



2017 Southeastern Regional Dragon Boat Association Championships **June 3, 2017 – Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota FL**

Bulletin #1

Welcome to the first of three bulletins you will receive regarding participation in the **2017 Southeastern Regional Dragon Boat Association (SRDBA) Championships**. In this bulletin you will find information on the venue, racing equipment, racing classes, club eligibility, racing schedule, hotel accommodation, race fees and how to submit your provisional entries including important deadlines.

Venue – Nathan Benderson Park, SARASOTA, FL

Nathan Benderson Park is a Suncoast Region, Florida park located adjacent to Interstate 75 at University Parkway in Sarasota, FL. The fresh water lake is a purpose built, Olympic class venue featuring 2000m of 8 x 13.5m lanes at 3.5m deep. The regatta course is well sheltered from crosswinds, has attenuated shorelines to dissipate wash and allows no access for commercial or pleasure boat traffic which could disrupt the competition.

Racing Equipment – 2015/2016 Model 1222 by BuK

All SRDBA Championship races will take place in 2015 and/or 2016 Model BuK 1222 boats provided by Pan Am Dragon Boat. Each boat will be inspected prior to the competition to ensure they are properly matched.

SRDBA competitors must provide their own personal equipment such as paddles, PFD's and seat cushions. All personal equipment must be licensed by the relevant agency. Paddles must IDBF licensed with a visible PS202a mark including the license number. PFD's (optional) must be USCG approved. Inflatable PFD's are permitted but must be charged and worn properly in front of the torso. Seat cushions must meet IDBF regulations and compress to less than or equal to 1 cm.

Racing Classes

Age and gender rules for the SRDBA Championships mirror the rules set out in the IDBF Competition Regulations. The following IDBF racing classes will be offered. Refer to the following list and the corresponding age/gender eligibility statement: (note: ">" means older than; "<" means younger than; "=" means equal to)

Junior Open	200m, 500m, 2000m	17 or under as of June 1 st 2017 – no gender restrictions ¹ 17 or under as of June 1 st 2017 – all crew members women ¹ 17 or under as of June 1 st 2017 – min/max women = 10/10 ^{1,3}
Junior Women	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Junior Mixed	200m, 500m, 2000m	
U-23 Open	200m, 500m, 2000m	> = 17 but < 22 as of June 1 st 2017 – no gender restrictions ¹ > = 17 but < 22 as of June 1 st 2017 – all crew members women ¹ > = 17 but < 22 as of June 1 st 2017 – min/max women = 10/10 ^{1,3}
U-23 Women	200m, 500m, 2000m	
U-23 Mixed	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Premier Open	200m, 500m, 2000m	> = 13 as of June 1 st 2017 – no gender restrictions > = 13 as of June 1 st 2017 – all crew members women > = 13 as of June 1 st 2017 – min/max women = 10/10
Premier Women	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Premier Mixed	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Senior A Open	200m, 500m, 2000m	> = 39 as of June 1 st 2017 – no gender restrictions ² > = 39 as of June 1 st 2017 – all crew members women ² > = 39 as of June 1 st 2017 – min/max women = 10/10 ^{2,3}
Senior A Women	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Senior A Mixed	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Senior B Open	200m, 500m, 2000m	> = 49 as of June 1 st 2017 – no gender restrictions ² > = 49 as of June 1 st 2017 – all crew members women ² > = 49 as of June 1 st 2017 – min/max women = 10/10 ^{2,3}
Senior B Women	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Senior B Mixed	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Senior C Open	200m, 500m, 2000m	> = 59 as of June 1 st 2017 – no gender restrictions ² > = 59 as of June 1 st 2017 – all crew members women ² > = 59 as of June 1 st 2017 – min/max women = 10/10 ^{2,3}
Senior C Women	200m, 500m, 2000m	
Senior C Mixed	200m, 500m, 2000m	
BCS	200m, 500m, 2000m	Must be a breast cancer survivor under IBCPC regulations

- Notes:
1. For Junior and U-23 racing classes there is no restriction on age for the steersperson
 2. For Senior A-B-C racing classes there is no restriction on age for the drummer.
 3. Mixed crews must have an equal number of female and male paddlers on the racing roster.

Club and Individual Competitor Eligibility

Participation in the SRDBC is open to any member club and athletes within that club who are in good standing with the SRDBA. For information regarding SRDBA membership and to confirm your eligibility please visit www.srdba.org or contact the SRDBA secretary at secretary@srdba.org. Individual crews within clubs must race under their club banner and crew name identifier. All members of an SRDBA club are eligible to race on any crew within their club, notwithstanding age and gender restrictions listed above. An athlete may only race on a crew within their own club and may only race for one club.

Racing Schedule (provisional)

Friday, June 2 nd	Athletes Check-in to hotels SRDBA Annual Meeting Welcome paddler party (tentative)
Saturday, June 3 rd	8:00 A.M. – SRDBA 500m Qualifying Heats 10:00 A.M. – SRDBA 200m Qualifying Heats 1:00 P.M. – SRDBA 200m Finals 3:00 P.M. – SRDBA 500m Finals 5:00 P.M. – SRDBA 2000m Finals

Important Deadlines	Provisional Entry Due:	January 31, 2017
	Early Registration Discount Deadline:	March 3 rd , 2017
	Registration Deadline:	April 30 th , 2017
	Note: \$100 late entry fee applies after April 30th 2017	

Hotel Accommodations

Several brand name hotels are within a 5-10 minute drive to the racecourse. Please refer to the list below for pricing and distance to regatta venue. It is advised to reserve your accommodation as soon as possible. Visit the hotel web site for details on each property.

Hampton Inn I-75 Bee Ridge

5995 University Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34232
(941) 371-1900
6 miles from venue

Hyatt Place

950 University Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34234
(941) 554-5800
7 miles from venue

Fairfield Inn & Suites Lakewood Ranch

6105 Exchange Way
Bradenton, FL 34202
(941) 552-4000
2 miles from venue

?? Not an SRDBA Member ??

We want **YOU** in 2017... so come and race with us in Sarasota at all 3 IDBF Club Crew World Championship Distances under IDBF Rules & Regulations. Simply visit www.panamdragonboat.com and register as a team captain. If you have an established team captain account, register on the Suncoast International Dragon Boat Festival page under the *Festival Mixed* category. We'll contact you and tell you how you can become a 2017 SRDBA Racing Team and save money on SRDBA fees.



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PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM FOR SRDBA CLUBS – Complete & submit by COB – Friday, January 31st 2017

NOTE – For Non-SRDBA Teams please visit www.panamdragonboat.com and click on the Suncoast International Dragon Boat Festival to register.

Team Name

Club / Association

Primary Contact

Email Address

Mobile

Please place an 'X' in the box adjacent to each competition class your club is entering.

	OPEN				WOMEN				MIXED			
	1000m	200m	500m	2000m	1000m	200m	500m	2000m	1000m	200m	500m	2000m
Junior												
U-23												
Premier												
Senior A												
Senior B												
Senior C												
BCS												

Submit this form by EMAIL to:
paula@panamdragonboat.com

OR

Mail your Provisional Entry to:
 Pan American Dragon Boat Association
 160 Columbia Drive Suite 403
 Tampa, FL 33606

- Or register on-line at:
www.panamdragonboat.com

F	FOR ANY CLUB	IF PAYMENT RECEIVED BY...			F
		By March 3rd	By April 30th	After April 30 th	
E	1st Crew entry	\$1100.00	\$1200.00	\$1300.00	E
	2 nd Crew entry	\$900.00	\$1000.00	\$1100.00	
	3 rd Crew Entry	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	
	Subsequent Entries	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	

*** NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER APRIL 30TH 2017 ***