

The Teddington Dragon Boat Challenge

Saturday 20 September 2008, 10.00am – 4.00pm
River Thames & Manor Road Recreation Ground, Teddington

Overview

Dragon Boat Racing is one of Britain's fastest growing water sport activities, where the emphasis is on... challenge, team building, fundraising ... and FUN!

Join in the Teddington Dragon Boat Challenge on Saturday 20 September 2008 for another exhilarating day on the River Thames. Organised by Ingrid van der Weide, local community event organiser (e.g. Teddington River Festival) and managed by Dragon Boat Events Ltd, the UK's No.1 dragon boating supplier, running events and festivals throughout the UK. Everything required to take part in this fabulous event will be provided on the day including the boats, equipment, safety boats, life jackets and training. You just need to turn up on the day with your crew of 16 rowers and a drummer. No experience necessary! Just teamwork and a good sense of fun is all that is required!



How to Enter

Simply complete the attached registration form and return together with your entry fee as soon as possible.

Start Times

The race day will run from 10.30am until approximately 2.00pm with all teams having at least 3 races each followed by the finals. Teams will need to register and attend a safety briefing on the day at 10.00am at the Control Area located alongside the River Thames in the Manor Road Recreation Ground, Teddington.



Crew Numbers

Crews may register up to 20 people in their team, but a maximum crew of 16 people (subject to overall weight of the crew and the prevailing conditions) plus a drummer will be permitted to enter each race. In the opinion of the helm, where the weight of the crew or conditions on the day makes safe boat handling a problem, the boat's helm has the absolute authority to require the crew to reduce the number of paddlers. No refunds or reductions will be offered for crews competing or entering with less than the prescribed number.

Every team **must** have a drummer for each race.

Inter-organisational Challenge Races

For any organisation or association wishing to enter two or more teams you may qualify for an Inter-organisational Challenge Race for that little bit of extra competition! Contact the organisers for more information.

Team Sponsorship

If your team is raising sponsorship for a nominated charity please use the attached sponsorship form for all your team members. If you encourage your crew members to raise at least £50 each that will be £850 for your chosen charity.

Sponsorship forms will be validated on the day and sponsorship money should be paid directly to nominated charities after the event.

Entry Fee

Register up to 20 people per team and pay before 30 June 2008 to take advantage of the early bird registration fee of £375. That's less than £18 per person for a fabulous day out!

The entry fee will be £400 after 30 June 2008. All teams must be registered and confirmed before 31 August 2008.

Safety

1. The Dragon Boat Events Ltd. instructors will provide a safety brief for each team prior to their first race as well as buoyancy aids for everyone.
2. Their instructors will also provide the training, helm the dragon boats and ensure the safety of all crews.
3. Each race will have safety boats on stand-by, ready to rescue crews in the unfortunate event of a capsizing.
4. Although Dragon Boating is not a dangerous sport, safety is something the organisers take very seriously and so everyone's agreement to the terms and conditions is required from all team members before you will be allowed on to the water.
5. Swimming. All able-bodied crew members must be declared competent in deep water and capable of swimming 50 metres with the aid of an approved personal flotation device (buoyancy aid). Such buoyancy aids will be provided by Dragon Boat Events Ltd. for competitors use whilst on the water.
6. Special Needs / Disabled. Where any team member(s) is disabled or 'having special needs', then for safety reasons **they must inform the boat's helm prior to each race.** Persons such identified to the helm will then be given a 'day-glo' jacket which must be worn over their buoyancy aid whilst in the boat and must be handed back to the boat's helm or beach marshal when the crew member(s) disembark the boat.
7. No previous experience of Dragon Boat Racing is necessary to enter and crews compete at their own risk.
8. Minimum Age. In the interests of safety a minimum age of sixteen years old is set for competitors and twelve years old for the drummer.

Cancellation

The entry fee is non refundable except in the unlikely event the festival is cancelled where all monies paid (including deposits) will be refunded



in full.

Facilities & Amenities

Food and drink stalls will be available on-site together with live music, craft stalls, children's activities and fairground rides as well as toilets.

Parking

There is no parking on site. Parking is limited to kerb-side parking in nearby streets.

What previous participants had to say....

'What a great event – loads of fun, well organised and a great way to raise money for charity. We'll definitely be doing it again next year. Thank you.' - *Charlie Thelu, Treasurer, Collis School Association*

"A fantastic day out and a super way to raise money for Club funds – much enjoyed by the rowers and supporters alike." - *David Kilby, Teddington Rugby Club*

'Once the technique was sorted, the drumming was easy and the adrenalin kept flowing, race after race after race!' – *Daniel James (aged 12), drummer for Teddington Lifeboat Crew*

We look forward to welcoming your team on the day. If you require any further assistance or information please do not hesitate to contact the organisers on 020 8891 5771 or 07727 257262.

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Registration Form

Team Name:	
Charity Supported: (if applicable)	
Team Contact:	
Organisation:	
Telephone No:	
Mobile No:	
Email:	
Address:	
Post Code:	

- I, as the above named Captain for my team, confirm that I have received and understood the Teddington Dragon Boat Challenge terms and conditions and agree to be bound by the said terms.
- I have included a deposit payment of £100 to secure our place.
- I am making full payment before 30 June 2008 to take advantage of the '**Early Bird**' payment of £375
- I am making payment after 30 June 2008 and have included full payment of £400.
NB. Cheques payable to **Ingrid van der Weide** please.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Upon receipt of this signed agreement and your payment, an email (or letter via the post if no email address is supplied) will be sent confirming your payment and a place in the 2008 Teddington Dragon Boat Challenge.

Please return to:

Ingrid van der Weide
Event Organiser
Teddington Dragon Boat Challenge
c/- 4 Michelham Gardens
Twickenham TW1 4SB