



Thailand International Dragon Boat Festival 2026

Organised by The Rowing and Canoeing Association of Thailand (RCAT)

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.2

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Date : 5–6 December 2026

Venue : Pattaya – Rayong, Thailand <https://maps.app.goo.gl/GrMTzkf53vNSnCPPr5>

Confirmed entry submission : <https://bit.ly/TIDBF2026ConfirmEntry>

Warmest greetings from the Thailand International Dragon Boat Festival 2026 (TIDBF) Organising Committee!

We are pleased to announce a strong response to our recent Expression of Interest. Teams expressing interest hail from Brunei Darussalam, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong-China, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, and Thailand.

Competition Regulations and Racing Rules

The Regatta will be conducted in accordance with the RCAT Competition Regulations.

Divisions, Racing & Competition Class and Distance

The Competition Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below, provided a minimum of 4 entries are received for each competition class.

No	Event	500 m
1	Premier Open (22 Racers)	✓
2	Premier Open (12 Racers)	✓
3	Premier Women (12 Racers)	✓
4	Premier Mixed (22 Racers)	✓
5	Premier Mixed (12 Racers)	✓

6	Junior U24 Open (12 Racers)	✓
7	Junior U24 Mixed (12 Racers)	✓
8	Senior 40 Open (12 Racers)	✓
9	Senior 40 Women (12 Racers)	✓
10	Senior 40 Mixed (22 Racers)	✓
11	Senior 40 Mixed (12 Racers)	✓

Competition Categories

Race Distance: 500 meters (Straight Course)

Racing Format: Heats, Repechage, Semi-Finals & Finals

Boat Categories:

- Standard Boat (22 Racers)
- Small Boat (12 Racers)

Divisions:

Premier

- Any age

Junior Under 24 (12–23 years old).

- Born on or between year 2003 and 2014).
- **Drummer and Steerer can be of any age.**

Senior 40 (40 years and above).

- Born on or before year 1986.
- **Drummer and Steerer can be of any age.**

Racing Class:

Open – any gender

Women – for female paddlers only

Drummer and Steerer can be of any gender.

Mixed – 22 Racers

Minimum of eight (8) and **maximum** of ten (10) paddlers of **either gender**.

Drummer & Steerer can be of any gender.

Example:

10 Male paddlers + 10 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
10 Male paddlers + 9 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
10 Male paddlers + 8 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
9 Male paddlers + 10 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
9 Male paddlers + 9 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
8 Male paddlers + 10 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender

Mixed – 12 Racers

Minimum of four (4) and **maximum** of five (5) paddlers of **either gender**.
Drummer & Steerer can be of any gender.

Example:

5 Male paddlers + 5 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
5 Male paddlers + 4 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
4 Male paddlers + 5 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
4 Male paddlers + 4 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender

No. of Competitors

22 Racers – Maximum 26 racers/Minimum 20 racers:

18 to 20 paddlers

1 drummer

1 steerer

4 reserves

12 Racers – Maximum 14 racers/Minimum 10 racers:

8 to 10 paddlers

1 drummer

1 steerer

2 reserves

Club Regulations

- A club **CANNOT** enter a 12 Racers (small boat) and 22 Racers (standard boat) in the same competition class;
eg. If Warrior Club enter Premier Open 22 Racers (standard boat), then Warrior Club **cannot** enter Premier Open 12 Racers (small boat).
- A club may only register under one team name.

Double Rostering

- Double rostersing between divisions is **NOT** encouraged. In the case of 'back-to-back races' the organiser will **NOT** delay races for athletes to transfer between crews.

Participant Eligibility

- A participant may represent only **one (1) team**.

Entry Fees

- **THB 1,600 per event** – payable upon submission of the Confirmed Entry
- THB 160 per participant (inclusive of a crew photo tag); payment will be collected at a later stage.

Entry Submission

Submit through this link <https://bit.ly/TIDBF2026ConfirmEntry>

Complimentary Airport Transfer



One airport transfer upon arrival and one return transfer from Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) or Don Mueang International Airport (DMK) to the hotel in Pattaya, and vice versa, will be provided to each team.

Ground Arrangement Package (GAP)

Teams interested in local transportation and accommodations package, please email the organiser for the package details.

Important Dates

- **Confirmed Entry Form: 30 June 2026**
- Crew Managers Meeting: 4 December 2026
- Race Days: 5–6 December 2026

Outline Program

- 3 December – Arrival of international teams
- 4 December – Registration, Team Managers' Meeting cum Welcome Reception & Practice
- 5 December – Opening Ceremony & Race Day
- 6 December – Race Day & Celebration Party (party tickets will be sold)
- 7 December – Sightseeing / Departure

The above program is provisional and is provided to assist participants with their initial planning. This program is subject to changes. The competition classes by day will be confirmed upon Confirmed Entry Forms have been received.

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