

2010 Kaiser Permanente San Francisco International Dragon Boat Festival

**Treasure Island, San Francisco, California
September 25 & 26, 2010**

**Visiting Team
Race Registration Packet**

**Presented by the
California Dragon Boat Association
(CDBA)**



MISSION STATEMENT:

Our multicultural dragon boat festival brings people from all backgrounds together to celebrate diversity, provides a venue for friendly competition, and supports youth programs and senior services in the San Francisco Bay Area community.



Welcome!

Welcome to the 2010 Annual Kaiser Permanente San Francisco International Dragon Boat Festival (SFIDBF). Our event will be held this year on September 25 & 26, 2010 at the beautiful and scenic Treasure Island. This year is very special as we are celebrating the 15 year anniversary of our festival. With the continued growth of dragon boating in the Bay Area, the California Dragon Boat Association (CDBA) again expects record attendance in all divisions this year. Come join us for another great weekend of good, hard racing, excellent entertainment and food, and great times on and off the water!

On behalf of the CDBA Board, we would like to thank you for your continued support as we cannot succeed without the generous help from our visiting teams, volunteers, and CDBA member teams. We'll continue to work hard to ensure that our festival is "for paddlers, by paddlers". We look forward to seeing you on the water in September!

Paddles Up!

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2010 Festival Registration Dates

June 18 Early Registration deadline (*Postmarked by June 18, 2010*)
August 2 Registration deadline cutoff **
August 9 Team biographies and logos due (online submission)
September 24 Visiting team practices

**** Typically, the race has sold out prior to the registration deadline and often well before the Early Registration deadline. Teams will be placed on a waitlist once all slots are filled and be invited to race if / when a registered team cancels. Please register as soon as possible.**

Race Weekend (schedule is subject to change)

Saturday, September 25, 2010	Sunday, September 26, 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Ceremonies • Recreational / Competitive Division Seeding • Open (Men) and Women's Seeding • Novice Division Races and Challenge Cups • College Cup • Novice Division Awards Ceremony 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreational / Competitive Division Championships • High School Division Races • Open (Men) and Women's Championships • Breast Cancer Survivor's Cup (if enough interest) • Visiting Team Championship • Master's Race • Closing / Awards Ceremony



2010 Race Divisions and Specialty Cups

The SFIDBF features three major race divisions, in addition to a number of specialty divisions, described below.

Major Race Divisions

1. Novice Division

- Novice teams will have had no more than three practices in this year prior to the race.
- Only local teams can participate in the novice division. All visiting teams are placed in the recreational / competitive division.
- Mixed teams only (see rules for mixed team composition).
- Races held on Saturday only.

2. Recreational / Competitive Division

- All teams not in the novice or high school division.
- Mixed, Open or Women's teams (see rules for mixed team composition).
- Races held on Saturday and Sunday.

3. High School Division

- Junior paddlers require consent by a parent or guardian in order to participate.
- Individuals who have graduated from high school, but have not reached the age of 19 by the Festival date, may join a high school team.
- Mixed teams only (see rules for mixed team composition).
- Races held on Sunday only.



Specialty Cups and Divisions

1. Women's and Men's (Open) Races (Recreational / Competitive Division Only)

- Women's and Men's (Open) adult teams may be formed as a composite team with paddlers from existing Recreational / Competitive Division mixed teams. Steersperson and drummer can be either gender.
- There is no additional charge to enter the Women's or Men's (Open) Divisions if you have a team entered in the Recreational / Competitive Division.
- Participation in the Women's and Men's (Open) races is subject to available space. Participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.

2. Visiting Team Championship Cup (Recreational / Competitive Division Only)

- Any team from outside of the San Francisco Bay Area may participate in the Visiting Team Championship Cup subject to available space. Participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.

3. Challenge Cup Races (Novice Division Teams Only)

- Qualifying novice teams will be grouped into special heats in their first round for specific cup titles.
- Mixed teams only (see rules for mixed team composition).

4. College Cup/Big Race (Recreational / Competitive Division Only)

- Teams must be comprised of 90% students currently enrolled in or recent alumni of a college, university, or institution represented.
- Mixed teams only (see rules for mixed team composition).

5. Masters Race (Recreational / Competitive Division Only)

- Racers must be 40 years of age or older as of the first day of race weekend.
- Mixed teams only (see rules for mixed team composition).
- Participation will be on a first come, first serve basis. There is no charge to enter the Masters Race if you have a team entered in the Recreational Division.

6. Survivor Cup (Recreational or Novice Division)

- Participants must be cancer survivor teams.
- Other requirements to be determined.



2010 CDBA Race Format

This year's race format will be as follows (and is subject to change):

- Each paid visiting team will have at least three races in the Recreational / Competitive Division.
- The Novice Division will race on Saturday only, and the High School Division will race on Sunday only.
- The Recreational / Competitive Division will be split into several divisions (Recreational / Competitive Division A, B, C..., etc.).
 - ❖ The 1st race is a seeding heat.
 - ❖ The 2nd race will determine which division you will race in.
 - ❖ The 3rd race is a semi-final to determine which teams will advance to the Division Championship Finals.
 - ❖ The 4th race is either a championship or consolation race.
- In addition to the Recreational / Competitive Division, visiting teams can participate in specialty race divisions (Visiting Team Championship Cup, Men's (Open), and Women's race). There also will be a Masters race for any eligible and interested crews and a Survivor Cup for Breast Cancer Survivor teams should there be enough interested crews.
- All races will be 500 meters long.

General Information

Food, Cultural Festivities, and Dragon Land

There will be food booths, cultural festivities, and entertainment held throughout the race weekend. In addition, we will again have fun activities, games, and arts and crafts at our special zone for children, Dragon Land.

Visiting Team Practices

Visiting teams can schedule practices (as available) on Friday, September 24, 2010 before the races, beginning at 12:00 PM. Practice sessions will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis, and for a duration of only one (1) hour. **Due to severe traffic congestion from downtown to Treasure Island in the late afternoon, we strongly recommend scheduling practices in the early afternoon.** In the early afternoon, travel time to Treasure Island from the Marriott Hotel is approximately 15 minutes. For those with practices scheduled after 3:00 PM, please plan for 45 minutes to 1 hour of travel time to arrive at Treasure Island from the Marriott Hotel. Roundtrip shuttle transportation will be provided from the Marriott Hotel to the race site. Teams must be at the hotel lobby 1 hour prior to scheduled practice time if using the shuttle.



Accommodations

The CDBA is proud to continue its partnership with our host hotel, the newly renovated Marriott Hotel in the Yerba Buena / South of Market Area. The Marriott Hotel is located South of Market at 55 Fourth Street, near Union Square, next to the Sony Metreon, brand new Westfield Center, cable car turn around, and Yerba Buena Garden museums. The website is <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sfodt-san-francisco-marriott/>

The reservation process for teams and rates are being finalized and will be e-mailed out to the CDBA Out of Town Yahoo Group and posted on our website shortly. Please do not make reservations independently, as you will not be able to get the dragon boat festival rate. The festival rate will be \$139.00, which includes free wireless access all weekend.

Free Shuttle to Race Site from Hotel

We will be providing free shuttles to and from the Marriott Hotel to the race site. As part of our permit, we have been asked to shuttle in as many of the visiting teams as possible to avoid causing additional traffic congestion. Shuttles will run to and from the Marriott Hotel and race site all day throughout both Saturday and Sunday.

Team Hosting

As is tradition, many local teams host visiting teams (hosting does not include accommodation). Though hosting styles vary, typical hosting activities include organizing additional gatherings/dinners/activities around the Bay Area and sharing race site space and amenities. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like a host team.

Race Updates and Communications

For more race information, please join our e-mail group for visiting teams by sending an e-mail to CDBA-out-of-town-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. All race updates are sent via this group.

Please also visit our web site at <http://www.SFdragonboat.com> for race updates and information.

For other race questions, please contact **Andrew Yan** at:

Phone: 415-505-6776

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2010 Registration Process and Race Fees

Registration Process

1. Fill out the registration form on the following page and send it, along with payment, to the address below.
2. Upon receipt of your form and payment, the CDBA will e-mail you a confirmation of your registration and detailed instructions on how to submit your team bio and logo online.
3. Submit team bio and logo.

2010 Race Fees

Visiting Teams (North America)

USD \$900.00 if payment sent is **postmarked** by June 18, 2010; USD \$1,000.00 after this date.

Visiting Teams (Off Continent)

USD \$250.00 deposit (returnable upon arrival)

Note: There is no charge to enter the Women's, Men's (Open), Visiting, Survivor, or Master's Divisions if you have a team entered in the Mixed Division and you meet the Division requirements.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 2, 2010**

Please return this form with the applicable fee to:

**California Dragon Boat Association (CDBA)
Race Registrar
268 Bush Street #888
San Francisco, CA 94104**

Please make checks payable to:
California Dragon Boat Association (CDBA)

*Note: **No personal checks will be accepted.** Cashier's Check or Money Order is acceptable. Funds must be drawn on U.S. Dollars.*

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Refund Policy

All requests for a refund must be submitted in writing and delivered in person, by U.S. post, or by email. A full refund, minus an administrative fee of 20%, will be made if a registered team withdraws by July 1, 2010. A 50% refund will be made for requests made after July 1, 2010 and on or before August 2, 2010. There will be no refunds for requests made after August 2, 2010.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**DATE RECEIVED: _____
AMOUNT (\$): _____
NUMBER: _____

2010 REGISTRATION FORM FOR VISITING TEAMS

Team Name: _____

Number of years your team has been racing: _____

Team Captain:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Day Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Team Manager or Secondary Contact (if different from Team Captain):

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Day Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Yes, our team would like a local host team. Our preferred team is _____, but we will accept any team.

Yes, our team would like to practice on Friday, September 24, 2010 before the race weekend. Practice begins on each hour starting at 12:00 PM and will be for a duration of one (1) hour. Last practice time slot at 5:00PM.

Indicate time preferences: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____**Specialty Races (Check all that apply):**

- Visiting Team Championship Men's Women's
- Masters (Paddlers must be 40 years old or older as of the race day)
- Survivor (Paddlers must be on a Cancer Survivor dragon boat team)

Note: Participation in the Specialty Races is conditioned on available space and will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.