

# HAWAII DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

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## General Information

### For the Public and Participants

To: All participants, picnic-ers, volunteers and beach goers.

We no longer race and use the traditional dragon boats that was donated by the Taiwan government, Alan Ho and Hawaii Dragon Boat Association founding members. The cost to maintain, store and transport our former boats became too expensive for our non-profit organization. Dragon Boat paddling is the largest paddling sport in the world; 80 million, with 30 million outside of Asia and growing. We hope the interest in dragon boat racing will increase in Hawaii and teams will own their boats or paddle year round with our boats.

We anticipate more teams to participate in the coming years and will continue to accept monetary and in-kind donations for the storage, transport and maintenance of the new boats and to continue with our plans to acquire additional boats. Our goal: 8 to 12 boats and a storage facility near the ocean! The City and County of Honolulu, the Mayor of Honolulu and our Honolulu City Council are our co-sponsors every year.

Teams:

Teams will consist of 21 members, sweep-person (steersperson), drummer who is the team captain on the boat, flag catcher (puller), 18 paddlers. Teams may have a team coordinator, not to be confused with the team captain. Usually the drummer is the team captain and the drummer coordinates instructions with the sweep to steer the boat.

All team members will verify that they (each member) can swim. Non-swimmers, if any, shall provide for themselves, a United States of America Coast Guard approved personal floatation device for their personal use during the race prior to boarding the boat. Non-swimmers will be prohibited from boarding the boats without wearing their floatation equipment. The organizers of the event shall not be expected to provide this equipment for use of participants.

All teams will provide a waiver form signed by all participants prior to the event and this form must be submitted to the organizers prior to the start of the day's events. A signed waiver form may be used for all events of the day, providing that there are no changes to the team.

All minors will be required to have a separate waiver signed by a parent or guardian before participating in the races. This waiver form shall be attached to the signed waiver form provide by the team. All minors must be accompanied aboard the boats by an adult crew member in a ratio of no less than 2 minors for each adult. All minors under the age of 10 shall be required to wear a United States of America Coast Guard approved personal floatation device while participating in a race.

Team members will be asked to take the “buddy system” while participating on board the boats. In the unlikely event of a team member falling into the water or the upset of a boat during the race cycle, each team member is to account for their “buddy”. Any problem should be shouted out immediately to the water safety personnel and to the team captain by the team member.

(There shall be a ratio of no less than one jet ski w/ water safety personnel for each 3 boats. If there are more than 3 boats, one additional jet ski will be provided. Radios will be provided for assignment and communications from shore to each water safety jet ski. Entry fees shall be adjusted to provide for this requirement.)

#### Information and Announcements

We will have all displayed race heats on website review by July 23<sup>rd</sup> at [www.hawaiidragonboat.com](http://www.hawaiidragonboat.com). This display is SUBJECT TO CHANGES prior to Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM. THEREFORE, please use this display as reference only.

ON RACE DAY, your team heat, race time and/or the start line area may change.

Bring a “digital radio” and tune in to 88.8 FM channel. Announcements broadcasts over the FM 88.8 radio station.

There will be a sound system and speakers making announcements along the beachside and shoreline of Ala Moana Beach Park fronting the race area ONLY. Please position yourself within that designated area in order to hear announcements.

Parking – FIRST COME FIRST AVAILABLE PARKING STALL.  
Refer to Parking Guidelines on Race Day with Parking Permit

There will be no reserve parking along Ala Moana Beach Road. Anyone can park along Ala Moana Beach Road, BUT....if you see a no parking sign or no parking barricades, you cannot and may not park in any of those stalls. No parking in the life guard parking designated stalls.

**You will be ticketed by the Honolulu Police Department and your vehicle will towed. We are not responsible for any tickets and towing charges.**

You may download a parking pass from the website if you want to park in the parking area for dragon boat activities at Magic Island Parking. Having a printed parking pass does not guarantee you any parking stall whatsoever. The parking pass will allow you access to parking in the dragon boat parking area at Magic Island parking lot ONLY if there is an unoccupied and open parking stall. AGAIN, FIRST COME FIRST AVAILABLE PARKING STALL.

#### Picnic Sites, Area and Security

You may begin to set up your picnic site and area as early as Friday. You may stay overnight from Friday after 10:00 AM to Saturday 5:00 AM to watch your own personal property. You are your own security guard. There is no camping whatsoever. ONLY SECURITY. If anyone should want to be part of our security detail, you must contact Gifford Chang at [giffordchang@yahoo.com](mailto:giffordchang@yahoo.com) or 306-4570 to request prior to Thursday of the race day.

We will issue you a security pass for you to keep on site with you at all times after 10:00 PM and a security parking pass for your vehicle. If you plan to park your vehicle along Ala Moana Beach Road from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM, you must only park in the designated parking area approved by HPD. If you do not park in the designated area after the Ala Moana Beach Park closes, your vehicle will be ticketed and towed at your own expense, regardless of whether you have an issued pass for security and parking.