



CHINESE NEW YEAR DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2019

墨爾本春節龍舟賽

**VICTORIA HARBOUR,
DOCKLANDS**

DRAGON BOAT VICTORIA



Dragon Boat Victoria in association with CNY United (CNYU) presents the Chinese New Year Dragon Boat Festival at Victoria Harbour, Docklands over the weekend 16-17 February 2019.

Starting each day with a unique eye dotting ceremony to awaken the dragons and the blessing of the boats and water to ensure safe racing, the festival is a blend of tradition and heart-stopping action as the spectacular dragon boats race along Victoria Harbour to the beat of the drums. These experiences bond team members together for years to come. While thousands of people cheer on paddlers, others come to enjoy cultural performances, lion dances, children's activities and delicious food from all around the world.

Join us and celebrate this special Chinese tradition, dragon boating and the spirit of friendly competition at this inaugural Dragon Boat Festival!





WHY DRAGON BOAT?

HISTORY OF DRAGON BOAT RACING

The sport itself dates back 2,500 years and has as its origins an ancient Chinese legend. In Chinese culture, dragons are also viewed as strong, protective and benevolent. Dragon boat racing is often thought of as a means of spreading good luck. In return for staging the dragon boat races, it is believed that the community will be blessed with happiness and prosperity.

A dragon boat team is heavily reliant on timing and teamwork, there are no "stars" in dragon boating because success depends upon how well the team works together. Dragon boating is suitable for people from different backgrounds, age groups, and across a wide spectrum of fitness levels.





FITNESS



CULTURE



TEAM BUILDING



ENVIRONMENTAL

BENEFITS OF DRAGON BOAT RACING



CATEGORY AND ENTRY PRICE

Corporate: \$1000

Community & Social: \$800

University: \$800

Registered charities: \$700

Cancer survivors: \$700

International team: \$800 (Day 1 only) / \$1500 (both days)

Entry Fee includes cost of one 2hr-training session prior to race day, individual sport injury insurance to all waiver listed members of your team, and a space (3m x 3m) for your team along Harbour Promenade facing the race course. Marquee (3m x3 m) hire is available at \$200 per day.

REGISTRATION CLOSES 21 JANUARY 2019

TEAM RULES

All teams must consist of a minimum of 16 paddlers to a maximum of 20 paddlers and may include up to 4 reserves. A steerer (sweep or helm) and drummer (if required) will be provided by DBV.

All teams must consist of a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 10 male paddlers. For example: 10 males-6 females, 10 male-10 females, 2 males-18 females, 0 males-18 females.

All teams will be allowed a maximum of two registered paddlers*, in addition to the steerer (sweep or helm) and/or the drummer, NOT associated with the business / organisation that the team represents.





CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

Corporate/Charity: Teams must have a minimum of 12 employees from the business / organisation / charity that the team represents.

Community/Social: Teams which do not meet the minimum number of employees required in respect of the corporate category will be included in a Community / Social category.

Cancer Survivor: Team must be 100% made up of cancer survivors.

**A registered paddler (SPORT paddler) means a paddler that is a current registered member of DBV or AusDBF club, or a current member of Paddle Victoria. NOTE: A member of a Dragon Abreast club will not be considered a registered paddler if they are competing within the cancer survivor category.*





TRAINING SESSIONS

All teams must complete a minimum of one training session prior to race day. The cost of this training session is included in the entry fee.

Teams can purchase additional 3 training sessions up to a maximum of 4 training sessions per team. Each additional training session costs \$200 per session.

**A minimum of 14 paddlers is required for a training session to go ahead.*

Please submit how many training sessions will be required on registration.



TERMS OF REGISTRATION

Race entry, training session dates and marquee hire will not be confirmed until full payment has been received. DBV will provide crew lists, waiver forms and further regatta information to all team contacts once entry is confirmed.

No refunds for Team Entry will be available after the entry deadline (23:59 Monday, 21 January 2019) and no refunds will be provided for Training Sessions and Marquee Hire after the booking deadline (23:59 Friday, 1 February 2019).



EVENT DETAILS

DAY 1 16 FEBRUARY 2019

Time: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Entry to Day One for 200m races is open to corporate organisations, community and social groups, university teams, registered charities, cancer survivor groups and international clubs.

Entries close by 11:59pm Monday, 21 January 2019.

DAY 2 17 FEBRUARY 2019

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Entry to Day Two for 200m races is open to DBV affiliated club, AusDBF clubs and international clubs. VIC based clubs enter via revSPORT. Interstate and international clubs should contact DBV.

Entries close by 11:59pm Monday, 4 February 2019

Club Categories: Open, Women, Mixed, Senior A.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Chinese New Year Dragon Boat Festival is run by a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation. We work tirelessly to deliver every event a success and believe that everyone taking part in the dragon boat experience should have fun and be brought closer together from all corners of our community. Dragon boating is a unique water sport promoting team spirit, healthy living and camaraderie. A sustained collaborative relationship with our brand sponsors is designed to create long-term mutual partnerships and benefits.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities or media partnership, please contact Jonathan Low at bm@dragonboatvictoria.com.au



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