

CAPTAINS TEAM BULLETIN

Registration Alert!

Captains: we are only 2 weeks away from the November 11th, Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival and I want to thank all the teams that have registered. There are teams who we know will be participating but who have not registered as of today. Please visit the website – www.lakehernandodragonboatfestival.com – and register immediately. It is important for us to have an accurate team count for both 20 paddler and 10 paddler boats so we can develop the race schedule, order tents and other site amenities. If you are racing... register NOW!

Teams that have registered may pay their registration fee at any time prior to November 3rd. Team captains have the option to pay by check or credit card:

Mail Check to: Events In Motion
P.O. Box 596
Hernando, FL 34441

Credit Card Payment: Paypal via Website – Under “Enter Your Team” and then at the bottom of the page under “Team Registration”.

Once payment and all waivers are received each team captain will receive a “Race Ready” confirmation number. This “PIN” number is required to pick up your packet on the morning of the festival. The final deadline for all rosters and waivers is November 8th.

Community Team Practices

Community Teams if you are registering now, book your practice schedule!

Team practices begin this Saturday and run all of next week, please book your slot now!

Practice Schedule – Community Teams will have the opportunity to practice with a professional coach and steersperson. The practice is mandatory so your team can become familiar with safety and racing protocols. The practice schedule is posted on the website under the team registration tab and captains information tab. Website will be updated as requests for timeslots come in. Just add your crew into an unoccupied block and you are all ready to go. Please show up at the lake at least 15 minutes prior to your posted practice start time so that your team can get organized with equipment and with your assigned trainer. If a community team is interested in scheduling additional practices, prior to the office practice week, call Andy Smith at [352.201.6500](tel:352.201.6500).

Community Team Shirts – Local business, “11th Hour Signs” will work with you on your design and shirts in full color for only \$10 each, performance shirts. You can email them at 11thhoursigns@gmail.com or call [352.577.2744](tel:352.577.2744)

Club Teams

If you are staying in Citrus County on Friday and/or Saturday night, be sure to book your registration as soon as possible at one of the hotels that are offering great rates. The Quality Inn - Hernando, Comfort Suites - Dunnellon, the Holiday Inn Express - Inverness or the Plantation Inn-Crystal River. Additional information is available on the website.

Team Rosters Waivers

As the Captain, you have 2 major administrative tasks:

Send a Team Roster to jill@highfivedragonboat.com. Rosters for the event are due **Monday, November 6th**. Please use the fillable word document, not a pdf or scan. Prior to November 6th you will be able to make changes. Just email Jill "Delete X, Add Y". **PLEASE** do not send a new roster. After the deadline, you can update the roster at check-in on race day.

Send paddlers a link to the On-Line Waiver, <http://www.highfivedragonboat.com/LHDWaiver.html>

Please ensure paddlers know your team name. They must have an on-line waiver on file before they can practice or race. On-Line waivers are due on Monday, November 6th. Email the above link to your paddlers as soon as possible. Once we get your roster, Jill will check on-line waivers received and send you periodic updates. A **Y** in the Waivers Received column indicates that the waiver has been received, so you can easily identify your teammates who still need to complete. The sooner all waivers are received, the less administrative tasks will need to be completed on race day, possibly delaying the event.

Free Friday Night Kick-Off Event – November 10th from 5:00 – 9:00

We are very excited to announce a new element to the festivities surrounding the Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival. Our Friday night **Concert On The Lake** will feature a great local band, cash bar and optional Italian dinner. Your team can come and stay at one of three very economically priced hotels, have a fun evening, and avoid the stresses of travelling to the festival to set up early Saturday morning. Check our website for more info and to book your Friday night accommodation.

Contests, Prizes Galore!

Besides countless medals and trophies being presented for your on-water performances we also have prizes for **BEST DECORATED TEAM TENT** and **BEST DRUMMER COSTUME**. Our sponsors will be voting to determine winners in these categories.

Important Race Information

The following race categories are open for registration at this event:

Community	-	Mixed 20 Person (20 paddlers + drummer)
Community	-	Mixed 10 Person (10 paddlers + drummer)
Club	-	Premier Mixed 20 Person
Club	-	Premier Mixed 10 Person
Club	-	Premier Open 20 Person
Club	-	Premier Open 10 Person
Club	-	Premier Women 20 Person
Club	-	Premier Women 10 Person
Club	-	BCS 20 Person
Club	-	BCS 10 Person
Club	-	Senior Open 20 Person
Club	-	Senior Open 10 Person
Club	-	Senior Women 20 Person
Club	-	Senior Women 10 Person
Club	-	Senior Mixed 20 Person
Club	-	Senior Mixed 10 Person

Standard Boat Mixed Crew Composition

Each complete mixed crew race roster of 20 must have a minimum of 10 female paddlers. In the case where there are less than 20 paddlers in the boat, the rule is that at least 50% of the crew must be female. The minimum number of paddlers allowable to race is 16.

Small Boat Mixed Crew Composition

Each complete mixed crew race roster of 10 must have a minimum of 4 female paddlers. In the case where there are less than 10 paddlers, there needs to be a minimum of 4 female paddlers. The minimum number of paddlers allowable to race is 8.

Race Distances

All straight line racing will take place over 300 meters. A 2000 meter race distance will be offered to the top 4 seeded 20 mixed club teams and top 4 seeded 10 mixed club teams as determined by the opening round of racing. These 8 teams will have first rights to participate in the 2km race which will be the final race of the festival. If a team in this grouping opts out of the 2k race distance the 5th seeded team will be offered the position, then the 6th seed, and so on...All teams will race at least 3 races during the course of the day.

Race Format

Race format may vary depending on number of teams entered in a racing class. We expect all teams to

be seeded into divisions after their first round of racing. A second race will further refine the divisional racing in the final. Every team will have three races. Some racing classes may race for time in their first two, or potentially all three races.

Race Conflicts

IMPORTANT: To avoid delays in racing on event day, we need to know if your team is cross-rostering, and if so, which rosters are affected. While every effort is made to enable cross rostering, we cannot guarantee that conflicts will not occur, especially in the final round of racing.

Team Tent Set Up

Remember we will have a Friday night kick-off party, try to be there!! If you do arrive on Friday and would like to set up your team tent, staff will be available to show you your assigned location beginning at 4:00 PM. Security will be on property all night.

If you come on Saturday, you need to be set up by 7:30 AM. The team captains meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 AM at the Gazebo by the Restrooms. Team packets will be available for pickup at the Gazebo at 7:30 AM.

Food Court

We have a great food court for you to enjoy before and during the Festival. In the morning several vendors will open at 7:30 AM for breakfast.

The Elks Lodge will have egg sandwiches for \$3, Danish for \$2 and coffee for \$1. Dawghouse AI will allow you to preorder/prepay your breakfast items at a 20% discounted price, visit their website, dawghousedogsandgrill.com

The food court vendors are there to supply your team with great breakfast, lunch and dinner. Please take advantage of their great prices and offerings and support them.

VIP Tent

Be sure to visit the VIP Tent located in the center of the team village. Gatorade, Water and free massages will be available.

Team Pictures

Don't forget to create your memory and have your team picture taken on the stage floor. They can be picked up later in the day at the VIP Tent.

Arts and Craft Village

Please visit the arts and craft village and commercial vendor booths on Park Road between races. There will be great items available for purchase.

Parking on Friday and Saturday.

Parking will be on the grass field behind Brannon Bank. We are asking for a \$3 donation for our event charity, The Citrus County Education Foundation. You will see the tall inflatable dragon and the

intersection of Orange Avenue and Hwy 41, then follow the signs to the field entrance. When you get to the Big Dragon Arch, after turning, that is where you will quickly need to unload your equipment and then go into the parking area. There will be volunteers directing you and we will have a valet service available to assist you in taking your equipment to your team location.

Questions – If you have any questions or require additional information please contact us by email at eventsinmotion@outlook.com.

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT!

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