBF Rules of Racing, the IDBF Rules will have suppletory application.

### **NO FOOD AND BOTTLED DRINKS AT RACE SITE**

As advised by the authorities, Boracay Island is a protected area by virtue of relevant Environmental laws, rules and regulations issued by the Philippine Government and the Local Government of Malay, Aklan. Since the race site is located by the beach of Boracay, no food will be allowed for the duration of the race. The organizers are working on providing modest energy food for the racers during the two race days, but full meals may be taken at the D'Mall Complex and several food stalls at back of the team tents, which is just one to two minute-walk away from the team tents area. Food must be consumed outside the beach area. Comfort rooms are also located around the race site, about two to three minutes away from the team tents by foot. Please refer to the race site map above for the location of the toilets.

Water stations will be strategically positioned around the team tents. Teams are advised to bring their own water bottles and **ABSOLUTELY AVOID USING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC** water bottles at the race area, as it is strictly prohibited by relevant laws, rules and regulations. Violators may be subjected to administrative and criminal penalties.

### **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.

To clarify, those with Team A, B and C must make sure that no paddler or drummer will crossover and play from Team A to Team B or Team C, and vice versa. A paddler or drummer in Team A must remain in Team A, regardless of event or category. This rule, however, will not apply to steersperson due to the limited number of helms during the race.

### **PADDLES & PFDs**

No paddle and personal floatation device (PFD) or life vests will be provided. Teams must bring their own paddle and PFDs. Those using minimal PFDs such as belt floatation devices must have prior approval from the organizers and must sign a separate waiver for the use thereof. In case of accident due to the inadequacy of PFDs preferred and used by the crew, the organizers are not liable for any damage or injuries that may result therefrom. This notwithstanding, PFDs are **REQUIRED** to be worn during the events in the water, as part of the regulations of the Philippine Coast Guard.

### **RACE FEE PAYMENT**

Official receipts for payments or transfers made to the PDBF will be issued during the team managers' meeting. Team representatives are required to show proof of payment or transfer for the entire crew.

Those few who have not yet settled their race fee are reminded to settle the same. To reiterate, race fee is P2,500/head, except local teams who have availed themselves of the subsidy. Please Payments may be deposited or transferred to the PDBF bank account:

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

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

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

Teams are invited to attend the opening ceremony happening on April 26, 2024, 5PM at Station 1, White Beach, Boracay Island, Aklan. Among the highlights of the opening ceremony are:

- Parade of teams / team introduction
- Eye-dotting ceremony
- *Ati-atihan* (local festival dancing and drum performance)
- Welcome remarks from the local government officials, sponsors and partners
- First round of raffle of Z & J carbon paddles

### UPDATED PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

Attached is the updated tentative schedule for the race.

April 25, Thursday	Arrival of teams / Claiming of race kits at Happy BONG-alow / Hourly test water (7AM to 6PM)
April 26, Friday	-- Arrival of teams / Test water (9:30AM to 6PM) -- 1PM-6PM Submission of hard copy of race forms / Claiming of loot bags, race ID and singlets at Shangri-la Boracay -- 1PM Team Managers' Meeting -- 5PM Opening Parade
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

### TEAM INFORMATION & PERFORMANCE

Over the next few days, we will be featuring participating teams in the PDBF social media. To this end, we request that the online Team Information Form (<https://forms.gle/G24HPAnieVGFL2Bf7>) be filled out, along with the team's logo and one team photo (the best one). Team information will also be used to introduce the teams during the opening parade. By submitting the team information, logo and photo, the team is expressly granting consent to the use of the said information, logo and photo in the PDBF, the BDBA and other related social media account and press materials for the purpose of promoting the LOVEBoracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2024. The team likewise warrants that they have authority to share and grant consent to the use of the information, logo and team photo that will be submitted.

In the spirit of camaraderie and fun, teams are requested to prepare a short presentation (maximum of 3 minutes) for the opening or closing ceremonies. It may be a dance, skit, or any other act or performance that will surely delight the participants and audience. If using sounds, please prepare your music in USB. If using phone, please make sure you have a connector. Please indicate also the nature of the performance in the Team Information Form.

### CLOSING CEREMONY

Closing ceremony will be on April 28, 7PM. Venue will be announced later. Winners in the races will be formally announced and awarded during the closing ceremony. There will be raffle of items from our sponsors including carbon paddles and other exciting products. Also during the closing ceremony, performances from the teams will be presented, and there will be an international DJ from Singapore to hold the beach party. Please note that only canned drinks and drinks in paper cups may be allowed. Glass and plastic bottles are absolutely prohibited on the beach. Registered race participants and support crew have free access to the closing ceremony and beach party. Unregistered individuals who wish to get inside the beach party venue must pay P1,500 per head. Modest cocktails are available for free to registered participants and support.

Cleanliness must be maintained even during the parties. Teams are advised to bring their trash along with them when they leave the beach, or dispose the same in the proper disposal bins located outside the beach area. There are no trash bins on the beach itself.



Sample beach party venue

### WINNERS & PRIZES

Top 4 teams per event / category will be awarded. A total of five gold medals are at stake. Winners will receive the following prizes:

- CHAMPION – P40,000 cash prize, gold medals for all team members, one trophy
- 1<sup>st</sup> RUNNER UP – P30,000 cash prize, silver medals for all team members, one trophy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> RUNNER UP – P20,000 cash prize, bronze medals for all team members, one trophy
- 3<sup>rd</sup> RUNNER UP – One trophy

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Boats.** All boats and steering oars will be provided by the organizing committee. The initial allocation of the boats to the teams shall be based on the draw lots during the team managers' meeting. Succeeding lane assignments will be based on the race progression to be determined by the chief official, subject to the final confirmation of entries.

Two sets of four standard boats per set will be used for this race. The organizing committee will not be responsible for any failure of equipment during a race, and each crew is advised to carefully check the boat and steering paddle allocated to them before racing.

Participants must use paddles that are IDBF-compliant (202a) or at least has the same specifications. No IDBF-compliant paddles will be provided by the organizers.

Crews may not make any modification or put additional equipment on the race boat. In particular:

- Any sitting pad or device for the paddlers must be foldable and made of soft material, not beyond 2cm x 50cm x 30cm.
- A plastic water bailer may be brought inside the boat. Additional pumps or mechanical devices for removing water from the boat are prohibited.
- Electronic devices, mechanical devices, moderately loud speakers, may be allowed, except telecommunication and electronic devices that are too loud and can disrupt sound signals during the races are prohibited in the boat. Go Pro and similar cameras are allowed. Use of whistle is not allowed.

**CREW COMPOSITION**

For standard boat events, maximum of 20 paddlers, four reserve, one drummer and one helm must be included in the line-up. Minimum of nine pairs and maximum of 10 pairs, excluding the drummer and helm, shall be allowed to load the boat. For small boat events, minimum of four and maximum of five pairs are required to load plus one pair of reserves, one drummer and one helm shall be allowed.

This notwithstanding, the organizers and race officials at their discretion, may require lower number of paddlers in the standard boat events if the water and weather conditions become dangerous. Additionally, a coach or captain may be included. If playing, coach or captain must be included in the crew list as paddler, drummer or helm. The team manager is not allowed to load the boat in any capacity.

For the Senior A event, proof of age may be required to be pre-submitted. Bring proof of age on race day as the Race Secretariat or Marshalling / Athlete’s Control may ask for it upon submission of race forms / checking, respectively. Checkers at the marshalling may likewise refer the crew back to the Secretariat if there appears to be a discrepancy between the player loading the boat and the one listed on the crew gallery / list.

No gender restriction with respect to the open category for all crew members. Women paddlers can participate in the open crew. Men cannot participate in a women’s category, except as a steersperson. No gender restriction with respect to the drummer and helm in the Open and Mixed events. For the Women Small Boat, all paddlers including reserve must be biologically female, and the drummer must also be female. No gender restriction with respect to helm of the Women Small Boat. For the Senior A Mixed event, drummer and steersperson may be from a different age class.

For the mixed category, apart from the minimum number of paddlers (nine pairs), the crew must be composed of a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of one gender. For clarity, acceptable crew combinations in Mixed Standard are as follows:

**STANDARD BOAT**

(Except if reduced to 9 pairs)

MALE	FEMALE
10	10
10	9
10	8
9	10
8	10
9	9

**SMALL BOAT**

(Except if reduced to 4 pairs)

MALE	FEMALE
5	5
5	4
4	5
4	4

The team manager cannot load/participate/join inside the boat during the race. The main function of a team manager is to manage and supervise the team OFF the boat. The team manager must accompany the crews to the assembly area for roll calls and other administrative matters. The team manager will be responsible for liaising with race officials up to the awarding/closing of the competition. Only the team manager, captain or coach will be allowed entry to the boat loading area. Reserve players are not allowed to accompany the team members loading the boat. They may, however, assist team members during loading and unloading.

If a drummer in the line-up of a crew is absent or for any reason, cannot play, only a paddler in the line-up can replace the absent member. A paddler reassigned as drummer is not allowed to paddle in succeeding races.

Except for the change of drummer, any change in the crew list may be done before the start of the first race of the day. A maximum of four (4) persons per standard boat crew and maximum of two (2) persons for small boat crew may be allowed to be changed. After the first race has begun, no further change in the crew list will be allowed, except the replacement of a drummer by another person included in the approved crew list. To replace a crew member, report any requested crew change to the secretariat within the period allowed.

A steersperson can be allowed to steer for another team as long as it will not cause delay in the races and the steersperson is registered with another team. If not registered in any team, steersmen must be approved by the race organizers. Steerspersons are not allowed to paddle, pry, or make any motion to help propel the dragon boat that they are steering during the race. The paddling style is sitting only (fully seated). Standing /kneeling/squatting are not allowed. The organizer reserves the right to disallow a steersperson from participating in the race, even if designated by the team, if the organizers believe that the steersman is not competent to handle the steering and ensure safety of the team.

### **MARSHALLING**

All crews must assemble at the crew assembly area 20 minutes before the time of their race.

Crew identity checks will be carried out by race officials in the crew assembly area, with reference to the race ID, crew list and gallery. Once the crew has been checked, the team manager must collect the race IDs. No member of the competing crew will be allowed to leave the loading tents after they have been checked, except the drummer and helm who may quickly check the boats and equipment that they will use. Once done checking and provided the team is not yet loading, the drummer and helm must return to the crew checking / athlete's control tent. Any task that needs to be carried out must be undertaken by the team manager, non-competing crew or support crew.

All crews must embark according to the boat marshals' instructions. All crews must use the boat and lane allocated by the organizing committee. None of the crews will be permitted to choose which boat to use and must race in the lane allocated to their boat.

After a crew has embarked, the boat must leave the loading immediately and proceed to the starting area.

All crews proceeding to the starting area must keep clear of the race course and must not interfere with any race that is in progress. Crews are advised not to paddle when there is an ongoing race. Boats proceeding to the starting area must keep away from the race course until all the boats that are taking part in the preceding race have passed.

### **STARTING PROCEDURE**

The starter will be stationed on land about 20 meters away from the lane 1. All crews must be positioned in the allocated lane at least three (3) minutes before the start of each race. This may be adjusted by the race officials accordingly. The second umpire will catch the boats that are already fully boarded, and will be guided toward the finish line. Teams are advised not to stay too far away from the starting line.

All crews in the starting area must follow the instructions of the aligner/starter. The dragon boats must be positioned in the starting line with the foremost part of the competing boats (which may or may not include the dragon head) aligned.

Boat holders on pontoons will be positioned at the starting line. The drummer may call its crew to assist the boat holder in complying with the alignment instructions. In case the water becomes too rough for the pontoons to hold, races may be running starts. For the purpose of this race, "running starts" is defined as a starting procedure wherein boats have varied starting motion, from dead or zero movement to very slow movement forward, primarily due to water or wind condition, and

not due to intentional effort on the part of the paddlers to “jump start” the motion of the boat to gain advantage. Boats may move forward while still being aligned. In this scenario, the aligner may start the race when all boats are relatively lined up, or if in the opinion of the starter, they are under the best possible conditions for a fair start.

In case of running starts, teams are advised to make a slow approach at least 20 meters before the starting line, as may be instructed by the starter. It is easier to align through a slow approach than paddling back. Once the starter/aligner sees that the boats are more or less aligned, he will alert the crews to hold their position by saying “All boats hold/stop.” This command may or may not be called and is not considered part of the official starting call. All movement of paddles in the water must stop or paddles must be used to stop the boat’s movement. At this point, a red flag will be raised signaling that the race is about to start.

**Starter’s Commands.** When the starter / aligner is satisfied that all the boats are correctly aligned, the starter/ aligner shall alert the crews by saying ‘**Are you ready.**’ If the crew is **NOT READY** then the drummer must immediately raise a hand above head height to indicate the situation to the starter. The drummer is forbidden to take such action prior to this instruction, especially in crews under starters orders, when moving to the start line. **Mere discomfort or imperfect racing condition, including being too close to the race buoys, is not a ground to raise a hand and stop the starting procedure.** It must be a condition that would prohibit the crew from starting the race safely such as boat or boat equipment failure, or a medical emergency that would require medical attention on a crew member.

When the starter announces the start, the red flag will be lowered and a white flag will be hoisted by the starter and/or umpire. The starting commands are (1) “**STANDBY,**” (2) “**ARE YOU READY?**” with the crew in “Paddles Up” or “Ready” position. Paddles may be in or out of the water. Then, “**ATTENTION,**” and then the starting AIR HORN or “**GO**” will be called. After the AIR HORN or command “**GO,**” the white flag will be lowered quickly and signals that the paddlers must already start paddling. The time interval between “**ATTENTION**” and the AIR HORN or “**GO**” will not exceed five (5) seconds.

**False Start.** If any of the crew pulls a paddle in the water or starts paddling after the word “ATTENTION” and before the command/signal for “GO,” is called, the crew has committed a false start. The aligner/starter shall indicate a false start by raising a RED FLAG again. The starter shall immediately recall the crews by shouting “**STOP, STOP, STOP.**” The Course Umpire will also assist in this task. A warning will be given to the crew that committed the false start. Any crew that fails to return to the start line immediately after a False Start may also be excluded from the race or alternatively awarded a three (3) seconds ‘Time Penalty’ at the Starter’s discretion.

Once all the crews have returned to the start, the Starter will identify the crew/s responsible for the False Start and warn them of the offense. If a second false start is committed by any crew within the same race, the crew who commits the second false start will be disqualified from that race outright, except during the finals heat. In case of a false start in the finals heat, the team disqualified will automatically be the last finisher for that specific heat.

It is the drummer’s task to watch the aligner and the umpire and to instruct the crew to STOP when a false start has been called.

**Jumping the Start.** When a crew ‘jumps the start’, which for the purpose of the Rules of Racing, means that a crew has anticipated the Starters word of Command GO to the extent that a ‘False Start’ cannot be called but in the opinion of the Starter a material advantage has been gained by the crew or crews, concerned over the others, the Starter may award ‘Time Penalties’ of from two (2) up to a maximum of three (3) seconds against the crew or crews in question. (Lifted *verbatim* from R.13 of 2020 IDBF Rules of Racing)



**Damage to boats at the start.** While at the start area and before being called forward to the starting line, a crew that indicates to the aligner that it has suffered damage to its boat or equipment, the starter may delay the race for a few minutes to allow the crew time to remedy/repair the same.

**Equipment failure off the start.** In the event of a crew experiencing equipment failure, for example a broken drummer's seat or steering oar (but not a paddle), off the start and up to 50 meters, the race will be restarted, provided the crew concerned stops immediately and both the paddlers and the drummer raise their arms fully in the air. In this case, the starter will carry out the same procedures as for a false start. In addition, the course umpire's boat will proceed quickly down the course and stop any crews that may not have heard the recall signal.

The course umpire may interrupt a correctly started race if unforeseen circumstances occur. Examples of these circumstances include adverse conditions in one or more racing lanes resulting in boats being inadvertently swamped, or a collision between two boats caused by the water conditions, that materially affect the whole race. This shall be done in the same manner as for a false start (even if the competing boats are more than 50 meters from the start line). In such circumstances, the Chief Official may order a rerun of the race. In case there are crews that would finish the race where other crews have collided with each other or has been swamped, the chief official, in consultation with the umpire and other race officials, will assess the situation whether a re-run is necessary or will declare the finish of the crew concerned complete and clear. For this purpose, the chief official will call for a meeting with the teams in the contested heat to further investigate what happened.

It is the responsibility of the team manager or the captain to explain clearly to their crew members about this starting procedure.

#### **RACE CONDUCT**

Drummers must be seated for the entire duration of the race. For the first 50 meters, drumming is optional. Beyond the 50-meter mark, active drumming is required.

R7, Part 2 of the IDBF Rules of Racing, Edition 8.0 and IDBF Bye Law 3.4, states that "the object of Dragon Boat Racing is to race crews over a defined course in the shortest possible time. Crews who in the opinion of the Chief Official do not race their defined course in the shortest (fastest) possible time, will face disciplinary action and may be disqualified from the Competition Class in question or from any other Competition class."

To this end, teams are prohibited from intentionally finishing second, third or fourth to maneuver the teams' lane assignment in the succeeding round. Any team that intentionally finishes second to fourth place in a particular race shall be given an official warning to disqualification as may be deemed appropriate by the chief official, upon recommendation of other race officials concerned.

The proper course for each boat is a straight line in the middle of the racing lane, from its starting position to a corresponding point at the finish line. Each boat must race in its designated lane, which is distinguished by lane markers. Crews that leave their racing lane and in the opinion of the race officials concerned has not materially obstructed another crew no time penalty may be imposed. However, in case there is no collision but there is swamping of boats with one boat entering the wrong lane, and as a result, another boat in the correct lane had to slow down, a time penalty of two (2) to three (3) seconds will be imposed on the offending crew and a time bonus of two (2) to three (3) seconds may be awarded on the affected crew.

For each race, umpire boats will follow the racing boats to monitor. Any boat that fails to remain on its course will be warned by the umpire. Crews that ignore the umpire's warning or do not finish in their own lane risk disqualification or a time penalty of three (3) seconds.

In the event of a collision between two (2) or more boats, the umpire must report the circumstances to the chief official who may disqualify the offending boat(s) if the collision was found to be intentional, or if the result of the race has been materially affected, order one or more boats to re-race before the next round of the competition, or if a re-run is not possible due to time constraints, impose a time penalty of two (2) to three (3) seconds to the offending crew (if still able to finish the race) and award a time bonus of two (2) to three (3) seconds to the affected crew(s). When in the opinion of the chief official one or more of the crews involved could have avoided the collision by taking corrective action, for example, to stop paddling, but did not do so, then the crew or crews concerned will be disqualified from the competition class concerned and may face disqualification from the whole competition.

During the race, if any accident affects the progress of the race, the chief/course umpire has the right to stop the race by waving a RED FLAG. The organizing committee has the right to decide whether or not a restart of the race will be conducted.

***Distress signal.*** If a crew is in distress, for example, a crew member lost overboard then the drummer or helm shall alert the rescue boats and umpires by waving vigorously, above the head height, the red flags carried in the boat for this purpose. If no flags are in the boat then the arms shall be placed in the outstretched position (horizontal to the sides of the body) and then raised to the vertical position crossing above the head and returning to the horizontal position, repeated until the rescue boats respond. A distress signal given by a crew without just cause will result in action being taken against the crew under the Disciplinary Code.

After each race, all crews must return immediately to the disembarking area and return all equipment to the boat marshals. Fines may be imposed on the offender or a crew that intentionally damages a boat or equipment. The organizing committee reserves the right to require the offenders to pay the cost of the repairs.

If the course umpire discovers that a crew has deliberately swamped or capsized a boat, the organizing committee reserves the right to impose a minimum penalty of PHP10,000 (ten thousand pesos) and disqualify the crew in the race.

Should any crew or member use violence against or threaten any of the race officials or other competitors, the person/crew will be sanctioned according to the gravity of the offense.

A complete and more detailed rules of racing will be discussed and disseminated during the team managers' meeting.

#### **HOTEL & ACCOMMODATION**

Per local government and the Department of Tourism 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.

Those who have not yet booked a place to stay in Boracay may want consider the following recommended accommodation options in the Island of Boracay. Discounts may be availed of by directly booking with these hotels and accommodation. Inquire on the discounted rates applicable to those participating in the LOVEBoracay Dragon Boat Festival. Please note that some hotels already have roundtrip transfers to and from Caticlan Airport to the hotel, including the fares for airport vans and ferry, terminal fees, environmental fees and the likes. Please inquire with your hotel of choice if these are inclusive of their room rates.

To monitor everyone's accommodation, we kindly request that all teams inform us where in Boracay they will be staying through the online team information in the Google form given above (<https://forms.gle/M132Fz2KXU5D8AT96>).

	<b>Hotel / Inn</b>	<b>Rate<sup>1</sup>/Night (in PHP)</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
1	Shangri-la Boracay ★★★★★	20,000/room 🧑🧑	reservations.slbo@shangri-la.com
2	Four Points by Sheraton Boracay ★★★★★	7,500/room 🧑🧑	www.fourpointsboracay.com
3	The Strand Boutique Resort ★★★★★	8,160/room 🧑🧑	strandboracay.com
4	Taj Resort and Spa ★★★	2,000/room 🧑🧑	<a href="http://www.tajboracay.com/en/">http://www.tajboracay.com/en/</a>
5	The Lazy Dog Bed & Breakfast ★★★	2,000/room 🧑🧑	<a href="https://hotels.cloudbeds.com/reservation/UCCR80">https://hotels.cloudbeds.com/reservation/UCCR80</a>
6	Villa Simprosa Resort ★★★	1,500/room 🧑🧑	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/villasimprosa">https://www.facebook.com/villasimprosa</a>
7	Sur Beach Resort Boracay ★★★★★	9,000/room 🧑🧑🧑	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/surboracay2019">https://www.facebook.com/surboracay2019</a>
8	Adlaw Residences Boracay ★★★★★	15,000/room 🧑🧑🧑🧑	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/adlawresidences">https://www.facebook.com/adlawresidences</a>

Getting to Boracay Island from Caticlan Airport is accessible via van or tricycle to the Caticlan Jetty Port. From the Port, you may buy tickets to the boat, pay environmental fee and terminal fee, which may vary if you are a local Boracay resident, a Filipino citizen living outside Boracay Island, or a foreigner. The jetty will drop you off at Cagban Port where you may take an e-tricycle or e-jeep to your hotel.

Do-it-yourself (DIY) travel is quite easy to do from Caticlan Airport to Boracay Island. A detailed information on how to get to Boracay Island from the Caticlan and Kalibo Airports may be found in Information Bulletin No. 2. However, for those traveling to Boracay for the first time and if your hotel does not have arrangements for airport pickup and transfers, you may contact any of the Department of Tourism (DOT)-accredited travel and tours agencies that can help you move around Caticlan – Boracay. Attached to this Information Bulletin is the list of accredited travel and tours agencies that can provide you competitive prices for the airport transfers and jetty port fees.

For more information, you may also coordinate with our partner travel and tours provider:

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### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

A WhatsApp Group will be created toward the week of the festival for easier dissemination of last minute information and concerns. For more information, questions or concern, you may contact any of the following:

Philippine Dragon Boat Federation

- [phidbfed@gmail.com](mailto:phidbfed@gmail.com)
- <https://www.facebook.com/ePDBF>
- WhatsApp: +63.998.989.3403 or +63.917.545.3450

Boracay Dragon Boat Association

- [boracaydragonboatassociation@gmail.com](mailto:boracaydragonboatassociation@gmail.com)
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<sup>1</sup> Indicated rate is minimum rate only and may be subject to change by the hotel management. Extra bed may include additional fee.