



**Welcome to the NZCT
Wellington Dragon Boat Festival
17th & 18th March 2012**

**It's Windy, It's Wild and it's absolutely
positively Wellington!**

**It's also New Zealand's largest dragon
boating regatta.**

www.dragonboat.org.nz

Contact details

Phone +64 4 471 0205

xEmail crew@dragonboat.org.nz

Fax +64 3 548 6472

Gone Paddling Ltd

Angela Sargeant +64 21664 510

Email: angela@dragonboat.org.nz

Wendy Smyth (Australian contact)

+61 2 9982 8000

Email: wendy@dragonboat.org.nz

The Wellington Dragon Boat Festival was first established in 1983 and has been running for the past 27 years. It's a big event which attracts both a lot of competitors and spectators. The race site is on Wellington's waterfront in the harbour off the Frank Kitts Park promenade. The race distance is 320 metres in length. It is the largest Dragon Boat Festival in New Zealand, spread over 2 action packed days. The Festival starts off with an opening ceremony on the Friday night which includes a uniform parade and team chant competition followed by adults racing on the Saturday. This consists of both corporate, sports, and Pink Lady crews. Teams can be Mixed, Women's or Men's. Sunday racing is totally dedicated to the schools. The festival is open to all teams from local Wellington entries to teams from around New Zealand and around the globe.

In Wellington, we will go out of our way to make your team welcome and will assist you with any requirements you have in relation to entering your crew, getting to Wellington and accommodation.

There is currently an Australian vs New Zealand Challenge with the 2011 champions being The Dragon Fly's from New Zealand.

The Wellington Dragon Boat Festival is more than just great dragon boat racing, there's entertainment, food stalls, and an opening and closing ceremony.

Entering the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival is very easy, all you need to do is:

1. Establish a team of 20-23 paddlers, one drummer and a sweep (although we can supply a sweep for you)
2. Fax or email in your entry form
3. Make payment of fees to make your entry official.

ACCOMMODATION

The Centrally located IBIS Hotel, Wellington offers great rates to travelling dragon boat teams and because they are centrally located, two minutes walk to the race site, one minute to the party site and right in the CBD, there is no need for transport. You can book through our office or direct www.ibis.co.nz

GETTING TO WELLINGTON

Air New Zealand, Qantas and Pacific Blue fly directly into Wellington from overseas ports.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Wellington airport is a short trip to the CBD 10-15 minute drive. The average cost of a taxi is \$40, they will fit 4 people so that's \$10 each. There are also shuttles which work out around the same price.

WHAT YOUR REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

Entry to the opening ceremony on Friday night

Racing during the weekend

A team marquee

Entry to the presentation party on Saturday night.

MORE INFORMATION ON WELLINGTON CITY

For other great things to do when you are in Wellington check out:

www.wellingtonNZ.com

PADDLES

Only IDBF 202a Approved paddles can be used.

CATEGORIES FOR RACING

SPORTS DIVISION

- All teams from outside of Wellington will be placed in the Sports division. Teams who genuinely feel they qualify for the corporate division can apply for an exemption to enter the corporate division if they meet the corporate requirements.
- Mixed (Maximum of 12 Males), Men's/open (any gender), Women's (all Women) or Breast Cancer Survivor crews.
- Age group division's are: Youth 18 – 23 years, Premier 18 + years, Masters 40 + years Grandmasters 50+ years and Great Grandmasters 60+ years
- A minimum number of 8 male and 8 female paddlers in the mixed boat when racing.
- On race weekend a maximum squad of 25 may be drawn on to provide the crew of 22 for each race.

CORPORATE DIVISION

This division is designed for corporate crews who are looking for the team building benefits, fun and challenge of Dragon Boat racing. A minimum of 15 members must be from the one company and training is limited to a maximum of 12 hours water training prior to the Wellington Festival.

- This is a Mixed category only.
- A minimum number of 8 male and 8 female paddlers in the Mixed boat when racing.
- A minimum number of 15 crew members must be employees of the company or subsidiary (see race rule 9 for the definition of an 'employee').
- On race weekend a maximum squad of 25 only may be drawn upon to provide the crew of 22 for each race.

Wellington Dragon Boat Festival

17th & 18th March 2012

Crew Entry - Non-Wellington based Teams
Fax +64 3 548 6472

TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

Team Name _____

Postal Address _____

Team Manager _____

Tel (Day) _____ Tel (Evening) _____

Mobile _____ Fax _____

Email _____

RACING DIVISIONS

1. **Sports Crew** []

Mixed, Men's or Women's _____ (please select one)

Youth 18 – 23 yrs, Premier, 18yrs+ or Masters 40 years + _____ (please select one)

2. **Breast Cancer Survivor Crew** []

2. **Corporate** []

Mixed _____

Mixed crews have a minimum of 8 male and 8 female paddlers.

At least 15 crew members must be employees of the one company

Due to the training restrictions which wellington teams have (maximum of 12 hours on the water training), out of town teams are not eligible to race in this category. If your team has had less than 12 training sessions, please apply to the festival organisers for a possible exemption.

The Festival Committee reserves the right to re-categorise any team not meeting the above criteria.

Some categories within each division maybe combined depending on team numbers

I have read and understood the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival Race Rules, I understand my entry will not be accepted unless it is received by the Wellington office by the cut off date of Monday 1st March 2011

Signed _____ (Manager) **Date** _____

An entry fee of NZ\$1750 (inclusive of GST) must accompany this form or entries will not be accepted. Crews must have entered and paid their entries into the Festival; to be eligible to compete.

A crew tent is included in the above price. The tent will provide a place to store your gear, have a barbeque, talk tactics and relax while you are not racing.

Payment Details

All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Please make NZ Dollar cheques payable to:

Wellington Dragon Boat Festival

C/- Gone Paddling Ltd
69 Chamberlain Street
Nelson 7011
New Zealand

Or

Bank deposits can be made to the following account. Please tag the deposit with your team's name:

National Bank Of New Zealand

Nelson Branch

Account name: Gone Paddling Ltd

Account Number: 06 0705 0400311 00

Swift ANZBNZ22

ENTRIES OPEN 1 OCTOBER 2011 AND CLOSE MONDAY 1st March 2012

Under the Privacy Act your information is kept private and confidential by the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival. We have sponsors (e.g. sportswear companies) that would like to contact you, please check the box below to let us know whether we are able to pass on your details.

I do not mind if my contact details are given to the sponsors of the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival

I would prefer that my contact details are not given to the sponsors of the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival

Safety Waiver

Organisation _____ Team Name _____

THESE ARE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION FOR A TEAM MEMBER IN THE TRAINING FOR AND COMPETING AT THE WELLINGTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL. IT IS THE TEAM MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THESE KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD TO EACH INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER. PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS. TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO INDIVIDUALLY SIGN THIS WAIVER BEFORE THE FESTIVAL COMPETITION.

IN ADDITION BEFORE ANY REPLACEMENT TEAM MEMBER TAKES PART IN TRAINING, THE TEAM MANAGER MUST INFORM THAT PERSON OF THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

1. Non-swimmers are not permitted in the Dragon Boats. All members must be confident swimmers and able to swim at least 50 metres in light clothes.
2. No alcohol is to be consumed within the 12 hours before the use of a Dragon Boat.
3. Long trousers are not permitted in the boats. Shorts or wetsuits are most appropriate.
4. If the boat capsizes, team members are each expected to look out for their 'buddy' (the person seated next to them); and in the case of the drummer and the Sweep, the closest pair is expected to aid them in forming a trio. Team members must stay with the boat until the rescue craft arrives. Do not attempt to swim to shore.
5. Dragon Boats must give way to, and stay at least 200 metres from, all other moving sea vessels. In the case of larger boats eg. The Interisland vessels and ocean going ships, crews must stay at least 400m away.
6. All teams must understand and have practised on dry land the capsize rules before starting training sessions, and before competing in any event.
7. Team members must comply with any directions given by the Water Training Supervisor and rescue craft operator during the course of training. The authority of the Water Training Supervisor is accepted for training activity.
8. Wearing an approved flotation device or life preserver/life jacket while training or participating in any event, is recommended by Festival Management, but optional and at the discretion of individual crew members and their teams. The terms and conditions and effect of this waiver are no different whether a life jacket is worn or not.

IMPORTANT QUALIFICATION

DRAGON BOAT TEAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATE AT THEIR SOLE RISK. NO ORGANISER, SPONSOR, OTHER PERSON, OR ORGANISATION ASSOCIATED IN ANY WAY WITH THE FESTIVAL, WILL BE LIABLE IN ANY WAY OR ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, LOSS, DAMAGE OR EXPENSE SUFFERED OR INCURRED BY ANY DRAGON BOAT TEAM MEMBER DURING DRAGON BOAT TRAINING OR RACING OR IN ANY OTHER WAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THAT PERSON AS A TEAM MEMBER. THE SIGNING OF THIS SAFETY WAIVER BY THE TEAM MEMBER IS PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT NO CLAIM CAN BE MADE ON THE ORGANISERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES IN RESPECT OF ANY MATTER CONNECTED WITH THE TRAINING AND THE COMPETITION.

I have read, understood and agree to the terms and conditions set out above, and as a condition of and in consideration for the entry and participation in the Festival on behalf of my team I hereby (i) accept and agree to be bound by and observe the terms and conditions set out above and (ii) waive any claim or claims I may otherwise have against any one or more of the persons specified in paragraph above, in respect of any injury, loss, damage or expense suffered or incurred by my team members during Dragon Boat training or racing or in any other way in connection with my team's participation in the Festival, and that I and all members of my team are 14 years of age or older and each can swim to the standard required.

Date

Team Manager