

HAWAII DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

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PRACTICE RULES at Sand Island Access Park

We are starting practices and require all teams to submit their team entry forms prior to the teams first practice day.

Our practice scheduler is Wendy Loh and you may contact her at:
jpaloha@hawaii.rr.com.

Our steers coordinators are: Ryan Tam and Edmund Lee

Contact Information for the practice sessions and schedule time slots:

Wendy Loh: 429-8777

Ryan Tam: (617) 869-6254

Ed Lee: 542-2364

Kelfred Chang: 306-4584

Every paddler, including the team captain, flag catcher, sweep (steersperson), drummer, coordinator(s) and all participants must read, follow and adhere to the rules and guidelines.

1. Each team will have the opportunity to schedule 3 practices, based upon availability.
2. Failure to call 72 hours in advance to cancel your practice and/or a no show for your practice time will be considered as one of your practice times.
3. The scheduled practice time is your time. You are required to finish in the allotted time, even if you started late or do not have enough paddlers.
4. When contacting Wendy, please provide to her if you have a sweep (steersperson) and who that person is and if they was a sweep in prior year's races.
5. Any one of these people or their designees will be in charge at the practice site: Wendy Loh, Ryan Tam, Ed Lee or Kelfred Chang
6. Parking is limited and if the BMX lot is locked, you will have to park in the other parking areas or near the boat ramp
7. If you have your own sweep/steers and would like to practice more than 3 times, then your sweep will have to donate their time to steer for another team.

For example, if team A wants to practice a 4th time, then their sweep will have to steer at an additional time slot for another team/teams.

8. Any sweep in training may come out to practice at any time, provided you notify Wendy.
9. All teams will be expected to assist in the maintenance and moving to or from the water the boats and cleaning the equipment.
10. Team Captains or their designated coordinator will be required to provide the instructional training to their team regarding entry and exit of the boat, wearing of pfd, basic paddling terminology that the sweep will use, etc.
11. Read, download and review all entry forms, rules, instructional manuals, etc. regarding the entire festival and event.

Note: We are volunteers and our volunteers will assist, however the team captain or coordinator is responsible in delegating duties and responsibilities to all of their team members and paddlers.

On race day.....

1. 18 paddlers, 1 flag, 1 drummer, and 1 sweep. Note: 18 paddlers. If less than 18 paddlers, then team is disqualified; total 21 persons on the boat.
2. Time penalty or dq will be issued to teams who do not listen to instruction by the race officials, irregardless if the sweep is NOT your team sweep.
3. Teams will have 2 min to load the boat, once the boat is docked and other team has disembarked from the boat.
4. Do NOT exit the boat from the side, unless approval is given in advance by the race official.
5. 1 toot - start the race.
6. 2 toots - teams to come to the start line and the race official will start the race at any time within the next minute; no rolling starts or if the race official believes the team with a rolling start is creating an advantage for their boat, then a time penalty of 10 sec or a dq will be issued.
7. 3 toots indicates to stop paddling and a restart or listen to instruction from the race official.
8. Race officials will make any final ruling.

All of our festival staff are volunteers. We are always looking for additional volunteers, including drivers for our equipment to and from the practice sight or to assist in boat maintenance

Note: if anyone or you know of anyone with a van that is in working condition and is willing to donate to our non-profit (tax deductible), please let me know.

LET'S GET RACING!