

Club Team Captains:

I hope you all enjoyed the Independence Day Holiday weekend and are ready to get back into the racing season, ending your season in sunny Florida for The Lake Hernando Dragon Boat Festival. The event is always scheduled on the Veterans Day weekend which falls on November 11<sup>th</sup> this year.

Last year we had 55 teams participating in the event and I believe a reachable goal for this year is 75 teams. If your team participated in past years, you are aware that Lake Hernando is one of the best locations in the Southeast for Dragon Boat Racing. No waves, no current, great visibility from the shoreline, perfect club team tent sites, plus arts and crafts, live music, great food and drinks, a kids play area, reasonable hotel rates and much, much more. If you have not been to this location, please add this event to your calendar. You won't be disappointed!

Once again this year we will utilize both the 10 and 20 person boats with the same categories as last year; Open, mixed, women, senior and BCS. Please note the small boat must have a minimum of 5 women paddlers and the large boat must have a minimum of 10 women paddlers. Try and get creative by having your team utilize the different categories and boat sizes and remember there is a discount for combinations.

Visit the website, [lakehernandodragonboatfestival.com](http://lakehernandodragonboatfestival.com), to register and I would like to hear from you, so I know I can count on your team's participation.

Thanks for the support.

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