



L♥VE Boracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2024

April 27 to 28, 2024

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

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

This is to formally invite all dragon boat teams to participate in the **L♥VE Boracay International Dragon Boat Festival 2024** on April 27 to 28, 2023 at Station 1, White Beach, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan.

RACE INFORMATION

Race Distance: 200 meters and 500 meters straight course

Race Categories: Premier Open Standard Boat

Premier Mixed Standard Boat

Premier Women Small Boat

Premier Open Small Boat

Senior A Mixed Small Boat

Premier Open – 22	Ten (10) pairs maximum, nine (9) pairs minimum, two (2) pairs reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm
Premier Mixed – 22	
Premier Women – 12	Five (5) pairs, one (1) pair reserve, one (1) drummer, one (1) helm
Premier Open – 12	
Senior A Mixed – 12	

Entry Fee: P2,500.00 / participant

P2,300.00 / racer for early bird registration
(before December 31, 2023)

Subsidy is available for local teams. If you are a local Filipino team that wishes to avail the subsidized race fee, please use the separate form attached to this Information Bulletin to avail of said subsidized rate. Said subsidized rate is limited and will be considered only on a first come, first serve basis.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

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

Distance	Event	Champion			1 st RU			2 nd RU		
		Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash	Trophy	Medal	Cash
500m	Premier Open-22	1	26	TBA ¹	1	26	TBA	1	26	TBA
500m	Premier Mixed-22	1	26	TBA	1	26	TBA	1	26	TBA
500m	Premier Open-12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
500m	Premier Women-12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
500m	Senior Mixed-12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
200m	Premier Open-22	1	26	TBA	1	26	TBA	1	26	TBA
200m	Premier Mixed-22	1	26	TBA	1	26	TBA	1	26	TBA
200m	Premier Open-12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
200m	Premier Women-12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
200m	Senior Mixed-12	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA	1	16	TBA
		10	200		10	200		10	200	

CREW COMPOSITION

Premier Open & Mixed Standard Boat

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

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

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

No gender restriction with respect to drummer and helm.

Premier Women Small Boat

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

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load. No gender restriction with respect to helm.

¹ To be determined

Premier Open Small Boat

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load. No gender restriction with regard to all crew members. No age restriction, except that all crew members must be 12 years old and up. Those under 18 years of age need to have a signed parent's consent with waiver to join the race.

Senior-A Mixed Small Boat

Maximum of five (5) pairs and minimum of four (4) pairs to load, except when water conditions require exactly five (5) pairs to load. No gender restriction with regard to all crew members.

REGULATIONS AND RULES

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

Race will be conducted by PDBF race officials and BDBA volunteers.

REQUIRED FORMS (as attached)

- A. EXPRESSION OF INTENT TO JOIN. Please email accomplished intent to join to phidbfed@gmail.com on or before December 31, 2023.
- B. CREW LIST and GROUP WAIVER FORM must be duly signed by the competitors and the crew manager. 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.
- C. CREW GALLERY will 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.
- D. SUMMARY OF CREW- required for administrative reference.

SCHEDULES AND DEADLINES

- Soft copy of race forms must be emailed to phidbfed@gmail.com on or before **January 31, 2024**.
- HARD COPIES OF RACE FORMS (crew list, group waiver form, crew gallery and summary of crew): Submit to the race secretariat during the team manager's meeting on **April 26, 2024**. Venue, to be announced.
- Test water for teams will be available from **April 25 to 26, 2024**, from 6AM to 5PM. Teams who intend to do a test water must inform the organizers of their preferred schedule by filling out the slot on the final confirmation form, which must be submitted via email to phidbfed@gmail.com. Slots will be on a first come, first served basis.
- Avail of the early bird registration of a discounted rate of TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,300.00) or dollar equivalent per race participant by paying the entry fee on or before **December 31, 2023**. Thereafter, entry fee will be TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00) per race participant. Race fees must be paid on or before **February 28, 2024**. No complete payment of race fee, NO LOADING.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Race Fee

Early bird race fee is TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,300.00) or equivalent in US dollars per head and is available until December 31, 2023 only. Non-discounted race fee is TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00) or equivalent in US dollars, per person. Check payments or bank deposits may also be made to the Philippine Dragon Boat Federation bank account with a copy of the deposit slip furnished to the PDBF (phidbfed@gmail.com) and the BDBA (boracaydragonboatassociation@gmail.com):

Bank: Banco De Oro Estrada-Taft Branch (formerly, Harrison Plaza Branch)
Savings account number: 0005-0013-8656
Account name: Philippine Dragon Boat Federation Inc.

As hosted by the local sponsors and subject to availability of funding, Philippine teams may apply for subsidized race fee by filling out the subsidy application form and sending it via email to phidbfed@gmail.com on or before January 31, 2024. Please note that not all applicants may be accommodated as the subsidy is only limited at this point. Teams will be evaluated and accommodated on a first come, first serve basis.

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

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

2. Uniform

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

3. Crew Waiver Form

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

4. 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 paddler 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>).

5. Cleanliness

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

6. Race Day Lunch and Fellowship Night

Modest race day lunchboxes and water provisions will be provided to all participants. Food restrictions may please be coordinated to the organizers through the final confirmation form.

Awarding will follow after the last race for the day. Venue of the awarding will be announced in the next bulletin. Fellowship night will immediately follow where food and drinks will be served for free.

7. Hotel and Other Accommodations

The island paradise of Boracay is one of the most beautiful and renowned in the world. The island is host to a number of hotels, inns and transients that fit every budget, from five-star hotel experience to AirBnBs. Accommodation options will be provided in Information Bulletin No. 2, including discounted rates from our hotel partner.

8. Transportation

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

International teams have the option to be picked up and dropped off to and from the Caticlan or Kalibo airport terminals, for a minimal fee. Kindly coordinate with the organizers as regards this transportation option.

Other details and/or additional information shall be posted on the PDBF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ePDBF>, the PDBF website <https://pdbfsport.com> or via email at phidbfed@gmail.com, as well as the Facebook page of the Boracay Dragon Boat Association <https://www.facebook.com/BoracayDragonBoatAssn>, or their email: boracaydragonboatassociation@gmail.com.

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