



33RD PENANG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2012

TELUK BAHANG DAM, PENANG, MALAYSIA
30 JUNE & 1 JULY 2012

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.1

To: All local and overseas Dragon Boat Crews

The Penang International Dragon Boat Festival Organising Committee (PIDBF) in conjunction with the 33rd Penang International Dragon Boat Festival 2012 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 **30 June & 1 July 2012**. This event is fully supported by the Penang State Government and is an affiliated festival of the International Dragon Boat Federation. 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 **Provisional Entry Form** to PIDBF no later than **31st January 2012**.

Divisions, Racing & Competition Classes and Distances

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

22 Racers	Open		Mixed			
	200 m	500 m	200 m		500 m	
Premier	X	X	X		X	
12 Racers	Open		Women		Mixed	
	200 m	500 m	200 m	500 m	200 m	500 m
Premier	X	X	X	X	X	X
Senior 40	X	X	X	X	X	X
Junior U23	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inter-Factory	X	X	X	X	X	X

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 **as of 1st June 2012** (born on before 1st June 1972); with the exception of the drummer.

Junior Under 23 – Aged 12 years but under 23 years **as of 1st June 2012** (born on or between 2nd June 1989 and 1st June 2000); with the exception of the steerer (helm).

Inter-Factory – Factory employees only; with proof of employment from the company.

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

Distance

200 & 500 meters only

Racing Style – seated

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

A crew member can only represent a crew/club. In any event double rostering of paddlers between Divisions is discouraged. The organizer would not delay the races to accommodate the transfer of any crew member (including Helms or Drummers).

Entry Fee: **12 Racers** – US\$40 (RM120)

22 Racers - US\$60 (RM180)

Entry fees are not required at this moment. We will inform those crews that have submitted their Provisional Entry Form, to submit the entry fee together with the Confirmed Entry Form at a later date.

Outline Programme

Thu, 28 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crews arrival• Practice sessions• Race Officials Meeting
Fri, 29 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice sessions• Crew Manager's Meeting
Sat, 30 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Ceremony• Race Day – 200 m
Sun, 1 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Race Day – 500 m• Celebration Dinner
Mon, 2 July	<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.

Ground Arrangement Package

The Organizing Committee has made arrangements for a choice of accommodation from 3-stars to 5-stars hotels. All the official accommodation is located along the beach which is 15 – 20 minutes drive to the regatta site. The cost ranges from **US\$25 to US\$50 per person, per night** will include:

1. Hotel accommodation
2. Daily breakfast at hotel

Transportation upon arrival/departure and between Official Hotels and the Competition Site during training and racing days and to Celebration Dinner can be arranged but will be charged in addition to the Accommodation Charges.

The complete list of Official Hotels and package prices will be available in Information Bulletin No. 2, after the Provisional Entries have been processed.

Participants are entitled to make their own arrangements, but races will not be delayed for crew that are not staying in the Official Hotels or travel under private arrangements.

Meanwhile, optional half day tour can be arranged at **US\$20 per person** upon request.

Race Day Lunches

A variety of food is available for sale at the Competition Site at very reasonable prices.

Celebration Dinner

A Celebration Dinner Party will be held on the evening of 1st July 2012 after the two days event. It is open to all the competitors, crew managers and supporters. More information about the celebration dinner will be released in our next Information Bulletin.

Payments

Entry fees are to be paid to the Penang International Dragon Boat Festival account which will be released in our next Information Bulletin.

Closing date

[Provisional Entry Form](#) has to be submitted by **31st January 2012**.

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