



PENANG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT REGATTA 2025

Straits Quay Retail Marina, Tanjung Tokong, Penang, Malaysia

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28th to 30th November 2025

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.1

The Penang International Dragon Boat Festival Committee (PIDBF) cordially invites teams from around the globe to participate in our upcoming dragon boat race set to be held from 28th to 30th November 2025, at the Straits Quay Retail Marina, Tanjung Tokong in Penang, Malaysia.

Race Venue



This event is fully endorsed by the Penang State Government. With a rich history of hosting dragon boat races for over 30 years, PIDBF possesses a wealth of technical expertise, including support from numerous skilled IDBF Technical Officials.

Competition Regulations and Racing Rules

This race will comply with PIDBF Competition Regulations & Rules of Racing. All participating teams are required to submit the **Expression Of Interest to PIDBF no later than 30 April 2025. Thereafter, submit Confirmed Entry Form together with the entry fees no later than 31 July 2025.**

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.

	Event	250 m	400 m	Tug of War (6 Racers)
1	Malaysia Premier Open (22 Racers)	✓	✓	
2	International Premier Open (12 Racers)	✓	✓	✓
3	International Premier Women (12 Racers)	✓	✓	✓
4	International Premier Mixed (22 Racers)	✓	✓	✓
5	International Junior U24 Open (12 Racers)	✓	✓	
6	International Junior U24 Mixed (12 Racers)	✓	✓	
7	International Senior 40 Open (12 Racers)	✓	✓	✓

Division

Premier – the primary class of racing. There are no restrictions on competitor's age. Open to all participants.

Junior Under 24 – **Aged between 12 years and 23 years old** (born on or between year 2002 and 2013), **Drummer and Steerer can be of any age.**

Senior 40 – **Aged 40 years and above** (born on or after year 1985), **Drummer and Steerer can be of any age.**

Racing Class

Open – no restriction on participant composition (gender)

Women – for female participants; **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 + 8 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
8 Male paddlers + 10 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender
10 Male paddlers + 8 Female paddlers	+ Drummer & Steerer/Helm of any gender

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

Category

A) **Straight course** – 250 m & 400 meter

- Teams may race through Heats, Semi Finals & Finals.

B) **Tug Of War**



- Each time two teams will compete with each other in a knockout system.
- Each team will be seated on the last 3 seats on either side of a boat, facing the opponent team.
- Teams will paddle to move the boat towards the opponent team.
- The team that manages to move the boat 1 - 2 meters in the direction from the center line will be determined as the winner.

Racing Style

Seated

Type of Boat Provided

Standard boat (22-seater boat) will be used for all categories.

No. of Competitors

Straight course:

22 Racers – Maximum 26 racers:
18 to 20 paddlers
1 drummer
1 steerer
4 reserves

12 Racers – Maximum 14 racers:
8 to 10 paddlers
1 drummer
1 steerer
2 reserves

Tug of War :

6 Racers – Maximum 8 racers:
6 paddlers
2 reserves

Entry Requirement

Each club can form a **maximum of two (2) teams** under the same team name ie. Team A & Team B.

Participant

A participant can represent in **one (1) team** only (either Team A or Team B).

Entry Fee

Each event will incur a **RM100 fee per event**, which is required to be settled for submission of the **Confirmed Entry Form**.

For Tug of War will be **RM50 fee** for each event.

Each participant will incur a **RM20 fee per participant**, which is required to be settled for submission of the **Confirmed Entry Form**. Each participant will be provided with a crew photo tag.

Entry Form Submission

Expression of Interest – 30 April 2025

>> Submit through this link <https://race.penangdragonboat.gov.my/eoi-submission>

Confirmed Entry Form – 31 July 2025

Outline Programme

Thu, 27 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foreign participants arrival
Fri, 28 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team Manager's Registration (collection of race tags)• Practice Sessions• Tug of War Competition• Team Manager's Meeting (compulsory)
Sat, 29 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Ceremony• Race Day
Sun, 30 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Race Day• Celebration Dinner
Mon, 1 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sightseeing in Penang (own arrangement) or foreign participants 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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