



PENANG PESTA DRAGON BOAT RACE 2013

TELUK BAHANG DAM, PENANG, MALAYSIA
7 & 8 DECEMBER 2013

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.1

To: All local and overseas Dragon Boat Crews

The Penang International Dragon Boat Festival Committee (PIDBF) in conjunction with the Penang Pesta Dragon Boat Race 2013 cordially invites Crews from around the world to participate in our dragon boat race which will be held at the Teluk Bahang Dam, Penang, Malaysia on **7 and 8 December 2013**. This event is fully supported by the Penang State Government and is an affiliated festival of the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF). For your information, Penang has more than 30 years of experience in organizing dragon boat races benefitted with the technical expertise of a large number of experienced IDBF Technical Officials.

Competition Regulations and Racing Rules

This race will comply with IDBF Competition Regulations and will be under the IDBF Rules of Racing. All participating crews are required to return the Confirmed Entry Form to PIDBF no later than **31 August 2013**.

Divisions, Racing & Competition Classes and Distances

The Competition Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below, provided a minimum of 4 entries are received for each competition class.

- 1) Malaysia Premier Open – 500m (22 Racers) ~ *for Malaysian crews only
- 2) **International Premier Open – 500m (22 Racers)**
- 3) International Premier Women – 500m (12 Racers)
- 4) **International Premier Mixed – 500m (12 Racers)**
- 5) International Senior 40 Open – 500m (12 Racers)
- 6) **International Junior U23 Open – 500m (12 Racers)**
- 7) International Junior U23 Mixed – 500m (12 Racers)
- 8) **Malaysia Premier Open – 2 x 250m Relay (12 Racers)** ~ *for Malaysian crews only
- 9) International Premier Open – 2 x 250m Relay (12 Racers)
- 10) **International Premier Women – 2 x 250m Relay (12 Racers)**
- 11) International Premier Mixed – 2 x 250m (12 Racers)
- 12) **International Senior 40 Open – 2 x 250m Relay (12 Racers)**
- 13) International Junior U23 Open – 2 x 250m Relay (12 Racers)
- 14) **International Junior U23 Mixed – 2 x 250m Relay (12 Racers)**

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Division

Premier – the primary class of racing. There are no restrictions on competitor's age. Open to all crews.

Senior 40 – Aged 40 years and above (born on or before year 1973); with the **exception of the drummer**.

Junior Under 23 – Aged 12 years but under 23 years (born between year 1991 and 2001); with the **exception of the steerer (helm)**.

Racing Class

Open – no restriction on crew composition (gender)

Women – for female crews only **including the Drummer and Steerer**

Mixed – **22 Racers** : minimum of eight (8) and maximum of twelve (12) female paddlers

- **12 Racers** : minimum of four (4) and maximum of six (6) female paddlers

Relay – Each club will form two 12 Racers crews (Crew A & Crew B) to race over a 250m course.

Eg; Crew A from each club will start at the Finish Line (in either Lane 2, 4 or 6) and race to the 250m Start Line. When Crew A reaches the Start Line, the drummer will pick the flag and throw it up high towards the sky; then Crew B (in either Lane 1, 3 or 5) will then race back to the Finish Line to complete the relay race.

Distance

2 x 250 metres for Relay and other events at 500 metres straight course

Racing Style – seated

Boat – Standard boat for 22 Racers and 12 Racers event

No. of Competitors : **22 Racers** - Maximum 26 competitors

18 to 20 paddlers

1 drummer

1 steerer

4 reserves

12 Racers - Maximum 14 competitors

8 to 10 paddlers

1 drummer

1 steerer

2 reserves

Entry Fee: 500 m (12 Racers) – US\$38 (RM120)

500 m (22 Racers) - US\$58 (RM180)

2 x 250m (12 Racers) Relay - US\$58 (RM180)

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Outline Programme

Thu, 5 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crews arrival
Fri, 6 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crews arrival• Practice sessions• Crew Manager's Meeting
Sat, 7 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Ceremony• Race Day
Sun, 8 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Race Day
Mon, 9 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sightseeing in Penang (optional) or crews departure

The above programme is provisional and is provided to assist crews with their initial planning. This programme is subject to changes. The competition classes by day will be confirmed after all confirmed Entry Forms have been received.

Prizes

Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the winners. Every participating team will receive a souvenir for remembrance.

Ground Arrangement Package

The Organizing Committee has made arrangements for a choice of accommodation from 4-stars beach or city hotels. All the official accommodation locations are 15 – 30 minutes from the regatta site by car or bus. The cost ranges from **US\$40 to US\$60 per person, per night** will include:

1. Airport / Hotel transfer (1 group transfer for 1 team per way)
2. Hotel accommodation
3. Transport to & from race course for training & racing days
4. Daily breakfast at hotel

Those interested to take up the package, please submit the [Ground Arrangement Package Form](#) attached with 20% downpayment before 31 August 2013.

Entry Form & Entry Fee Submission

Closing date for [Confirmed Entry Form](#) & Entry Fee – **31 August 2013**

Payment Mode

All payments can be made by **telegraphic transfer (US\$), direct bank-in (RM) or credit card** no later than the relevant deadlines, thereafter **email a copy of the transaction slip** to secretarypidbf@gmail.com

Bank charges imposed for telegraphic transfer are to be absorbed by crews themselves, meanwhile a 3% commission will be imposed for credit card payments.

(1) Bank details for Telegraphic Transfer and Direct Bank-in are as follows:

Account Name	Penang International Dragon Boat Festival
Bank	Maybank Islamic Berhad
Address	No.1 Arked Ria 1, KOMTAR, 10000 Penang, Malaysia
Swift Code	MBBEMYKL
Account No.	557054501765
Reference	Please provide name of crew and description of payment being made (eg. Entry Fee)

(2) For Credit Card payment, please furnish the followings:

- Name in the credit card
- Credit card number
- Type of card eg. Master/Visa
- Issuing bank
- Expiry date

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