



35TH PENANG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2014

**TELUK BAHANG DAM, PENANG, MALAYSIA
7 & 8 JUNE 2014**

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.1

To: All local and overseas Dragon Boat Crews

The Penang International Dragon Boat Festival Committee (PIDBF) in conjunction with the 35th Penang International Dragon Boat Festival 2014 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 June 2014**. 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 from 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 together with Entry Fee to PIDBF no later than **15th March 2014**.

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 (22 Racers) ~ ***for Malaysian crews only**
- 2) International Premier Open (22 Racers)
- 3) International Premier Women (12 Racers)
- 4) International Premier Mixed (12 Racers)
- 5) International Senior 40 Open (12 Racers)
- 6) International Senior 40 Mixed (12 Racers)
- 7) International Junior U23 Open (12 Racers)
- 8) International Junior U23 Mixed (12 Racers)

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 1974); with the exception of the drummer.

Junior Under 23 - Aged 12 years but under 23 years (born between year 1992 and 2002); 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

Distance

200 & 500 metres straight course

Racing Style - seated

Boat - Standard boat only

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: 12 Racers - US\$38 (RM120)

22 Racers - US\$58 (RM180)

Outline Programme

Thu, 5 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crews arrival
Fri, 6 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Practice Sessions (10am to 5pm)• Crews Registration (compulsory)• Crew Manager's Meeting (compulsory)
Sat, 7 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Ceremony• Race Day
Sun, 8 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Race Day• Celebration Dinner
Mon, 9 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sightseeing in Penang (own arrangement) 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

Trophies and medals 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 3-stars to 5-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\$35 to US\$80 per person, per night** will include:

1. Group airport transfer (for group of at least 10 pax)
2. Hotel accommodation
3. Group transport to & from racing site (for practice session & race days)
4. Daily breakfast at hotel

Those interested to take up the package, are welcome to write to us for further details.

Confirmed Entry Form Submission

Closing date – **15th March 2014**

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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