



UNITED STATES DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION



USDBF Club Crew National Championships

Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL
October 1st- 3rd, 2021

Invitation and Informational

Bulletin #2

Note: Bulletin #2 is a supplement to Bulletin #1.1. Please refer to both Bulletins when researching answers to your questions.



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The United States Dragon Boat Federation invites you to attend the 13th USDBF Club Crew National Championships (2021 CCNC) that will be held at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida. In addition to the opportunity to win the National Championship, National Champions will also earn a berth to the IDBF World Club Crew Championships to be held in Sarasota, Florida in 2022.

The USDBF Club Crew National Championships are for all club teams to compete in a National Championship. We will be hosting all divisions and urge all teams to participate. The event will take place at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida from the 1st to 3rd of October, 2021. Teams should plan on three full days of racing and make plans accordingly for departure. Wednesday, September 29th and Thursday, September 30th are available as practice days.

CONTACTS

For any questions please contact competition@usdbf.org

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The USDBF launched a national membership system effective January 1, 2021. All competing athletes, coaches, and team managers at 2021 Club Crew National Championships will be required to register with our membership system. **Crews entering the USDBF Club Crew National Championships must be current Members of the USDBF. If you have club members who have not yet become members of the USDBF, they must complete this process by July 15, 2021.** Please be sure to direct all paddlers, coaches and managers participating in the USDBF Club Crew National Championships to the USDBF website: www.usdbf.org/registration to complete the USDBF Membership enrollment process. **Club Crew participants must be prepared to present USDBF Membership ID cards at the event. Your USDBF membership card (photo ID) will serve as your credentials for CCNC. Payment for your membership must be received by the USDBF no later than July 15, 2021. Membership cards will be mailed at the end of August 2021.** Crews entering the USDBF Club Crew National Championship must also be members in good standing of their respective regions.



COMPETITION FORMAT

The USDBF Club Crew National Championships will be conducted according to the USDBF Competition Regulations and Racing rules which align with the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. The racing will be conducted by appointed USDBF Race Officials. Officials will be assisted by appointed volunteers.

The Championship will use the IDBF Race Plans to determine the racing program. The race program will be released in Bulletin Three on or about September 7, 2021.

Teams will be awarded points based on performance in each competition class (distance).

The USDBF Competition Regulations and Racing rules can be found by clicking [here](#).

The Paradrakon Rules can be found by clicking [here](#).

CURRENT ENTRIES

Standard Boat entries:					Small Boat entries:				
	Open	Women	Mixed			Open	Women	Mixed	
Premier					Premier				
Philadelphia Dragon Boat Assn	√	√	√		Greater Chicago Dragon Boat Club		√	√	
CYPN Storm			√		Dragonheart Vermont - Fire		√		
Rising Tide Dragon Boat			√		DCDBC Black Dragons	√			
Southbreeze Dragon Boat Club	√		√		DCDBC First Ladies		√		
Catch 22			√		Tampa River Dragon Boat	√	√	√	
Dragonheart Vermont			√		Schuylkill Dragons Purple		√		
Jax Fire Dragons			√		Pennsylvania Dragon Boat Club	√			
Island City Dragon Boat Club		√			Southbreeze Dragon Boat Club		√		
Senior A					Senior A				
Bucks County DBC - Fusion		√	√		WAM	√		√	
Windy City Dragon Boat Club	√	√	√		Relentless Dragon Boat Assn			√	
Tampa River Dragon Boat	√	√	√		Florida Tarpons	√			
Florida Tarpons		√	√		Holy City Dragons		√		
Southbreeze Dragon Boat Club		√			Bucks County Dragon Boat Club	√			



Standard Boat entries:				Small Boat entries:			
	Open	Women	Mixed		Open	Women	Mixed
Senior B				Senior B			
Philadelphia Dragon Boat Assn	✓		✓	Heat			✓
Heart and Soul		✓		Greater Chicago Dragon Boat Club			✓
Tampa River Dragon Boat		✓	✓	Dragonheart Vermont - Green Mountain Girls		✓	
Cooper River DBD River Sirens		✓		Nathan Benderson Paddling			✓
Senior C				SAKE Master's Women			
Heat	✓	✓	✓	Charlotte Harbor Dragons		✓	
Dragonheart Vermont	✓	✓	✓	Florida Tarpons	✓		
Philadelphia Flying Phoenix Golden Warriors		✓		Schuylkill Dragons Gold		✓	
Relentless Dragon Boat Assn			✓	Jax Fire Dragons		✓	
BCP				Blazing Paddles			
Save Our Sisters		✓		Senior C			
Nathan Benderson Paddling Survivor Sync		✓		Rogue Dragons			✓
Dragonheart Vermont		✓		Vogue Dragons		✓	
Paddles and Pearls		✓		WAM	✓	✓	✓
PD1				Heat			
Adaptive Adventures	✓			Blazing Paddles			✓
PD2				BCP			
Adaptive Fusion Dragon Boat Club	✓			Hope Afloat		✓	
				PD2			
				DC Dragon Boat Club			
				ACP			
				Nathan Benderson Paddling			
				Awakened Dragons			



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NAMED ENTRIES

The 2021 USDBF Club Crew National Championships will be a test event for Club Crew World Championships to be held at Nathan Benderson Park in the summer of 2022.

As part of that process team entries must be made on the IDBF registration system at <https://idbfchamps.org/nats>. All entry details will be made on this system. The system will be open through August 15, 2021. Club team managers or designated contact person will be provided a PIN and password to access the IDBF system to enter their race distances, boat sizes and their individual crew member details. Keep in mind that all crews will race 200, 500 and 2000 meter distances.

MULTIPLE AND CROSS ROSTERING

Participants may race with only one club at the 2021 CNCC, with an exception made for paddlers whose primary club is single-gender. Those paddlers may compete in Mixed races only, with one other club. An exception is also made for athletes who compete with a Paradrakon crew, whose athletes may compete with another crew. A participant may race with more than one crew within a club, but in no case will racing be held up to allow the transfer of a participant from one crew to another. Shared helms and drummers between crews in the same club will be allowed based on the race program.

TRANSPORTATION



The USDBF is proud to partner with Dolphin Transportation (SRQ) to meet crew needs for transportation services in the Sarasota area. Dolphin Transportation has a dedicated team of professionals committed to delivering a comprehensive level of service including airport transfer and local area transportation. Dolphin Transportation's fleet includes a variety of vehicles including Sedan, SUV, Executive Vans, Mini Bus, Mini Coach, and Motor Coach.

To make reservations with Dolphin Transportation, use this link:
https://book.liverycoach.com/dolphin_transportation/home

Sign in as "Guest" and use promotional code: **Dragon Boat**

If you have questions, please call them directly at 239-530-0100



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TRAVEL INFORMATION

For information on direct flights and airlines serving the Sarasota area, visit SRQ-Airport.com or TampaAirport.com.

For destination information, visit VisitSarasota.com and BradentonGulfislands.com

ACCOMMODATION

The United States Dragon Boat Federation is proud to partner with HBC Event Services, a housing agency with a nationwide reputation for excellence in managing travel for sports events. HBC Event Services provides an easy way for you to book your hotel rooms with our partnered hotels at the best rates.

The USDBF requests that all non-commuting teams registering for this event make all hotel accommodations using our **Championship housing services**. Please do not call the hotels directly. Please book through the hotel reservation link below. The hotel rates arranged through our housing services will be lower than each hotel's published best-available rate and usually includes breakfast for your team. We appreciate your support as these partnered hotels assist in sponsoring our event.

Click on the link below to make your reservations:

[HOTEL RESERVATION LINK](#)

Please call HBC Event Services at +1.505.346.0522 and/or support@hbceventservices.com if you have any questions and/or have any special hotel requests.

A Travel Protection Plan is now available for purchase for all new reservations booked through this website.

Most importantly this plan has a **"Cancel for Any Reason"** benefit that will protect 75% of your non-refundable hotel booking and event registration costs for only \$21.05 (based on a 2-night stay). Book your hotel reservation and select YES to add the Travel Protection Plan and protect your trip. Alternatively, you can call HBC directly at 505-346-0522 (Travel Protection Plan can only be added to your booking within 20 days of your hotel reservation date). To see the full terms and conditions of the Travel Protection Plan, please click [here](http://www.tripmate.com/wpf700h). (www.tripmate.com/wpf700h)

SITE RENTALS

Nathan Benderson Park is offering the rental of such items as tents, chairs, and tables. You can reserve these items by going here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/7f45a7b9f3244026a288f3b8bca9be16>.



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SCHEDULE

August 15, 2021	Named Entries Close on the IDBF Site	
Tuesday, Sept 28, 2021	Arrival of Teams starts	
Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021	Arrival of Teams Practice noon – 6:00 Registration opens 8:00 – 5:00	Nathan Benderson Park Nathan Benderson tower
Thursday, Sept 30, 2021	Arrival of Teams Practice 8:00am – 6:00pm Registration 8:00 – 5:00pm USDBF Merchandise tent opens ROI meeting 2:30 Team Manager meeting 4:00 pm Opening Ceremony – awakening 6:00	Nathan Benderson Park Nathan Benderson tower Vendor Tent area Nathan Benderson tower Nathan Benderson tower Nathan Benderson Park
Friday, Oct 1, 2021	Registration 7:00am – 5:00pm 200 M all Classes 8:00 - Both Standard and small Boat	Nathan Benderson tower Nathan Benderson Park
Saturday, Oct 2, 2021	Registration 7:00am – 5:00pm 500 M Classes 8:00 - Both Standard and small Boat	Nathan Benderson tower Nathan Benderson Park
Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021	Registration 7:00am – 5:00pm 2000 Helms Meeting 8:00 2000 M all Classes 9:00 – Both Standard and small Boat Awards and Berth announced following racing Farwell party	Nathan Benderson tower Nathan Benderson tower Nathan Benderson Park Nathan Benderson Grandstands Beer Garden
Monday, Oct, 4,2021	Teams Departure	



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PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Each crew's registration fees will include two practices which will be held at the event site, on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 and Thursday, September 30th, 2021. Registration fees must be received in full and confirmed before the practices may be booked.

Sign up for practices by clicking on this [link](#) and following the instructions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e48a4a928a7f49-usdbf>

BOATS

Dragon Boats will be supplied by Pan Am Dragon Boat, located in nearby Tampa, FL. Pan Am will provide 16 standard (20-paddler) boats – BuK Model 1222. Additionally, Pan Am will supply 6 small (10-paddler) boats – Swift Model 912. All boats will be conditioned and weighed prior to race day which will contribute to fair racing conditions.

COMPETITORS PADDLES

Only IDBF Licensed Paddles showing the Spec 202a Manufacturers Mark will be permitted at the 2021 Club Crew Championships. There is a sticker placed on every paddle which proves that it is manufactured based on the IDBF standard. The sticker has to be clearly visible on the paddle. The maximum length for all paddles is 51 inches. Adjustable paddles must be taped and signed in the marshalling area by the Chief Boat Marshall.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES/AIDS (PFD/PFAs)

Under the IDBF Competition Regulations participants are not normally required to wear PFDs when racing. At the Chief Official's discretion PFDs may be required for the Junior Racing Classes or in inclement weather. However, approved PFDs may be worn by participants who may wish to use them.



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SEAT PADS

IDBF Competition Regulation 13.4 Seat Pads. *Dragon Boat Seat Pads (cushions) as described in (Regulation 13.1) shall be made of a soft material, such as neoprene, of an approximate thickness of 15mm that will compress easily when squeezed between finger and thumb. The width of the seat pad may vary in size and shape but shall approximate to the width of a paddling seat in the IDBF Standard International Racing Boat and should ideally not exceed 20 cm in width and 40 cm in length. Simple fastenings such as Velcro to attach to the seat are permissible.*

We will not be measuring seat pads to the exact cm, but obviously the round seat pads (IKEA type, for example) will not be accepted, unless they are 'cut to size'.

MERCHANDISE

Regatta Sport has a great line of merchandise available for the USDBF Club Crew National Championships. Preorder your selections today for delivery in Sarasota. Visit the Regatta Sport website at: <https://regattasport.com/shop/110-usdbf>

FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDORS

Nathan Benderson Park will be providing a variety of food and beverage vendors for your enjoyment throughout the days of competition. Coffee, Smoothies, water, sports drinks, fresh squeezed lemonade and soda will be sold. There will also be food vendors offering a variety of menu items such as acai bowls, fish tacos, southern style BBQ, hotdogs, hamburgers, soft pretzels, chicken sandwiches and much more! Most food and beverage vendors accept cash or credit and there will be an ATM on site for your use.

PARKING

Participant and spectator parking will be located on Regatta Island at Nathan Benderson Park. There is a \$5.00/vehicle per day parking charge, cash only. Gates will open 1 hour and 40 minutes before the first race of each day. The venue address is 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle; Sarasota, Florida 34235.