



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

Bulletin #2 – May 31, 2017

This is the second bulletin you will receive regarding participation in the **2017 Suncoast International Dragon Boat Festival** and the **Southeastern Regional Dragon Boat Association (SRDBA) Championships**.

In this bulletin you will find information on the venue, racing equipment, racing classes for both the festival portion and the SRDBA Championship portion of the event. The provisional race schedule is also published at the end of the bulletin.

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. The address to the entrance of the park is **5851 Nathan Benderson Circle, Sarasota FL 34235**. Parking areas are well marked and there will be guides to assist you to the designated lot. There is a charge for parking your vehicle - \$5.00 cash only – please have exact change in hand.

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 clean and 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 use is optional for SRDBA and Club Teams but mandatory for festival teams. 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.

Additional Information to make your day GREAT!

- Teams are expected to provide their own 10 X 10 tents (unless arrangements have been made). One additional tent is allowed and should be set up BEHIND the other tent (not beside). This allows for all teams to have a great view of all racing.
- If you need to rent a tent, table or chairs, please go to <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form?EQBCT=fe8462c97dec445485779292e65770fe>
- **Please read the festival website....** a lot of information is there. www.suncoastdragonboatfestival.com
- Team packet pick-up is at Nathan Benderson Park on Friday, June 2nd from 3-7 pm. Please try to do this if possible. If all else fails, you can pick up from 7-8 am on race-day. We prefer you not have to do this, because it is a busy morning with all that happens on race-day!
- All teams may set up their tents on Friday, June 2nd from 12-5pm. Please be sure your tents legs are weighted down with 4 concrete blocks or 5 gallon pails full of water to ensure that they will not blow away overnight or on race day. Pails are cheap at Home Depot or Lowes. Weather can move quickly through this venue and strong gusts can happen!
- Tents can either be set up or just laid on the ground in their spot for overnight keeping. The venue will be locked and guarded. You can leave tables and chairs as well, if you want.
- Please leave about 5 feet between neighboring tents for walking area. This will not be marked off; just estimate please. If you have multiple teams from the same club, YES, they can be together with no space between.
- This year, we will not have all BCS teams grouped together. Some teams like to be near their club teams that are competing in the SRDBA competition. However, if you want to be near another BCS team, feel free to do so!
- If anyone has **company employees, friends, family, teenagers who need community service hours**, please have them consider being a Volunteer for the event. They get a cool shirt, lunch and are really helping. It takes about 100 volunteers to put on a dragon boat festival and we can't do it without their help!!! They can sign up on the volunteer button at www.suncoastdragonboatfestival.com PLEASE HELP!!!
- Each team is expected to stay all day...even if there is a rain delay. Every festival team will compete in three races throughout the day. Corporate and community teams will race in three 200m heats. BCS and club teams will race in one 200m and two 500m races. For BCS and club teams, there is also an opportunity to participate in a 2000m race at the end of the day, though it will not be counted toward the standings.
- Paddles and life-vests (PFD's) are provided for teams or you can use your own. **YES, inflatable PFD's can be worn, properly in front of the torso, with a fully charged CO2 canister and you must deploy if you end up in the water for any reason.**
- All teams are allowed to bring coolers, tables, chairs, banners for the tent, food, drinks, etc. **Portable grills are only allowed if they use propane.**
- **Food trucks will be available throughout the day! There will be a variety.**
- **Animals are allowed but must follow Nathan Benderson Park rules for pets. Please bring poop bags to dispose of your dog's waste. Much appreciated by all. Contact NBP for more information.**
- Glass bottles are not allowed in the park.
- Alcohol is not allowed during race time. It is very dangerous to be involved in a water sport if you have been drinking.
- Drink a lot of water on race-day. EMT's will be on-hand if anyone feels ill.
- The park opens at 6:30am on race-day. Captain's meeting is mandatory for all teams. Captain's meeting is at 7am in the large white tent. Opening ceremony at 8am (very brief). Racing begins at 8:30 am.
- Please leave your team tent area as clean as when you arrived.

Race Schedule (subject to change)

**2017 SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL DRAGON BOAT
CHAMPIONSHIPS
2017 SUNCOAST INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL**

RACE 1	LN	SD	500M Premier/Senior Women - Heat 1	PLC	TIME
8:30 AM	1		Florida Tarpons (SAW)		
	2		TBDBC Bladies (PW)		
	3		Southern Heat Women (SCW)		
	4		Heart & Soul Paddlers Gone Wild (SBW)		
	5		Paddles & Pearls Charleston (SR-BCS)		
RACE 2	LN	SD	500M Premier/Senior Open - Heat 1	PLC	TIME
8:45 AM	1		Florida Tarpons (PO)		
	2		Southern Heat Open (SCO)		
RACE 3	LN	SD	500M BCS Heat 1	PLC	TIME
9:00 AM	1		Save Our Sisters (FBCS)		
	2		Lighthouse Dragons (FBCS)		
	3		Survivors in Sync (FBCS)		
	4		Mammoglam (FBCS)		
	5		Indy Survivors (FW)		
	6		Holy City Silver Dragons (FW)		
RACE 4	LN	SD	500m Premier/Senior A/B/C Mixed - Heat 1	PLC	Time
9:20 AM	1		Miami Dragon Slayers (PM)		
	2		Tampa Bay DBC (PM)		
	3		Southern Heat (SB)		
	4		Charlotte Harbor Paddlers (FM)		
	5		BlewBYU (FM)		
RACE 5	LN	SD	Community Mixed 200m - Heat 1	PLC	Time
9:40 AM	1		Tropicana		
	2		Trader Joe's		
	3		AMI Paddlers From Paradise		
	4		That's How We Row!		
	5		Dragon Bottom		
	6				
RACE 6	LN	SD	500m Premier/Senior A/B/C Mixed	PLC	TIME
10:00 AM	1		Southern Heat (SCM)		
	2		Blue Dragons Paddling Club (FM)		
	3		Leviathans (FM)		
	4		JDBC Mixed (SAM)		
	5		Florida Tarpons (SAM)		
RACE 7	LN	SD	200M Premier/Senior Women - Heat 1	PLC	TIME
10:20 AM	1		Paddles & Pearls Charleston (SR-BCS)		
	2		Heart & Soul Paddlers Gone Wild (SBW)		
	3		Southern Heat Women (SCW)		
	4		TBDBC Bladies (PW)		
	5		Florida Tarpons (SAW)		

RACE 8	LN	SD	500M Premier/Senior Open - Heat 1	PLC	TIME
10:30 AM	1		Southern Heat Open (SCO)		
	2		Florida Tarpons (PO)		
RACE 9	LN	SD	200M BCS Heat 1	PLC	TIME
10:45 AM	1		Holy City Silver Dragons (FW)		
	2		Survivors in Sync (FBCS)		
	3		Mammoglam (FBCS)		
	4		Indy Survivors (FW)		
	5		Save Our Sisters (FBCS)		
	6		Lighthouse Dragons (FBCS)		
RACE 10	LN	SD	200m Premier/Senior A/B/C Mixed - Heat 1	PLC	Time
11:00 AM	1		Southern Heat (SBM)		
	2		Charlotte Harbor Paddlers (FM)		
	3		Florida Tarpons (SAM)		
	4		Miami Dragon Slayers (PM)		
	5		JDBC Mixed (SAM)		
RACE 11	LN	SD	Community Mixed 200m - Heat 2	PLC	Time
11:15 AM	1		That's How We Row!		
	2		Dragon Bottom		
	3		Tropicana		
	4		Trader Joe's		
	5		AMI Paddlers From Paradise		
	6				
RACE 12	LN	SD	200m Premier/Senior A/B/C Mixed - Heat 1	PLC	TIME
11:30 AM	1		Tampa Bay DBC (PM)		
	2		Southern Heat (SCM)		
	3		Leviathans (FM)		
	4		Blue Dragons Paddling Club (FM)		
	5		BlewBYU (FM)		

BCS Ceremony

LEGEND	
P	Premier
S	Senior
O	Open
W	Women
M	Mixed (10/10)
F	Festival
A	40 yrs +
B	50 yrs +
C	60 yrs +
BCS	Breast Cancer Survivor
SR	Southeastern Region Club

RACE 13	LN	SD	500M Premier/Senior Women - Heat 2	PLC	TIME
12:00 PM	1	5			
	2	3			
	3	1			
	4	2			
	5	4			
	RACE 14	LN	SD	500M Premier/Senior Open - Heat 2	PLC
12:15 PM	1	2			
	2	1			
RACE 15	LN	SD	500M BCS Heat 2	PLC	TIME
12:30 PM	1	4			
	2	2			
	3	1			
	4	3			
	5	5			
RACE 16	LN	SD	500m Premier/Senior A/B/C Mixed - Heat 2	PLC	Time
12:45 PM	1	9			
	2	7			
	3	6			
	4	8			
	5	10			
	RACE 17	LN	SD	Community Mixed 200m - Final	PLC
1:00 PM	1	5			
	2	3			
	3	1			
	4	2			
	5	4			
	6	6			
	RACE 18	LN	SD	500m Premier/Senior A/B/C Mixed	PLC
1:30 PM	1	4			
	2	2			
	3	1			
	4	3			
	5	5			
	RACE 19	LN	SD	200M Premier/Senior Women - Heat 2	PLC
2:00 PM	1	5			
	2	3			
	3	1			
	4	2			
	5	4			
	RACE 20	LN	SD	500M Premier/Senior Open - Heat 2	PLC
2:15 PM	1	2			
	2	1			

RACE 21	LN	SD	200M BCS Heat 2	PLC	TIME
2:30 PM	1	4			
	2	2			
	3	1			
	4	3			
	5	5			
RACE 22	LN	SD	200m Premier/Senior A/B/C Mixed - Heat 2	PLC	Time
2:45 PM	1	9			
	2	7			
	3	6			
	4	8			
	5	10			
RACE 23	LN	SD	200m Premier/Senior A/B/C Mixed - Heat 2	PLC	TIME
3:00 PM	1	4			
	2	2			
	3	1			
	4	3			
	5	5			

RACE 24	SO	SD	SRDBA 2000m Premier/Senior Women/Open	PLC	TIME
3:30 PM	1	8			
	2	7			
	3	6			
	4	5			
	5	4			
	6	3			
	7	2			
	8	1			

RACE 25	SO	SD	SRDBA 2000m Premier/Senior Mixed	PLC	TIME
4:00 PM	1	8			
	2	7			
	3	6			
	4	5			
	5	4			
	6	3			
	7	2			
	8	1			