



## 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. 2**

(This bulletin supersedes all earlier bulletins)

Warmest greetings from the Penang International Dragon Boat Festival (PIDBF) Organising Committee!

We are pleased to announce a strong response to our recent Expression of Interest. Teams expressing interest hail from Australia, Brunei Darussalam, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong-China, Japan, the Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, and various Malaysian states.

### **Competition Regulations and Racing Rules**

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

### **Divisions, Racing Classes, and Distances**

Minimum of 4 entries per class is required for an event to be contested.

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>250 m</u></b>	<b><u>400 m</u></b>	<b><u>Tug of War</u></b>
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 Definitions

- Premier : Open to all participants; no age restrictions.
- Junior Under 24: Ages 12–23 (born 2002–2013); drummer and steerer may be any age.
- Senior 40 : Ages 40+ (born 1985 or earlier); drummer and steerer may be any age.

## Racing Classes

- Open : No gender restriction.
- Women: Female paddlers only; drummer and steerer may be of any gender.
- Mixed :
  - 22 Racers: Min 8 and max 10 paddlers of each gender.
  - 12 Racers: Min 4 and max 5 paddlers of each gender.
  - Tug of War: 3 male & 3 female paddlers

## Race Format

- Straight Courses: 250m & 400m (Heats → Repechage/Semi-Finals → Finals)
- Tug of War:
  - Knockout format
  - Teams seated on either side of the boat
  - Paddle to pull boat 1–2 meters past center line to win

## Boats and Crew Composition

- Boat Type: Standard 22-seater boat for all events

Crew Size:

- 22 Racers: Max 26 (16–20 paddlers + 1 drummer + 1 steerer + 4 reserves)
- 12 Racers: Max 14 (8–10 paddlers + 1 drummer + 1 steerer + 2 reserves)
- Tug of War: Max 8 (6 paddlers + 2 reserves)

## Entry Requirements

- A club may enter a maximum of two teams under the same name (e.g., Team A & Team B).
- A participant may only compete in one team.

## Entry Limitations

Due to the overwhelming response, we will need to **limit the number of entries for each event** to ensure the race runs smoothly and on schedule. As such, **entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis**. We appreciate your understanding.

## Entry Fees

- Straight Course: **RM100 per event**
- Tug of War: **RM50 per event**
- **Confirmed Entry Form Deadline: 31 July 2025**

🔗 Submit via: <https://penangdragonboat.gov.my>

## Crew Tag Fee

- **RM20 per participant** (to be paid with Confirmed Participant Form in Bulletin 3)
- Includes crew photo tag

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## Outline Programme

Date	Tentative Time	Activity
Thu, 27 Nov		Arrival of foreign participants
Fri, 28 Nov	8 am to 2 pm 9 am to 4 pm 9 am to 4 pm 6 pm	<b>Crew Manager Registration (compulsory)</b> Practice Sessions Tug of War Competition <b>Crew Manager's Meeting (compulsory)</b>
Sat, 29 Nov	8 am 10 am 6 pm	Race Day: 250 m Opening Ceremony Prize Presentation
Sun, 30 Nov	8 am 5 pm 7 pm	Race Day: 400 m Prize Presentation Celebration Dinner (tickets available for purchase in the next Bulletin)
Mon, 1 Dec		Sightseeing in Penang (own arrangement) & departure of foreign teams

Note: Programme is subject to change. Final competition schedule will be confirmed after all entry forms are received.

## Ground Arrangement Package

Teams interested in local logistics support may email the organisers for package details.

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