

8TH DUBLIN HONG KONG DRAGON BOAT REGATTA SAT, 15TH & SUN, 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018 INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

Dear Dragon Boat Friends,

Fáilte go hÉirinn or Welcome to Ireland!

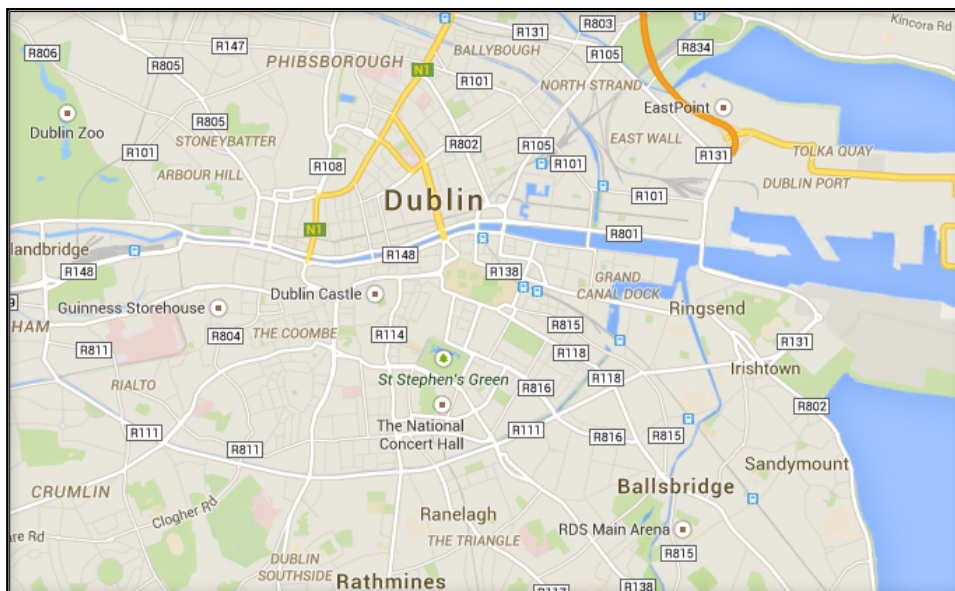
The Irish Dragon Boat Association in conjunction with Plurabelle Paddlers warmly invites you to participate in the 8th Dublin Hong Kong Dragon Boat Regatta.

Date

The Regatta will take place on the weekend of Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th September 2018 at Grand Canal Dock, Ringsend, Dublin 4.

Location

Grand Canal Dock is located between the River Liffey and the Grand Canal in Dublin, Ireland's capital city. Only 30 minutes' drive from the airport this area has undergone significant redevelopment in recent years as part of the Dublin Docklands area redevelopment project. Teams will enjoy relaxing in Grand Canal Square in the heart of this new development with a good selection of pubs, cafes and restaurants giving the area a real cosmopolitan feel. Boat Marshalling will be located outside the Waterways Ireland Visitor's Centre just off the main dock. (Note, this may change to another location on the dock for 2018).



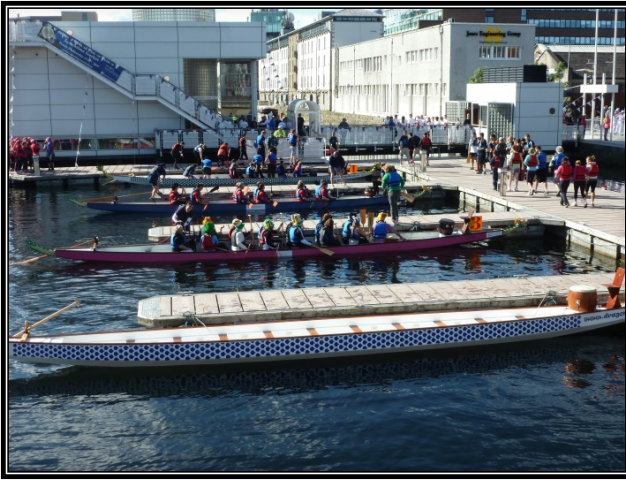
Regatta Course

The racing course is set within an enclosed dock area and measures just over 500m in length and circa 120m wide with a water depth of 4m – 5.5m. The water is non-tidal and does not have a flow. The start and finish will be marked on and off the water. All starts will be free standing starts.

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Boat Loading Area at the Visitor's Centre



Grand Canal Dock - Race Course

Competition Format

Saturday, 15th September 2018

Sunday, 16th September 2018

200m Racing (International & Novice Crews)

400m Racing (International Crews)

200m Racing (Novice Crews)

Competition Classes

International Open

Novice Open

Women's (depending on final entries)

Under 18s

Breast Cancer Survivors

To be considered for the Breast Cancer Survivor Competition at least 80% of the paddling crew e.g. 16 paddlers from a total of 20 paddlers must be breast cancer survivors.

The final programmed competition classes will depend on the entries received.

Boats and Equipment

The Event Organisers will provide up to 4no. IDBF standard racing boats – BuK or Champion manufactured boats will be used.

International competing crews are expected to bring their own paddles which must confirm to IDBF Paddle Specification 202a. The Event Organisers will provide a competition set of plastic Ainsworth paddles should you not wish to bring paddles.

Rules of Racing

The racing will be conducted under the current IDBF Racing Rules and Regulations by IDBF International Race Officials and Irish National Officials. These can be found at www.idbf.org.

Personal Safety

All paddlers are expected to be able to swim 50m in light clothing unaided or as a minimum be water competent in cold water. All experienced International paddlers will not be required to wear a PFA; however the IDBA will have a sufficient supply of YAK Kallista and Nookie PFAs should they be required. Paddlers racing in the Breast Cancer Survivor category will be required to wear buoyancy aids as some of our domestic crews are still relatively new to paddling.

Crews compete entirely at their own risk and must be "Fit to Race" under the IDBF Competition Regulations.

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Provisional Programme

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| Thurs, 13 th September 2018 | Crews Arrive |
| Fri, 14 th September 2018 | Crews Arrive Team Training (pm) Meet & Greet (pm) – Plurabelle Paddlers will be welcoming all international teams to their club house for a tea and biscuits. |
| Sat, 15 th September 2018 | Team Managers Meeting International Crews 200m Racing Novice Crews 200m Racing Prize Giving 200m Crew Meet Up for Drinks, venue TBC |
| Sun, 16 th September 2018 | Team Managers Meeting International Crews 400m Racing Novice Crews 200m Racing Prize Giving 200m & 400m |
| Mon, 17 th September 2018 | Crews Depart |

Accommodation

Most of the accommodation listed below is within walking distance to the race venue. It will be the responsibility of each crew to organise their own accommodation for the competition.

1. **www.staydublin.com or www.dublincityapartments.ie**
These are apartments which work out quite reasonably on price per head. They are near enough to the LUAS (Dublin tram system) which would drop you the other side of the River Liffey with a 5 - 10 minute walk to the Dock.
2. **www.hosteldublin.com**
Kinlay House, Barnacle House, Abigail's Hostel and Generator Hostel. They are near enough to the LUAS (Dublin tram system) which would drop you the other side of the River Liffey with a 5 - 10 minute walk to the Dock.
3. **Grand Canal Hotel**
Telephone: +353 1 646 1000
Website: www.grandcanalhotel.ie
4. **The Maldron Hotel, Pearse Street**
Telephone: +353 1 670 3666
Website: www.maldronhotelpearsestreet.com
5. **The Clayton Hotel, Cardiff Lane**
Telephone: +353 1 643 9500
Website: www.claytonhotelcardifflane.com
6. **The Marker, Grand Canal Dock (5* Hotel)**
Telephone: +353 1 687 5100
Website: www.themarkerhoteldublin.com

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7. Jurys Inn Custom House, IFSC

Telephone: +353 1 854 1500

Website: www.jurysinn.com

8. D4 Hotels

Telephone: +353 1 437 3444

Website: www.d4hotels.ie

9. The Shipwright Guesthouse

Telephone : +353 834 366221

Website: www.shipwright.com

10. Airbnb

www.airbnb.ie

Transport

Transport to and from the airport is the responsibility of the team. All major hotels have free transfer buses to and from the airport, plus there is a local bus that runs from the airport to the city centre. A taxi will cost around €25 from the airport to the race venue.

Transport to and from the race venue is also the responsibility of the team. Dublin has a good bus network and there is the Luas (tram system) that runs regularly. The majority of hotel accommodation however is in walking distance of the race course.

Food Package

There will be no food package offered. Grand Canal Quay / Square has a large selection of cafes, restaurants & supermarkets which surround the dock.

Fee Payment and Confirmed Entries

Your confirmed entries must be received by the Organising Committee by **Friday, 27th July 2018**. Entries will only be accepted on receipt of the entry form and full payment. **Please note, for 2018 we are limiting the overseas entries to 8 crews.**

Payment Details

Account Name: Irish Dragon Boat Association Limited
Bank: Allied Irish Bank, 24, Bridge Street, Tullow, Co. Carlow, Ireland
IBAN: IE03 AIBK 9333 2511 2443 65
BIC: AIBKIE2D
Sort Code: 93-33-25
Account No.: 11244365

End of Racing Drinks

We have found over the last couple of years that the overseas team like to go and explore Dublin and taste the delights of the old part of the city in the Temple Bar area. We are therefore this year not running with a party, but instead will meet up in one of the local drinking establishments should anyone wish to join us.

Yours in sport

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