

## Earning PASS Points at the 2019 Tampa Bay International Dragon Boat Festival

## **BREAKING NEWS!!**

## PASS points will be awarded to unisex crews racing at the Tampa Bay International Dragon Boat Festival

While the bulk of PASS points are still awarded in the 10-paddler boats at multiple events across Florida, we have decided to offer unisex crews who enter the women and open racing classes on April 27<sup>th</sup> the added bonus of earning PASS points for their clubs. The points will be awarded exclusively for the 200m sprint races that occur between the first and second rounds of racing. Crew placings will be based on recorded times.

Crews can be formed by rostering athletes exclusively from their own club membership or by combining athletes who race with other clubs.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 1. The event X-Factor is 5
- 2. Availability of points will be determined using PASS rules (number of crews competing x the X-Factor)
- 3. In the case of a combined women or open crew, PASS points will be awarded corresponding to the number of athletes on a particular crew, from a particular club
- 4. Example: an open crew has 20 paddlers: 10 come from club A; 6 come from club B; 4 come from club C.
  - a. The crew places 1<sup>st</sup> amongst 8 open teams.
  - b. The total number of available points for a first-place crew is 40 (8 teams times X-Factor of 5)
  - c. Club A would receive 20 points; Club B would receive 12 points; Club C would receive 8 points.
- 5. The second-place open crew would receive 20 points, also distributed equitably to the participating clubs if

there is more than one club represented on the crew.

Pan Am reserves the right to limit entries and to approve participating racing classes other than Premier Women and Premier Open. For example, if there are 4 or more entries in the Senior Women or Senior Open racing class, Pan Am may run those crews separately from the Premier class. If there are less than 4 women or open entries in the Senior racing divisions, these crews will be incorporated into the premier women and open races.

There is no additional race fee to be paid, for the 200m PASS Sprints, for unisex crews who have already entered the main event as a stand-alone women or open team (440m).

For combined club crews a supplementary race fee of \$200 is required to be paid to participate in the unisex PASS Sprints.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact the PASS Sprint Series administrator, Paula Jennings at (813) 598-9587 or by email at <a href="mailto:paula@panamdragonboat.com">paula@panamdragonboat.com</a>