

HAWAII DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

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RACE DAY at Ala Moana Beach Park

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

1. Your boat shall have exactly 18 paddlers, 1 flag catcher, 1 drummer, and 1 sweep. Note: 18 paddlers. If less than 18 paddlers, then team is disqualified; total 21 people on the boat.
2. Disqualification will be issued to teams who do not listen to instructions by the race officials, regardless if the sweep is NOT your team sweep.
3. Teams will have 2 minutes to load onto the boat, once the boat is docked on the shoreline and other team has disembarked from the boat, you must get inside of the boat.
4. Do NOT exit the boat from the side, unless approval is given in advance by the race official.
5. 1 toot by the air horn - starts the race.
6. 2 toots – all race 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 disqualification will be issued after the race heat ends.
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!