



國際龍舟聯合會
INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION
8th Club Crew World Championships
Hong Kong 2012



Incorporating the Hong Kong Invitational Dragon Boat Races
Victoria Harbour, East Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong SAR, Chi

4th – 8th July 2012

INFORMATION BULLETIN No.1

To: ALL IDBF MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBER DRAGON BOAT ORGANISATIONS.

The Organizing Committee of “Hong Kong 2012” - the 8th IDBF Club Crew World Championships, in conjunction with the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF), cordially invite Club Crews from around the world to participate in the Championships, which will be held from Wednesday 4th July to Sunday 8th July 2012, in the Victoria Harbour, East Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong SAR, China.

The 2012 CCWC which is supported by the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB) will be held over the racing distances of 200m, 500m and 2000m and staged in the beautiful Victoria Harbour, the home of modern Dragon Boat Sport. To mark the 36th Anniversary of the HK International Dragon Boat Races that started the modern era of the Sport in 1976 and the 21st Anniversary of the founding of the IDBF in Hong Kong in 1991, the 8th IDBF CCWC will incorporate the special celebratory Hong Kong Invitational Dragon Boat Races. There will also be a number of other celebratory events and traditional performances during the week in the East Tsim Sha Tsui area, to entertain your crews.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME: The programme is provisional and is to assist crews with their planning.

<i>Sunday, 1 July 2012</i>	Crews arrive & registration in Hong Kong
<i>Monday, 2 July 2012</i>	Crews training – Race Course. IDBF Executive & Council Meets
<i>Tuesday, 3 July 2012</i>	Crews training – Race Course. AM. Race Officials Meeting. Afternoon Crew Managers Meeting.
<i>Wednesday, 4 July 2012</i>	Racing day – 2000m All Classes + Opening Ceremony evening)
<i>Thursday, 5 July 2012</i>	Racing day – 200m All Mixed Championships + Small Boat Open and Women’s Championships
<i>Friday, 6 July 2012</i>	Racing day – 200m Open and Women’s Standard Boat Champs + 2012 Hong Kong Invitational Races
<i>Saturday, 7 July 2012</i>	Racing day – 500m All Mixed Championship Classes
<i>Sunday, 8 July 2012</i>	Racing day. – 500m All Open & Women’s Championships + Finals of the 2012 Hong Kong Races Evening - Celebration Dinner
<i>Monday, 9 July 2012</i>	Crews depart

Competing crews are advised to arrive in Hong Kong no later than Monday 2 July 2012 but crews arriving earlier will be catered for.

Wednesday 4th July 2012, will be the first racing day with the Opening Ceremony taking place on the evening of 4th July 2012.



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COMPETITION REGULATION AND RACING RULES

The Hong Kong 2012 CCWC will comply with the IDBF Competition Regulations and will be conducted under the IDBF Rules of Racing. **All participating crews are required to return a completed Provisional Entry Form to IDBF by no later than Monday 16th January 2012.**

DIVISIONS, RACING & COMPETITION CLASSES

Both Standard and Small Boat Championship Races are on offer (see table below) with the **Small Boat Races primarily aimed at new Clubs on the international stage** but also at older Clubs with only a small number of paddlers available for a particular Racing Class or Classes.

The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below, Classes may be combined in the early rounds of competition but the Grand Finals will be separate. Each Country or Territory may sanction up to 5 different crews (one crew per Club), per Competition class in both the Standard and Small Boat Championships.

Combined Racers Division. BCS Crews and All Cancer Survivors Crews (ACS) and Paradrasons (Adaptive Paddlers Crews) will race in a Combined Racers Division over 200 and 500m, with Medals and Trophies for each Competition Class. There will be no specific 2000m races for the Combined Racers Division crews, due to Time restraints in the Race Programme

BCS/ACS/AP crews will not count against the 5 crews per IDBF Member.

Standard Boat (22 Racers) (Mixed Crews = min of 8 and max of 12 female paddlers)

Division	Premier Racing Class	Senior A Racing Class	Senior B Grand Dragons	18-23 Racing Class	Junior A/B Racing Class
Open	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K
Women	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K
Mixed	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K	200, 500m, 2K

Small Boat (12 Racers) (Mixed Crews = min of 4 and max of 6 female paddlers)

Division	Premier Racing Class	Senior A Racing Class	Senior B Grand Dragons	18-23 Racing Class	Junior A/B Racing Class
Open	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m
Women	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m
Mixed	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m	200, 500m

Age Regulations: Seniors A – age 40 or over. Senior B (Grand Dragons) 50 or over, as of 1 June 2012

Junior A – aged under 18 but 12 or over as of 1 January 2012. Junior B- Under 16 but 12 or over as of 1 January 2012

18s - 23s – aged 18 to 23 years old as of 1 June 2012 (Standard Boat 4 crew members may be 16-17 & 2, 24-25 – Small Boat 3 & 1)

A Club can enter the Standard or Small Boat Races or both in all Racing Classes **but for a Club to enter both a Standard and Small Boat crew in the same Divisional Racing Class** the paddlers in the Small Boat Crew must be **different paddlers** from those used in the Standard Boat crew - including reserves. Additionally, if a Club enters the 2000m Races in a Standard Boat it cannot enter the Small Boat 200m and 500m races in the same Racing Class.

Exception for Mixed Crews. A Club may enter an Open Standard Boat Crew and a Women's Small Boat Crew in any Racing Class (or vice versa) when there are less than 18 paddlers in either crew. Then using the same Small Boat paddlers a Club can **also race a Standard Boat Mixed Crew but not a Small Boat Mixed Crew.**

In any event double rostering of paddlers between Divisions is discouraged. Helms and Drummers may be used across the Divisions (subject to the rules for Junior and Seniors) but in the case of 'back to back races' the race officials will NOT delay races to accommodate the transfer of Helms or Drummers.



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ENTRIES.

Each crew's entry to the 2012 CCWC must be sanctioned, by the IDBF Member Organisation to which that crews belongs, where one exists. Crews from countries or Territories where there is not an IDBF Member may compete subject to the agreement of the IDBF Executive Committee.

All Entries are to be sent to IDBF directly, with all administrative information and logistical returns going to the Hong Kong 2012 CCWC Organizing Committee by the requested deadlines.

REGATTA FEES

An IDBF Registration Fee of USD 15:00 per person is to be paid by all participants. For this CCWC an Administration Fee, not exceeding USD 20.00 may be charged by the Organizing Committee. Confirmation of an Admin Fee, if any, will be given in Information Bulletin No.2.

DRAGON BOAT & PADDLES

IDBF Specification dragon boats will be provided for the Championships. Crews are informed that only IDBF Spec 202a Racing paddles will be permitted in the CCWC.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES/AIDS (PFD/PFAs)

Under the IDBF Competition Regulations participants are not normally required to wear PFDs when racing, unless the Chief Official so decides for the Junior Racing Classes or in inclement weather. However, approved PFDs will be available from the Organizing Committee for those participants who may wish to use them, by prior notification and application.

CREW NUMBERS WHEN RACING.

In the interest of Crew Safety the number of Racers allowed in a boat may be restricted, on a 'day to day' basis, to a maximum of 20 (18 paddlers) in the Standard Boat and 10 (8 paddlers) in a Small Boat depending on the weather and general water conditions in Victoria Harbour.

The crew training sessions on the Monday and Tuesday prior to the Championships, will be used to gauge the number of Racers per boat that can, in the view of the Competition Committee safely compete in the prevailing conditions of Victoria Harbour.

CLUB CREW MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The IDBF is aware that in previous years, some Clubs have tried to recruit paddlers specifically for the CCWC via their Club websites. This practice is against the intention of the IDBF Competition Regulations and most certainly the spirit of the Championships. Any Club found not to be complying with IDBF Competition Regulations 4.3 and 4.3.1 shown below, will not be allowed to progress to a Final and will be drawn in the outside spare lane in all other rounds of each competition entered.

CR 4.3 Club Crews. In IDBF Championships for **Club Crews** a Racer can only represent one Dragon Boat Crew. **See Bye Law 12.3 for the definition of a Dragon Boat Club Crew.** All competitors must have been bona fide members of the Dragon Boat Crew that they represent, for at least **SIX** (6) months before the Club Crew Championships in question.

CR 4.3.1. A bona fide Club Member is one that has regularly trained and/or competed for the Club Crew that they represent during the minimum period of **six months** shown in 4.3. A bona fide Club Member will normally be resident in the Country in which the Club Crew is located.

A Club Member who trains and competes with a Club Crew from a different Country or Territory or a geographical Region within a Country to the one in which the Club Member himself (or herself) is normally domiciled, will only be considered as a bona fide Club Member if they can prove that they have physically attended their Club to train or compete for a period or of at least twelve (12) weeks, over a minimum period of two (2) racing seasons.



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ACCOMMODATION AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION (For reference only)

The Organizing Committee of the Hong Kong 2012 CCWC has made arrangements for a choice of accommodation packages, ranging from **USD 30 to USD 170** per person per day, which will include:

- Accommodation in University Dorms or a choice of three to five-star Hotels,
- Arrival/Departure Transport Service (one trip on arrival and one trip on departure, per competing Crew),

If required, any transport between the Official Hotels and the Competition Site during training and racing days and to the Celebration Dinner, may be charged in addition to accommodation charges.

The complete list of official hotels and package prices will be available in Information Bulletin N°2, after the Provisional Entries have been processed.

Participants are entitled to make their own arrangements, but races will not be delayed for crews that are not staying in the Official Hotels or travel under private arrangements.

RACE DAY LUNCHES

Lunches at varying prices will be available for purchase by all participants and their supporters in the competition site area of East TST or in the Official Hotels.

CELEBRATION DINNER

A Celebration Dinner Party will be provided for all competitors and their coaches, managers and registered supporters but the total number of participants, per Club, must be given to the Hong Kong 2012 CCWC Organizing Committee by 28th May 2012, with a Club's Confirmed Entry.

There may be a supplementary charge for the Celebration Party which will not exceed USD 20.00 per person. Confirmation of any charges will be given in Information Bulletin No.2.

PAYMENTS

IDBF Registration Fees are to be paid directly to the IDBF Treasurer with the Final Named Entries (28 May 2012). Deposits and other payments are to be made by electronic transfer in US Dollars, to the Hong Kong 2012 Organising Committee – contact idbr@hkdba.com.hk or as directed by the Org Com in Information Bulletin No.2, no later than the published relevant deadlines.

DEADLINES FOR ENTRIES AND FEES

Requirements	Deadline
Provisional Entry	16 January 2012
Confirmed Numerative Entry and deposit 20% of total of the accommodation costs, minus any non-refundable deposit.	26 March 2012
Named Entry and IDBF Registration Fee of USD 15.00 per participant <i>Those submitting a late Named Entry cannot be guaranteed an entry if the race programme has been completed.</i>	28 May 2012
Balance of accommodation costs – for the relevant Hotel.	04 June 2012



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PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM

One (1) Entry Form only per CLUB – NOT one (1) per Crew within a Club

Deadline Date for Provisional Entries is Monday 16th January 2012

Club Crew Name	隊名		
Contact Name	聯絡人姓名		
Phone Number	聯絡人電話		Fax 傳真
E-mail Address	電郵地址		
Mailing Address	地址		

In the table below, mark (**x**) in the appropriate box (es) to indicate each category and distance your Club Crew is entering. If your Club Crew is entering in mixed category and the respective mixed crew to be drawn from your Open and Women's Crew, indicate this by marking a (**C**) for combined in the box(es).

Standard Boat (22 Racers)	Open			Women			Mixed		
	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	2000m	200m	500m	2000m
Premier									
Senior A 040									
Snr B (GD) 050									
18-23s									
Junior A/B	/	/	/	/			/	/	/
BCS / ACS / APC	/ /	/ /	XXXXX	/ /	/ /	XXXXX	/ /	/ /	XXXXX

BCS = Breast Cancer Survivors Crew. ACS = All Cancer Survivors Crew. APC = Adaptive Paddlers Crew.
 For ACS & AP crews, up to 4 crew members (2 in the Small Boat) may be cancer free or non Paradrakon competitors.

Small Boat (12 Racers)	Open		Women		Mixed	
	200m	500m	200m	500m	200m	500m
Premier						
Senior A 040						
Senior B (GD) 050						
U23						
Junior A/B	/	/	/	/	/	/
BCS / ACS / APC	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /	/ /

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Crew Manager - Name	
Signature & Date	

Show here the total estimated number of participants from your Club Crew _____

RETURN THIS PROVISIONAL ENTRY FORM BY EMAIL TO:- CCWCENTRY@IDBF.ORG



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ACCOMMODATION ENQUIRY FORM

Club Crew Name	隊名		
Contact Name	聯絡人姓名		
Phone Number	聯絡人電話		Fax 傳真
E-mail Address	電郵地址		
Mailing Address	地址		

In the following table, indicate your estimated number of participants and your rooms' requirement

Club *	Supporters **	Media	Total

** Includes all competitors, coaches, managers and medics etc. ** Includes spouses, family & friends.*

Accomd Required	USD 30 -35 University	USD 40 –55 Hotel	USD 60 –75 Hotel	USD 80 -95 Hotel	USD 100 -125 Hotel	USD 130 -145 Hotel	USD 150 -170 Hotel
Single							
Twin / Double							
Dorm type							

Name	
Signature	
Date	

To enable the HK2012 Org Com to source the most suitable accommodation for your Crews please return this Accommodation Enquiry Form by email to:-

idbr@hkdba.com.hk

by 16 January 2012