

INVITATION

PENANG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2009

The Penang International Dragon Boat Festival (PIDBF) Organizing Committee invite Crews from around the world to participate in the 30th Penang International Dragon Boat Festival Race



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The 6th IDBF Club Crew World and the 8th Asian Dragon Boat Championships held was held in Penang in 2008, producing the biggest Dragon Boat Championships so far held in Dragon Boat Sports with over 200 crews from 86 Clubs and 21 countries taking part.

Nearly 4000 competitors contested in the 50 competition class in the history of the dragon boat races.

With a large group of experienced IDBF Race Officials and a senior IDBF Race Official will be running the 30th Penang International Dragon Boat Festival 2009. Therefore, the Penang International Dragon Boat Festival (PIDBF) Organizing Committee cordially invites Crews from around the world to participate in the 30th Penang International Dragon Boat Festival 2009 (which is also recognized as an IDBF Affiliate Race of the dragon boat festivals).

Come and celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival Holiday with these **BIG THREE** –

23-24 May 2009 30th Penang International Dragon Boat Festival 2009,
Penang, Malaysia

28 May 2009 Macau International Dragon Boat Race
Macau SAR, China
(Direct flight from Penang to Macau on low cost carrier, Air Asia)

30-31 May 2009 Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Regatta
Hong Kong, SAR, China
(Ferry service from Macau to Hong Kong)



Take advantage of these 3 closely linked races and save on your travel fare and time.

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Race Date: 23th~ 24th May 2009

Venue: The brand new, beautiful, scenic and enchanting Teluk Bahang Dam, situated at the north-western tip of Penang Island, about 25 km from Georgetown, the capital city of Penang.

Races:

INTERNATIONAL RACES		CREW
PREMIER OPEN	STANDARD BOATS	20
PREMIER WOMEN	SMALL BOATS	12
PREMIER MIXED	STANDARD BOATS	20
SENIOR OPEN	SMALL BOATS	12
SENIOR MIXED	STANDARD BOATS	20
JUNIOR OPEN	SMALL BOATS	12
JUNIOR MIXED	STANDARD BOATS	20
BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS	SMALL BOATS	12
MALAYSIA RACES (FOR MALAYSIAN TEAMS ONLY)		CREW
CLUB OPEN	STANDARD BOATS	20
CLUB WOMEN	SMALL BOATS	12
CLUB MIXED	STANDARD BOATS	20
CORPORATE OPEN	STANDARD BOATS	20
CORPORATE WOMEN	SMALL BOATS	12
CORPORATE MIXED	STANDARD BOATS	20
GOVERNMENT INTER-DEPT OPEN	STANDARD BOATS	20
GOVERNMENT INTER-DEPT MIXED	STANDARD BOATS	20
SENIOR OPEN	SMALL BOATS	12
SENIOR MIXED	STANDARD BOATS	20
JUNIOR OPEN	SMALL BOATS	12
JUNIOR MIXED	STANDARD BOATS	20
PENANG RACE (FOR PENANG TEAMS ONLY)		CREW
OPEN	STANDARD BOATS	20

General Informations

Racing & Competition Classes

- a) Mixed class using standard boat ~ crews must contain a minimum 8 women paddlers and maximum 12 women paddlers
- b) Junior class ~ competitors under the age of 18 in the year 2009
- c) Senior class ~ competitors must be over the age of 40 in the year 2009

Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry into the races at its sole discretion.

Rules & Regulations:

The 30th PIDBF race will use PIDBF and/or IDBF Competition Regulations & Rules of Racing.

Races

There must be a minimum 5 entries for each race to run.

Boat

Standard boat shall consist of a maximum of 20 men / women: 18 paddlers, 1 steersman & 1 drummer.

Small boat shall consists of a maximum of 12 men/women 10 paddlers, 1 steersman & 1 drummer.

Distance

500 meters straight course only

Racing Style

All paddlers must be seated and remain on the paddlers' seat throughout the race. Any crews offending this rule may render disqualification.

Racing Format

All teams will follow the races from the early heats, repechage / semi-final and final.

(III) Penang Race

~ for Penang teams only and is a selection race for representing the State of Penang in overseas races.

(II) Malaysia Races

~ for Malaysian teams only

~ 1st 3 winners for Club, Corporate & Government Inter-Dept events will be qualified to the International Premier event of the (I) International Races

~ 1st three winners for Junior & Senior events will be qualified into their respective events in the (I) International races

(I) International Races

~ for foreign teams as well as the 1st three winners from (II) Malaysian Races event



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Paddle

Competitors may use his/her own paddles which are approved by IDBF in accordance with the IDBF Standard (Model 202a). If paddle is not yet approved, competitor must bring the paddle to the "Paddle Checking" a day before competition start.



O u t l i n e P r o g r a m m e

DATE	ACTIVITIES
20th May 2009 (Wednesday)	Crews arrival & practice sessions
21st May 2009 (Thursday)	Crews arrival & practice sessions
22nd May 2009 (Friday)	Crews arrival & practice sessions
TEAM LEADERS' MEETING	
PIDBF TECHNICAL FORUM	
23rd May 2009 (Saturday)	OPENING CEREMONY
23rd May 2009 (Saturday)	Race Day - Full Day
24th May 2009 (Sunday)	Race Day - Full Day
CELEBRATION DINNER	
25th May 2009 (Monday)	Sightseeing in Penang or teams departure



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Registration Fee

Foreign teams ~ A registration fee of USD50.00 per event, for teams not taking our ground arrangement package deal.

Malaysian teams ~ A registration of RM50 per event, for teams not taking our ground arrangement package deal.

Ground Arrangement Package

The Organizing Committee has made arrangements for a choice of accommodation from three-star to four-star hotels. All the official event accommodation locations are 15 – 20 minutes from the regatta site by car or bus. Crews are advised to confirm their ground arrangement packages as early as possible due to this peak tourist season in Penang.

The package cost from USD40.00 per person per day includes:

- 1) Airport transfer (for group)
- 2) Hotel accommodation (twin sharing basis)
- 3) Breakfast at hotel
- 4) Transport to & from race course / celebration dinner
- 5) Lunch box during race day

Celebration Dinner

A Celebration Dinner will be held on **Sunday, May 24**, after completion of races. More details will be posted in the next bulletin.



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Payments

All payments, excluding accommodation payments, are to be made to the Organizing Committee by electronic transfer in USD no later than the relevant deadline. Bank details are as follows:

WIRED TRANSFER INFORMATION (USD\$ FUNDS)	
Account Name	Penang Internatioan Dragon Boat Festival
Bank	Maybank Islamic Bhd
Address	No. 1, Arked Ria 1, Komtar, 10000 Penang, Malaysia
Penang Swift Code	MBBEMYKL
Account Number	557054-501765
Reference	Please provide name of crew and description of payment being made

30th PIDBF Contact Information

30TH PIDBF COMMITTEE	
Mailing Address	EXCO Penang State Tourism Development, Culture, Arts & Heritage Level 53, Komtar, George Town, 10350 Penang, Malaysia
Contact	Tel: 604-6055136 Fax: 604-2618744
Email	secretary@penangdragonboat.gov.my
Web Site	www.penangdragonboat.gov.my

Closing Date

31st March 2009 for submission of entry forms and payments of registration fee.

Confirmation of Entry Forms & Payments

After submission of your entry forms and payments, kindly ensure you receive a confirmation by email from the organizer.

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ENTRY FORM	
Team Name	
Contact Name	
Phone Number	
Fax Number	
Email Address	
Mailing Address	

In the table below, mark an "X" in the appropriate box(es) to indicate each category and distance your team is entering. If your team is entering in a mixed category class and the respective mixed crew is to be drawn from your open and women's crews, indicate this by marking a "C" (for Combined) rather than "X" in the box(es).

International Races

	STANDARD (20)	SMALL (12)
PREMIER OPEN		
PREMIER WOMEN		
PREMIER MIXED		
SENIOR OPEN		
SENIOR MIXED		
JUNIOR OPEN		
JUNIOR MIXED		
BCS		

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Malaysia Races

	STANDARD (20)	SMALL (12)
CLUB OPEN		
CLUB WOMEN		
CLUB MIXED		
CORPORATE OPEN		
CORPORATE WOMEN		
CORPORATE MIXED		
GOVERNMENT INTER-DEPT OPEN		
GOVERNMENT INTER-DEPT MIXED		
SENIOR OPEN		
SENIOR MIXED		
JUNIOR OPEN		
JUNIOR MIXED		

Penang Races		
OPEN		

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I enclosed herewith *telegraphic transfer / direct deposit slip for the sum of

* USD / RM _____ as registration fee.

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TEAM REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	
TEAM NAME	
DATE	

* Delete whichever is not applicable.