

MARCH 30 & 31, 2019
TEMPE TOWN LAKE NORTH SHORE

16th ANNUAL
ARIZONA
DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Presented by AZDBA



Benefitting Arizona Disabled Sports

In Loving Memory of

Karen Root-Ratke

August 15, 1968 ~ November 21, 2018



Karen was a member of the Phoenix Desert Dragons, Arizona Dragon Boat Association's Breast Cancer Survivor team, for approximately 8 years. She was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 31 years. Karen was a dedicated team member, who often pushed through her treatments to join the team on the water for Sunday morning training sessions. Karen's husband, Kevin, was a huge supporter of her love for dragon boating; he accompanied her to all of the festivals and became one of the team's biggest cheerleaders. While Karen enjoyed paddling at local and regional festivals, she was over the moon excited at the opportunity to paddle internationally. In July 2018, Karen, along with Kevin, joined her team to participate in the International Breast Cancer Paddler's Commission Dragon Boat Festival in Florence, Italy.

The AZDBA is dedicating the 2019 Dragon Boat Festival's breast cancer survivor division race to Karen in honor of her memory.



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Arizona Dragon Boat Association

The Arizona Dragon Boat Association (AZDBA) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, whose goals are to promote dragon boating as an opportunity for our youth, adults, seniors, and corporate employees to become an equal member of a team, while having fun, enhancing their own personal fitness, creating friendships, and developing respect for team members, and promoting awareness of cultural diversity.

The organization was founded in 2003 and has since successfully hosted 15 dragon boat festivals at Tempe Town Lake. The 2018 event featured 113 dragon boat teams with over 10,000 spectators and participants, and raised donations for Arizona Disabled Sports.

The AZDBA offers year-round dragon boating at Tempe Town Lake. For more information, please e-mail us at **info@azdba.org** or visit us at **www.AZDBA.org**.

Letter from Mayor Mark W. Mitchell, City of Tempe



City of Tempe
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March 30 – 31, 2019

Dear Dragon Boat Festival participants and spectators:

Mark W. Mitchell
Mayor

Lauren Kuby
Vice-Mayor

Kolby Granville
Councilmember

Randy Keating
Councilmember

Robin Arredondo-Savage
Councilmember

Joel Navarro
Councilmember

Jennifer Adams
Councilmember

Welcome to the 16th Annual Dragon Boat Festival at Tempe Town Lake! Tempe is proud to host this exciting and fun event, while celebrating our community's diversity and engaging in a spirited and colorful competition.

The members of the Dragon Boat Association work hard to beautifully integrate art, athleticism, family entertainment and community service. While fun and laughter is a part of the day, the members of the Dragon Boat Association should also be commended for donating the proceeds of this event to Arizona Disabled Sports. Your commitment to giving back to the community is admirable.

On behalf of the City of Tempe, we thank the Dragon Boat Association and its supporters for making Tempe your home this weekend, and we wish you the best of times!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark W. Mitchell'.

Mark W. Mitchell, Mayor
City of Tempe



Letter from Taylor Wilson, Arizona Disabled Sports



Arizona Dragon Boat Association
March 30 – March 31, 2019

Dear Dragon Boat Festival participants and spectators,

The Board of Directors and athletes involved with Arizona Disabled Sports, a trade name for the Mesa Association of Sports for the Disabled, want to thank you for choosing our organization as a charity of the annual Dragon Boat Festival.

The funds raised at our events will make it possible for the organization to continue to offer quality programming for our athletes. We provide sports training and competition through sports and recreation programs for people with intellectual disabilities as well as adaptive programs for people with physical disabilities and visual impairments. Please visit the organization's website at www.ArizonaDisabledSports.com for more information about the programs offered for individuals with disabilities.

We are truly grateful for all the businesses and individuals who so generously give to benefit our organization. Thank you again and we hope that you will continue your support in the future.

Per tax regulations, your donation is completely tax deductible, as no goods or services have been provided in return by Arizona Disabled Sports. The tax ID number for the organization is 86-0643471. AZDS / MASD is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization recognized by the IRS.

Sincerely,

Taylor Wilson

Taylor Wilson, CTRS
Program Supervisor
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Let no one sit on the sidelines - adaptive sports and recreation for individuals with all types of disabilities

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Letter from AZDBA President



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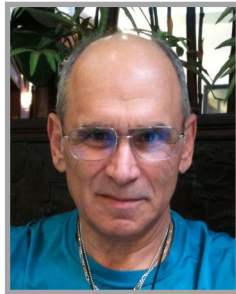
Stephen Butler
Board Member

As this year's President of the Arizona Dragon Boat Association, it is my pleasure to welcome all of this year's competitors and spectators to the 16th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival.

Our festival is the first event of the racing season for most of the participants and one that many teams have been a participant in for many years running. We have been acclaimed as being a well-run event by many of our peers. We can attribute that to the many volunteers who have given so much of their time and effort each year to make the festival flow smoothly.

We can also boast a varied field of racers. These include mixed teams, gender teams, college, special needs, breast cancer survivor, masters and youth.

We hope you enjoy the competition and look forward to seeing you again next year.



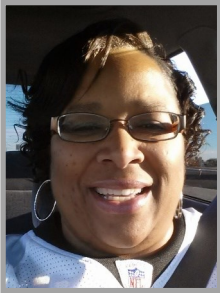
**Rick Elias
President, AZDBA**



Letter from Festival Directors

We are excited to have you all back in Tempe again for the 16th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival! A special thanks to all the teams, paddlers, volunteers, sponsors and vendors who have supported us over the past 16 years and a warm welcome to those who are with us for the very first time. We greatly appreciate your participation, generosity and enthusiasm! Our festival vendors are excited to be here this year and have lots of great food and goodies to pick up. Please stop by Excel and pick up festival apparel or other festival memorabilia!

Have a fun and safe weekend of racing!



Desiree Simmons
Festival/Operations
Director



Russ Downs
Public Relations
Director



Gary Cumberland
Race Director



2019 Arizona Dragon Boat Festival Planning Committee

Festival/Operations Director	Desiree Simmons
Public Relations Director	Russ Downs
Race Director	Gary Cumberland
Chief Race Official	Eric Tang
BCS (Breast Cancer Survivors)	Melissa Adams
Charity	Ronda Carlson
Creative	Ash Lagazo, Eric Tang, Jeff Walther, Jordy Mosley
Dock Officials	Al Chandler, Amir Panah, Gary Cumberland, John Twarog, & Patti Cumberland
Entertainment	Ronnie Sebastian & Sharon Sebastian
Equipment, Hotel, Insurance, Permits, Safety, & Security	Desiree Simmons
Facilities	Desiree Simmons & Naomi Nakagawa
Finish Line Officials	Ash Lagazo, Eric Tang, Jean Quinsey, & John Gallaudet
Friday Set-Up	Lena Comeaux Turner & Jon Koch
Kidz Dragon Lair	Wells Fargo Volunteers
Marshalling Officials	Gary Furukawa, Keith Taylor, & Kerry Chow
Media & Publicity	Jordy Mosley & Russ Downs
On-Water Safety Officials	Andrea Gorrill, Estelle McCalmont, Gary Furukawa, John Ciani, Keith Taylor, Rich Gorrill, Ryan Allison, & Ryan Hearn
Parking/Transportation	Desiree Simmons & Ronda Carlson
Photography	Jeff Luth & Maja Young
Social Media & Website	Ash Lagazo & Ben Choi
Sponsorships	Russ Downs
Start Line Officials	Julie Hensley, Marisa Singpradith, Naomi Nakagawa, & Rodney Kamps
Teams/Practice Coordinators	Ash Lagazo & Michele Laye
Team Party	Jordy Mosley
Treasurer	Laura Rasmussen
Vendors	Rik Gay & Russ Downs
Volunteers	Binal Patel, Desiree Simmons, & Diane Escalante
Volunteers Food/Hospitality	Beverly Rossi, Brian Kolbus, Melaine D'Anna, & Suzy Chambers



We're proud to celebrate the Arizona Dragon Boat Festival



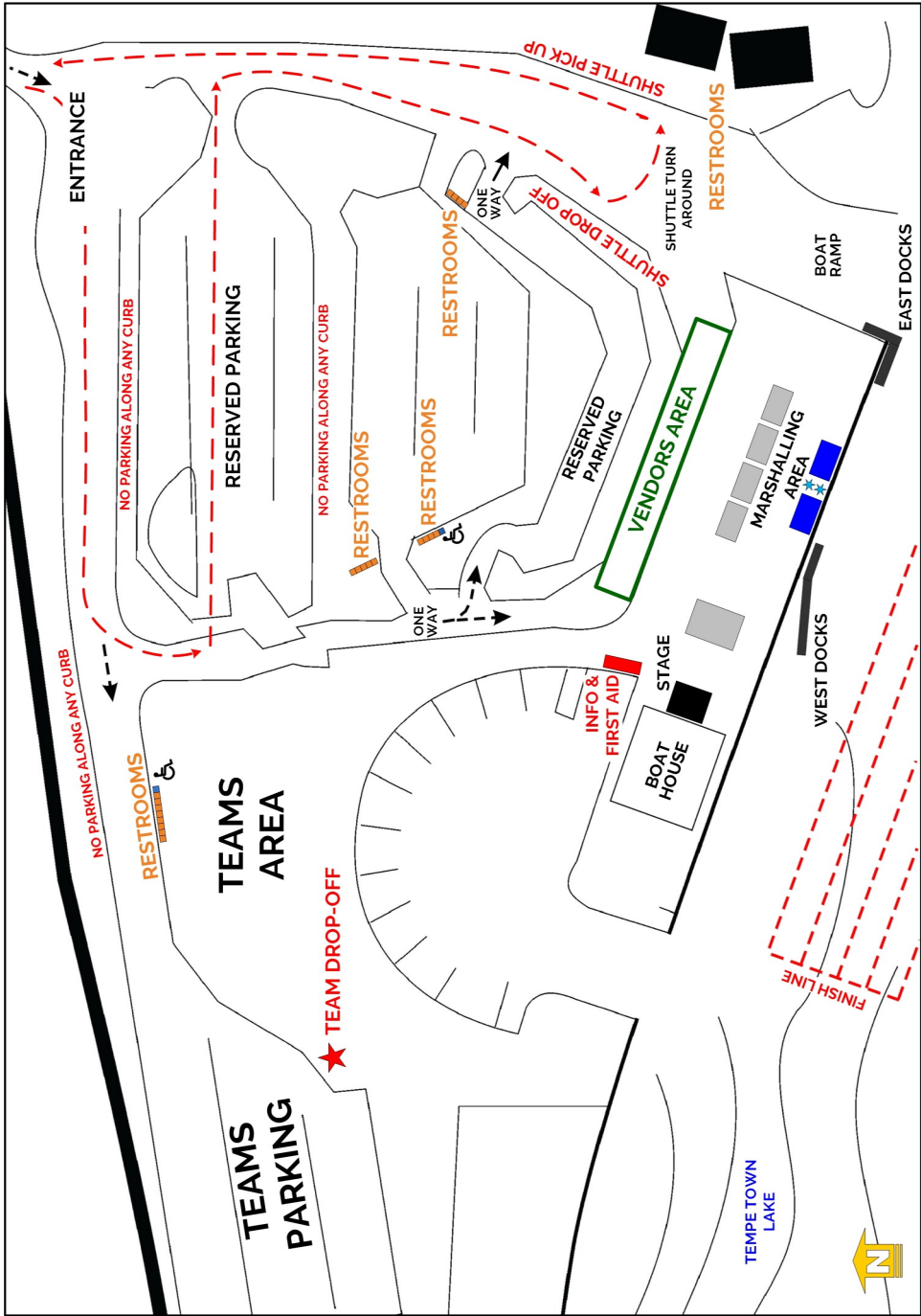
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FESTIVAL SITE MAPS



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17	Team Blue
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16	Hong Kong Gifts
18	Burnwater
19	Excel – Festival Merchandise
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3	Atzin and Atzin
4	Hot Bamboo
5	Glacier Snow Sweets & Treats
6	Pokitrition
7	TBD
8	TBD
11	Grandma's Navajo Frybread
12	Yatai Ramen
13	Kicks Frozen Yogurt



Festival Vendors

FOOD & DRINKS

Atzin & Atzin - Polish sausage, hot dogs, nachos, churros, fresh squeezed lemonade, cold drinks, & snow cones.

Glacier Snow Sweets & Treats - Milk teas, Thai tea, boba drinks, shaved snow, egg rolls, prepacked sweets & treats, water, & soda.



Grandma's Navajo Frybread - Frybread, Navajo taco, Navajo burger, Navajo pork chop, soft drinks, & water.



Hot Bamboo - Asian island foods, such as steamed buns, rice bowls, dumplings, and more, all steamed on site in our bamboo steamers.



Kicks Frozen Yogurt - Four delicious flavors of frozen yogurts & eight refreshing flavors of non-dairy sorbet.

Lu L's Sorbetto - Italian Sorbetto 100% natural, gluten free, dairy free and soy free. Coffee floats and other floats.



Pokitrition - Sushi Burritos & Poke Bowls, with two locations in Chandler & Phoenix, are bringing a festival exclusive and favorite to the Dragon Boat festival: Poké Tacos! Seaweed wrapped tacos with spicy tuna, surimi crab, green onions & crispy onions topped with Sriracha aioli.



Yatai Ramen - Serves Fresh ramen noodles, Teriyaki chicken bowl, & curry rice.

INFORMATION

DISCOVER Discover Financial Services



InspirASIAN (a non-profit Employee Resource Group of AT&T) - 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational organization focused on representation of Asian & Pacific Islanders employed by AT&T Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Along with It Can Wait, and device charging service, we present BELIEVE Phoenix, AT&T's employee driven initiative to address the issue of Food Insecurity in Arizona.



Kidz Lair - Sponsored by Wells Fargo - Free kids activities.



Phoenix Desert Dragons BCS Team - Raise awareness of the BCS dragon boat team and raffle of a Hornet dragon boat paddle.

Phoenix Police Department - Recruiting to hire 300+ officers to fill their ranks.

Team Blue - Veterans and civilians with various disabilities.



MERCHANDISE



Aunty Aloha Lei Stand - Celebrate your team's victory or special moments with a unique handmade lei! Order ahead of your next event & ask for your custom colors! Lei orders available from 1 to 500! Contact auntyalohaleis@gmail.com.



Bath Fitter - Premium quality acrylic tubs and walls are custom made to ensure a perfect watertight fit. We offer showers bath and more with a Lifetime warranty.



Burnwater - Dragon boat paddles and accessories.

Excel Screen Printing - Official event merchandise.

Hong Kong Gifts



Hornet Watersports/Earth and Blue - Graphic carbon fiber dragon boat paddles and a wide range of dragon boat accessories.



JC Eclectic Face Painting - Professional custom face painting for festivals, fairs, birthday parties, schools, corporate & non-profit events and more!



Lifetime Windows and Doors - We offer free estimates and information for our Marvin and Anlin window and door products.



SeneGence for LipSense - Cosmetics, fashion accessories like jewelry, scarves, headbands, & a few handbags.



Schedule of Events & Entertainment

Saturday, March 24

Sound by Mike Silba from Silba Enterprise

9:00 am Master of Ceremony – John Tang

Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell
Community Leader – Maribel Dillard
Luke Air Force Honor Guard
National Anthem – Kimberly Loyola
2019 Miss Arab USA – Iya Agma
Monk from Wat Pisalabutara Chanting and blessing to
“Awakening of the Dragon”
AZ Lion Dance
AZDBA President Rick Elias
AZDBF Director Desiree Simmons

Master of Ceremony – U-zel Hesmundo & Alvin Silva

10:00 am Mabuhay Dancers

11:00 am Breast Cancer Survivors Ceremony

12:00 pm Kikahamalie Ka'iwalani Hale o Hula

1:00 pm Rhythm Rumble Workout

1:30 pm Ka Lehua I Milia Hula Halau

2:30 pm Betty Dong – Tai Chi

3:00 pm Phoenix USA Dance Outreach Team

4:00 pm Public Dancing led by Desiree Simmons

5:00 pm Corporate & Youth Award Ceremony

Sunday, March 25

Sound by Mike Silba from Silba Enterprise

8:30 am Kaimikahu Hale'O Hula I Te Fa'a O Te Mahana

9:30 am Phoenix Budokan & Japanese Cultural Center – Martial Arts

10:30 am Ken Koshio and Koshio Gumi – Taiko Drumming

11:30 am Lee's ATA Martial Arts

12:00 pm Betty Dong – Tai Chi

12:30 pm Golden Cambodian Dancers

1:00 pm Dynamic Martial Arts Academy

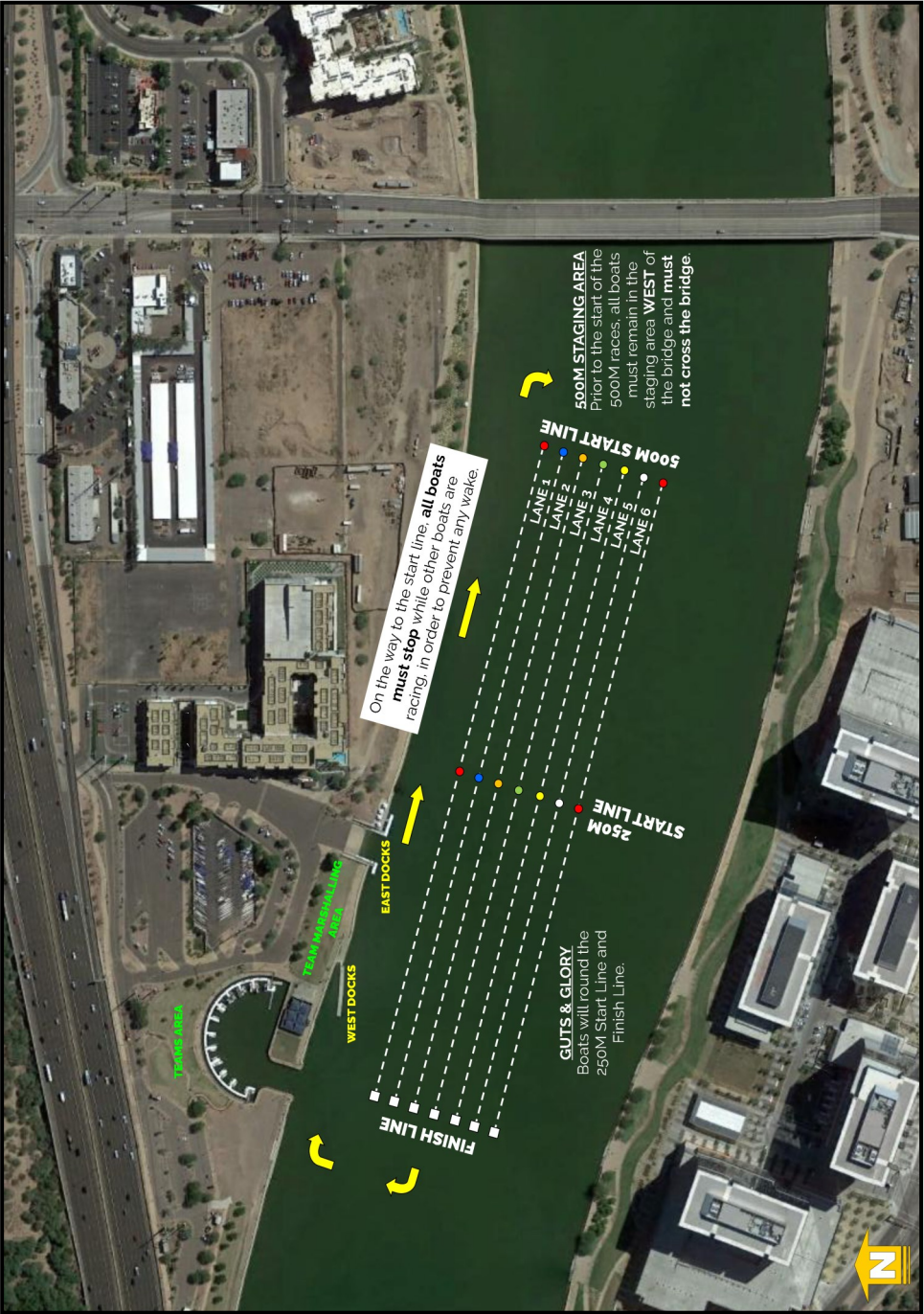
1:30 pm The Kasayahan Dance Group

2:30 pm Divine Chaos – Belly Dancing

3:30 pm Closing and Team Awards Ceremony



RACE COURSE



2018 Race Results & Awards

MIXED - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
UCSD Dragonboat White	2:05.16	1
UCLA Blue	2:05.40	2
UCI Elements Thunder	2:05.76	3

MIXED - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
Team DPW 2	2:10.85	1
UCLA Gold	2:11.02	2
Space Dragons Red	2:12.19	3

MIXED - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
Space Dragons Blue	2:16.85	1
USC Dragon Boat	2:18.79	2
CSULB	2:19.19	3

WOMEN - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
AZ SunGi Black	2:16.57	1
Team DPW/	2:18.21	2
San Diego Dragon Boat Team Red	2:19.20	3

WOMEN - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
Paddle eNVy	2:25.99	1
Central Coast SurviveOars	2:28.12	2
San Diego Dragon Boat Team Blue	2:29.46	3

BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS		
Team	Time	Place
SurviveOars/NAC	2:39.29	1
Team Survivor Sea Dragons	2:45.19	2
Linked In Pinks	2:48.10	3

MASTERS		
Team	Time	Place
Long Beach Masters	2:08.51	1
AeroDragons	2:08.67	2
RAP Masters	2:10.34	3

RODGER KELLS MEMORIAL ADAPTIVE PADDLERS		
Team	Time	Place
Team Blue	1:44.80	1
Mesa Bulldogs	1:54.38	2

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
UCLA Blue	1:05.73	1

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
Rogue Paddling Club	1:08.30	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
UCI Elements Thunder	6:38.48	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
WAM Women	7:10.75	1

SPECIAL TEAM AWARDS	
Fastest 500M Time of the Festival	Team DPW - 2:03.15 (Open Heat 1)
Fastest 250M Corporate Time	Intel Blue - 1:05.38 (Corporate Heat 1)
"Spirit of Qu Yuan" Award	Just Winging It

CORPORATE - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
Intel Blue	1:07.01	1
KPMG K-Modo Dragons	1:08.95	2
General Motors Dragons	1:10.72	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
ACSE SnapDragons	1:14.80	1
The Corporation Who Shall Not Be Named	1:15.54	2
Just Winging It	1:20.41	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
Team Boeing	1:14.95	1
Wells Fargo Team Unity	1:17.08	2
Anchors Away	1:19.48	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION D		
Team	Time	Place
Mayo Synchronicity - Hope	1:22.80	1
LEAPing Dragons Red	1:22.93	2
TruLightning #2	1:26.07	3

OPEN		
Team	Time	Place
UCSD Dragonboat	2:07.95	1
Los Angeles Racing Dragons	2:09.55	2
Team DPW/	2:09.65	3

COLLEGE		
Team	Time	Place
UCI Elements Thunder	2:13.12	1
UCLA Blue	2:14.33	2
Riverside Surging Dragons	2:14.89	3

HIGH SCHOOL		
Team	Time	Place
North High School FBLA	1:27.23	1

YOUTH		
Team	Time	Place
Team DPW/	1:17.82	1
CrAZy Cuddlefish Blue	1:25.73	2
CrAZy Cuddlefish White	1:46.95	3

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
Space Dragons Red	1:06.32	1

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION AD		
Team	Time	Place
Central Coast SurviveOars	1:12.38	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
Team DPW 1	6:30.29	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION D		
Team	Time	Place
Golden Dragons	7:32.22	1



2019 Divisions & Teams

Rodger Kells Adaptive or Disabled Athletes

1. Mesa Bulldogs
2. Team Blue

Karen Root-Ratke Breast Cancer Survivors

1. Phoenix Desert Dragons
2. SurviveOars
3. Team Survivor Sea Dragons

Collegiate

1. ASU Dragon Boat
2. Cal Dragon Boat
3. CSULB
4. Riverside Surging Dragons 1
5. Riverside Surging Dragons 2
6. Tempest
7. UCI Elements Fire
8. UCI Elements Thunder
9. UCLA Blue
10. UCLA Gold
11. UCSD Dragon Boat Blue Boxers
12. UCSD Dragon Boat Whitey Tighties
13. USC Dragon Boat

Corporate

1. ACEL Dragon Warriors
2. ACSE
3. Aetna-CVS
4. Anchor's Away
5. AT&T InspirASIAN Mountain Dragons
6. Chinese Restaurant Assoc. of Arizona/Pepsi
7. Deloitte
8. Discover Blazing Paddles
9. Discover Blazing Paddles II
10. Intel Blue
11. KPMG K-Modo Dragons
12. Lizards of Fury
13. Mayo Synchronicity
14. Northern Dragons
15. Team Boeing Flying Dragons
16. Team Community (Wells Fargo Bank)
17. Team Innovation
18. TGen Dragonomics
19. The Nerd Herd
20. Toyota Desert Dragons
21. Toyota Fire Dragons
22. Toyota Water Dragons
23. US Food-Fanatic Dragons
24. Vanguard LEAPing Dragons Black

25. Vanguard LEAPing Dragons Red
26. Versum Materials
27. Wells Fargo Team Diversity
28. Wells Fargo Team Unity

High School

1. Demons

Junior

1. CrAZy Cuddlefish
2. Team DPW

Masters

1. AeroDragons Thor
2. Golden Dragons Mixed
3. Golden Dragons Women
4. Long Beach Masters
5. Long Beach Masters 2
6. San Diego Dragon Boat Team
7. SF Dragon Warriors - Masterminds
8. SurviveOars
9. Team DPW
10. Wasabi Grand Masters Mixed

Mixed

1. Adaptive Fusion Dragon Boat Team
2. AeroDragons Atlas
3. AeroDragons Delta
4. Arizona Dragon Riders
5. ASU Dragon Boat
6. Cal Dragon Boat
7. Golden Dragons Mixed
8. Killer Guppies
9. LA Thunder Dragons
10. Los Angeles Racing Dragons (LARD)
11. Phantom Dragons/Pink Phantoms
12. Phoenix Fire Dragons
13. RAP Snowball Fight
14. Rising Tide
15. Riverside Surging Dragons 1
16. Riverside Surging Dragons 2
17. Rogue Paddling Club
18. San Diego Dragon Boat Team
19. SF Dragon Warriors - Crimson
20. SF Dragon Warriors - Onyx
21. Space Dragons Blue
22. Space Dragons Red
23. Team Blue
24. Team DPW

25. Team DPW Ehecatl
26. Tempest
27. UCI Elements Fire
28. UCI Elements Thunder
29. UCLA Blue
30. UCLA Gold
31. UCSD Dragon Boat Blue Boxers
32. UCSD Dragon Boat Whitey Tighties
33. USC Dragon Boat
34. Wasabi Grand Masters Mixed
35. X-Generals Dragon Boat Team

Open

1. Aero Moe
2. Arizona Monsoon
3. Los Angeles Racing Dragons (LARD)
4. LU BU's Roaring Tempest
5. SF Dragon Warriors - Open
6. Space Dragons
7. Team DPW Ehecatl
8. UCSD Dragon Boat Whitey Tighties

Women

1. Aero Poe
2. Arizona Dragon Riders
3. AZDBA SunGi
4. Fat Fish
5. Golden Dragons Women
6. Paddle eNvy
7. Phoenix Desert Dragons
8. RAP Black Ice
9. RAP Chance of Flurries
10. RAP Rain Dance
11. San Diego Dragon Boat Team - Blue
12. San Diego Dragon Boat Team - Red
13. SF Dragon Warriors - Women
14. Space Dragons
15. Sun Dragons
16. SurviveOars
17. Team DPW
18. Team Survivor Sea Dragons
19. Thunder Eyes
20. UCSD Dragon Boat Blue Boxers

Youth

1. CrAZy Cuddlefish
2. Team DPW Youth



ACEL Dragon Warriors Tempe, AZ



Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders (ACEL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing Asian American professionals opportunities to work together to enhance Asian American leadership in our careers, communities and local government.

ACSE Tempe, AZ

ACSE is a Non-Profit Organization that consists of members working in the Scientist and Engineering fields.

Adaptive Fusion Dragon Boat Team..... Tustin, CA



Adaptive Fusion Dragon Boat Club is the newest team on the beach in Long Beach. The team is dedicated in continuing our efforts in being advocates to the adaptive community. As our main goal is to promote the growth of adaptive dragon boat teams across the US. Our team is comprised of blind, deaf, and sighted paddlers. We race in regular divisions.

Aero Moe, Poe, Atlas, Delta, & Thor..... Carson, CA



AeroDragons is a club devoted to the sport of dragon boat racing. This is our 15th year of racing - we are a member team of the Southern California Dragon Boat Club. Our members are a diverse mix of The Aerospace Corporation employees, families and friends. We are sponsored by the Aerospace Employees' Association (AEA). Our mission is to help develop individuals of all levels to become the best paddlers and individuals that they can be. We also strive to cultivate a

deeper appreciation for Asian/Pacific Islander and other cultural heritages through team building, recreation, friendship and fun.

Aetna-CVS.....Phoenix, AZ

CVS Health's APNA & Aetna's AAIM AZ Chapter



Anchor's Away Tempe, AZ

For over 125 years, Northern Trust has been a leader for exceptional service, financial expertise, integrity, and innovation. In 2015 we were proud to open a new office in Tempe. Anchor's Away is comprised of partners from various departments who provide superior service to our clients. Our processes require team work and coordination to ensure our clients receive the highest level of service. We believe our boat will represent that same strong focus and dedication. We look forward to meeting and competing against other teams and are excited to be participating in this years festival!

Arizona Dragon Riders Peoria, AZ



One of the most competitive, enthusiastic and diversified dragon boat paddling teams in Arizona is the ARIZONA DRAGON RIDERS team. Starting in 2008, we have gone from a few interested paddlers to one of the largest dragon boat teams in Arizona. We are very proud of our achievements and the hard work of many people connected with the club has led to race success.

Arizona Monsoon..... Phoenix, AZ



Tired of being bossed around by the women of the AZDBA, the men went rogue and formed their own open class team: The Arizona Monsoon. Like the summer storms for which they are named, the Arizona Monsoon are powerful, hot and a little scary when they bring the thunder. They will make you sweaty and sticky and leave your pool a mess.

ASU Dragon Boat Tempe, AZ



ASU Dragon Boat (formerly known as ASU Dust Devils) was originally founded in 2009 as a recreational team devoted to promote the sport of dragon boating. Since then, the team has embarked on countless competitions and has been officially recognized as one of Arizona State University's sport clubs in 2016. Bonded by their passion for the sport, the team constantly strives to motivate each other to

improve mentally and physically. Their unique camaraderie is forged by their love for dim sum, sushi, and Korean BBQ. United by their differences, they paddle together as one.

AT&T InspirASIAN Mountain Dragons Gilbert, AZ



Proud to compete in our 5th AZDBF, the AT&T InspirASIAN Mountain Dragons are organized by InspirASIAN Mountain States, an AT&T Employee Resource Group and sponsored by AT&T. InspirASIAN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational organization focused on representation of Asian & Pacific Islanders employed by AT&T Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Our mission is to foster diversity appreciation and inclusion in our workplace and community. We invoke

inspiration from celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander heritage, increasing cultural awareness, and developing inspiring leaders. We engage with imagination to deliver meaningful events and innovative programs that inspire others to make a difference.

AZ Gila DragonsPhoenix, AZ



In 2001, a diverse group of friends and families, with no dragon boating experience, was invited to compete in the Taipei International Dragon Boat Festival as part of the Phoenix Sister Cities Program. In 2002, a new group of paddlers made a repeat appearance. The

paddlers fell in love with the sport and in the fall of 2002, the Gila Dragons was formed as Arizona's first dragon boating club.

AZDBA SunGiPhoenix, AZ

In 2009, women from the AZ Sun Warriors and Gilas joined forces to form the AZ SunGi Women's Dragon Boat Team. What words can describe these women – passion, desire, determination, teamwork, synergy, support and sportsmanship. All of these qualities help shape and mold the team in to what it is today.

Cal Dragon Boat.....Berkeley, CA



Founded in 1998, Cal Dragon Boat is a competitive student-run dragon boat team at UC Berkeley that regularly participates in regional, national and international races. We are a diverse group of hardworking students studying various concentrations, ranging from medicine to engineering to architecture, who strive to foster personal growth and camaraderie through paddling.

Chinese Restaurant Association of Arizona/PepsiPhoenix, AZ



CRAA partners again with Pepsi in this year's Dragon Boat festival. As a non-profit celebrating its 30th anniversary, CRAA provides services and support to its 400 members ranging from offering manager and food handling classes to building strategic partnerships with companies like Pepsi to offer discounted prices. Additionally, we volunteer in the local community, serving food at different shelters. We are proud to participate in AZDBA's Dragon Boat Festival and welcome teams to dine at the many Chinese food restaurants in the area.

CrAZy CuddlefishMesa, AZ



CrAZy Cuddlefish is Arizona's very own youth dragon boat team. The team started off in 2017, with our inaugural race, at our home race, right here in Tempe. The team has since traveled to California and Nevada to compete and has grown to over 40 active paddlers. We look forward to another great season and what better way to kick it off, than at our very own 16th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival. Go Cuddlefish!

CSULBHacienda Heights, CA



We are a college team from Long Beach, California. We have been a team since 2014 and look forward to growing as a team throughout the years to come!



Deloitte.....Phoenix, AZ
A team of newbies looking forward to trying out a new sport! Let's have some fun :)

DemonsPhoenix, AZ
A high school team with people from Greenway high.

Discover Blazing PaddlesPhoenix, AZ

Fat FishCerritos, CA
Two well-respected dragon boat teams established in the 1990's from Long Beach California, Killer Guppies (KG) and Los Angeles Racing Dragons (LARD), have joined forces to create the team Fat Fish for the 2019 AZDBA Dragon Boat Festival. United by our love for dragon boating, Fat Fish is ready to gobble up the competition and become the fattest fish in the sea. Dragons beware, the water is our territory!

Golden Dragons Mixed & Women.....Oregon City, OR
The Golden Dragons PDX Dragon Boat Paddling Club is comprised of men and women, at least 50 years old, who paddle dragon boats for fun, fitness and friendship year-round on the Willamette River in Portland, Oregon. The club was founded in 1996 and currently has nearly 200 members. We also have lots of off the water physical activities such as hikes, bike rides, snow sports, and other social get-togethers. Golden Dragons is an awesome group for making new friends and encouraging healthy lifestyles.

"Golden Dragons only pick up speed when they get over the hill"

Intel Blue.....Chandler, AZ



The two-time defending corporate champion, Intel Blue Dragon Crew, is returning hungrier than ever to defend their title of the fastest corporate dragon boat crew in the state. Having set the AZDBA record for fastest 250m corporate race in festival history last year, this strong dedicated group of engineers by day, are back to bring their A-game to the waters of Tempe Town Lake for the 3-peat!

Killer Guppies.....Buena Park, CA



KG started in 1999 as a festival team. The following year, KG became a year-round non-profit club run entirely by volunteers under the Southern California Dragon Boat Club (SCDBC). The team grew in number and skill into a respected competitive team, but still maintains its roots as a club in which anybody and everybody can fit. United by our love of competition, travel, and fun, we look forward to the chance to bring home even more hardware and continue to push one another to be the best we can be. One boat, one beat. – "Killer Guppies, Kill, Kill, Kill"

KPMG K-Modo Dragons.....Phoenix, AZ
One firm, one team -- KPMG



LA Thunder DragonsLong Beach, CA



LA Thunder Dragons, LA Thunder, or TD for short > we are entering season 18. With a very humble beginning in 2002, the 1st "season" was single race entry into the LB festival. We've come a LONG way since then. This is the 16th race in Tempe & we've been to them ALL > rain, wind, monsoons, you can count the teams who have been around that long on a single hand. Good luck to returning teams and new team alike. FB Public group = LA. Thunder Dragons Dragon boat Club

Lizards of FuryTempe, AZ



Lizards of Fury is a team of City of Tempe employees, friends and family. We love our lake and we are so excited to be back racing at this great festival!

Long Beach MastersLong Beach, CA



Long Beach Masters is a collaboration of paddlers from teams within the Southern California Dragon Boat Club (SCDBC). In the summer of 2009, we decided to form a permanent, year-round team of elite Masters, age 40+, who would compete together at all the events that our parent teams entered. We have represented the West Coast of USA at IDBF Club Crew World Championship events in Australia, Italy, and Hungary, proudly representing Pacific Dragon Boat Association in the Senior A Mixed and Open divisions.

Los Angeles Racing Dragons (LARD)..... Hermosa Beach, CA



Los Angeles Racing Dragons were founded by family & friends after participating in the inaugural Long Beach Dragon Boat Festival in 1996, and enjoyed the camaraderie, health benefits & competitiveness of this sport so much that we formed Long Beach's first year-round team in 1998. Today, LARD is a non-profit organization still run entirely by volunteers & competes internationally.

We represented the US at the World Club Crew Championships in Hong Kong 2012 and in Hungary 2018. We proudly support the strong paddlers of the LA Pink Dragons, California's first BCS team. Find us at laracingdragons.org

Mayo Synchronicity Scottsdale, AZ



The Mayo Dragon Boat Team Synchronicity is proud to be a participant in its 16th Arizona Dragon Boat Festival. Our team members enjoy the outstanding camaraderie and share

the same enthusiasm in learning about the Asian culture and this fast growing team water sport. We are a corporate team made up of diverse individuals who come together with differences in ethnicity, age, fitness, and life experiences. Collectively, we are a Union of Forces as we strive for the Synchronicity that will propel our boat through the water. GO MAYO!



Mesa Bulldogs.....Mesa, AZ



The Mesa Bulldogs are a unified Adaptive Recreation team from the City of Mesa. We've tamed the dragon with our mighty bark allowing us to glide across the water with speed and grace!!

Northern Dragons.....Tempe, AZ

We are from Northern Trust, a leading provider of wealth management, asset servicing, asset management and banking to corporations, institutions, affluent families, and individuals. For over 125 years, Northern Trust has been based in Chicago and has earned distinction as an industry leader for exceptional service, financial expertise, integrity, and innovation. At Northern Trust, we strive to create a strong culture of Diversity and Inclusion. In 2015 we opened a new office in Tempe and started our own Asian Leadership Council. The ALBRC in Chicago and in Arizona is committed to connecting, serving and supporting the Asian Community.

Paddle eNVy.....Henderson, NV



Formed in the winter of 2014 by 10 BCS paddlers who wanted to up the stakes and create a traveling women's division team. They recruited friends and newbie paddlers to work, train and focus their efforts in attending as many festivals as would fit into the schedule. 2019 is their fifth season on the water and their love for paddling and racing still burns strong!

Phantom Dragons / Pink PhantomsWheat Ridge, CO



For years, dragon boating in Colorado was a one-weekend-per-year activity, marked by the annual Colorado Dragon Boat Festival. There were no boats locally - they were hauled in from Iowa for that event.

In 2009, the Phantom Dragons marked an important milestone, racing in the inaugural Rose Regatta in Las Vegas. It was the first time for a Colorado crew to compete anywhere outside of the Denver area! The Phantoms are still the only Colorado team that practices year-around, and competes regularly in other venues. We now have a sister team, too - Colorado's first BCS crew, the Pink Phantoms.

Phoenix Desert DragonsApache Junction, AZ



Phoenix Fire DragonsMesa, AZ



Phoenix Fire Dragons was born out of the ancient Chinese philosophy of Yin and Yang. Seemingly opposite characters – the Phoenix and the Dragon – are interconnected to form a whole greater than any separate one part and rise up for the same goal – to become one team, one boat with one synchronized stroke. We come from different origins and life experiences and despite our vast diversities we have become deeply interconnected, celebrating each member’s unique contribution to the team. We believe, this is what gives us our strength to push through... even at the last charge!

RAP Black Ice, Chance of Flurries, Rain Dance, & Snowball Fight Vancouver, BC



For the last several years, a Canadian coaching team has come to Tempe to lead paddlers through a week-long spring training camp and then race in this awesome regatta. A big thanks to AZDBA, Oddball Workshop and Right Angle Performance for great paddling and tonnes of fun times! Interested in attending the camp is the future? Come talk to us at our tent!

Rising Tide Cerritos, CA



Our vision is to be a team that strives for the best while maintaining a sense of community and inclusivity. Rising Tide aims to create a competitive paddling experience with a particular emphasis on humility and growth. As a rising tide lifts all boats, we hope to challenge our paddlers from within, while also building up the Southern California dragon boat community. Founded in 2018 and based in Long Beach, CA, we are privileged to have the opportunity to compete against so many strong teams and hope to make a lasting mark of our own.

Riverside Surging Dragons Riverside, CA



Riverside Surging Dragons was founded by students of UC Riverside who wished to both continue participating in the sport and to share the experience with the rest of the campus. Over the years, RSD has grown from a one crew team to two crews and has continued to challenge other collegiate teams throughout California. Our goal is to promote Dragon Boat while creating an inclusive family for UCR students to join.

Rogue Paddling Club Garden Grove, CA



Rogue Paddling Club practices out of Long Beach, CA. Celebrating our 10th year competing in local and international races. We are a competitive Dragon Boat racing team dedicated to supporting and spreading the growth of Dragon Boat Racing. Under the direction of our coach, Henry Kim, we strive to be and to race against the best. Our team is always open to enthusiastic and motivated paddlers regardless of skill level. We consist of men and women from 17 to 70. Our

members come from very diverse backgrounds, with one same goal to better themselves and have a great time.



San Diego Dragon Boat Team..... Laguna Niguel, CA



We are the San Diego Dragon Boat Team and have been paddling for 30+ years. We love racing in Tempe and look forward to this year's race. Thank you to the AZDBA for organizing such a great event.

SF Dragon Warriors – Crimson, Masterminds, Onyx, Open, & Women.....San Francisco, CA



Based in San Francisco, our mission is to offer excellence to our members and our community. With an excellent program on and off the water, we seek to foster champions of mind and body within each of our athletes. By having fun and competing together, our members will develop meaningful, lifelong relationships. Together, we will establish best practices to professionalize our sport and to drive it forward. See you on the water! GO DW!

Space Dragons..... Placentia, CA

We're a fun-loving but competitive team from SoCal based out of Long Beach. You'll find us having fun on the water (rain or shine), pushing ourselves through tough workouts, engaged in intense competition, and eating great food. Equal parts jokers and paddling fanatics, our enthusiasm for the sport is contagious. Est in 2002, we span all ages and facets of life, and are always eager to welcome newcomers and visitors with smiles and open arms. Check us out at <http://www.spacedragons.org> and join us for a paddle whenever you're in town!

Sun DragonsChandler, AZ



Above all shadows rides the Sun.

SurviveOars.....Morro Bay, CA



SurviveOars is one of the teams coordinated under the non-profit Central Coast Dragon Boat Association (CCDBA). The team affiliates have been paddling and racing together for 12 years. Comprised of cancer survivors and supporters, CCDBA welcomes all who are interested in maintaining health and fitness through the sport of Dragon Boating. The team practices in Morro Bay, California.

Team Blue.....Phoenix, AZ



Team Blue is a mixed team made of veterans with and without disabilities and civilians with disabilities. As a team, we work towards improving ourselves every day and supporting each other. We have formed a solid bond on and off the water. As an adaptive team, we pride ourselves in our persistence and determination to take on every race we can. Our boat is powered by bad jokes and happy hour, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Team Boeing Flying DragonsMesa, AZ



Flying in the water like our planes fly in the sky

Team Community (Wells Fargo Bank)Phoenix, AZ

We are one Wells Fargo!

Team DPW, Ehecatl, & Youth Los Angeles, CA

Originally formed in 2006 with members from the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Team DPW has made an impression on the dragon boat community, medaling in numerous races as the underdog since its first year. Team DPW welcomes anyone interested in the sport of dragon boat racing. As it aims to increase awareness among corporate, government, and private agencies about the sport of dragon boat racing, Team DPW also strives to advance in the Competitive Divisions to become one of the top ranking teams in the sport. Come join us and discover Santa Fe Dam!

Team Innovation.....Chandler, AZ

We are Wells Fargo volunteers from Wells Fargo Home Lending Customer Contact.

Team Survivor Sea Dragons.....San Diego, CA



Team Survivor Sea Dragons is a diverse group of thriving female cancer survivors who love paddling together! The group formed in 2008 and we continuously welcome survivors into our ranks while forming the long term bonds that practicing, laughing, competing, and traveling together inspire. Sun, fun, working together as one - it's the best medicine! We paddle year-round in beautiful San Diego, and attend 3-4 race festivals per year including our home race, the San Diego International Dragon

Boat Race.

Tempest & LU BU's Roaring Tempest..... San Francisco, CA

Tempest is a San Francisco based dragon boat team, comprised of alumni from Lincoln High School and dedicated to competitive paddling, aspiring to expand into the U24 scene. What's more important than paddling to us? Lunch after a hard practice!



TGen Dragonomics.....Phoenix AZ

TGen Dragonomics has been participating in the AZDBA Festival since 2010. Our team represents a diverse group of TGen employees, friends and family members, many who have been with us since day one on the lake. TGen's mission is to translate scientific discoveries into earlier diagnostics and smarter treatments for patients with cancer, neurological disorders, diabetes, children with rare disorders and other complex diseases. Our scientists and research staff are using the results of cutting-edge research and technology to discover the genetic cause of these diseases. We are looking forward to returning to the Festival for our 9th year.

The Nerd Herd.....Phoenix, AZ



Formerly "The Corporation That Shall Not Be Named"...the team has decided to take on their own identity. Started by the Data Science team, they decided to go with "The Nerd Herd". Just a bunch of people who like to have fun, be fit, and just happen to work for the same company.

Thunder EyesCastaic, CA

Thunder Eyes represents Southern California women paddlers. Some of us are seasoned and some of us are new, but we paddle as one. This is our 2nd year paddling together. This will be our first venture out of the state. Thunder Eyes are looking forward to paddling in the waters of Arizona.

Toyota Desert Dragons, Fire Dragons, & Water DragonsChandler, AZ



UCI Elements Fire.....Irvine, CA

Given a long and rich history, the boat know as UCI Elements Fire, made up of UCI students from UCI also known as the University of California Irvine has risen up from a past of tragedy and warfare. Long ago, three nations lived together in harmony, Wind, Fire and Thunder. Then everything changed when the Fire Nation attacked. Only David Situ, master of all paddling techniques, could stop them, but when Thunder needed him most, he vanished. Twenty seven days has passed and the Fire nation has taken over UCI Elements. Without David Situ, UCI Elements Fire became unstoppable!

UCI Elements ThunderIrvine, CA

UCI Element Dragon Boat Thunder from UCI has a history filled with great tragedy and loss. Before, it was once a great and peaceful nation, living together in harmony with Wind, and Fire. Then everything changed when the Fire Nation attacked. Only David Situ, master of all paddling techniques could stop them. However, when Thunder needed him the most, he vanished. Twenty seven days has passed and the Fire nation has overtaken Thunder by storm. However, a new paddling master has been discovered. I believe that Andrew can save the world!

UCLA Blue & Gold..... Los Angeles, CA



UCLA Dragon Boat is a student-run competitive club sports team. We embrace everything powerful about the sport, upholding a 14-year legacy of tradition and hard work. Our team of 50 strong has established an aim for excellence, and continues to grow as passionate individuals and a cohesive team.

UCSD Dragon Boat Blue Boxers & Whitey Tighties.....San Diego, CA



The University of California, San Diego Dragon Boat Team strives to be a top performing dragon boat team, whose victories are a result of a unified cohesive team effort, where the merit in victories is not measured by the number of medals ,but by the unified growth of the team as a whole.

US Food-Fanatic Dragons.....Tempe, AZ



US Foods is one of America’s great food companies and a leading foodservice distributor, partnering with approximately 250,000 restaurants and foodservice operators to help their businesses succeed. With nearly 25,000 employees and more than 60 locations, we provide our customers with a broad and innovative food offering and a comprehensive suite of e-commerce, technology and business solutions. Our team is a reflection of our business: we are hard working, dedicated, and team-oriented. It is how we live, work and lead --- the US Foods Way. #HelpingCommunitiesMakelt

USC Dragon Boat Los Angeles, CA



Founded in 2005, the University of Southern California Dragon Boat team is a student-run, competitive collegiate team. Our club aims to grow stronger and more competitive every day, by practicing on the water and training at the gym. From freshmen to master’s students, engineering to art students, SoCal-raised to international, USCDB is one of the most diverse teams in Southern California. We would like to give a huge THANK-YOU to the Southern California Dragon Boat

Club and our alumni supporters for their continued hard work and support of college club teams like ours!

Vanguard LEAPing Dragons Black & Red.....Chandler, AZ



The LEAPing Dragons are a team composed of LEAP members. LEAP, which stands for Leadership and Engagement for Asian Professionals is an employee resource group at Vanguard. LEAP focuses on creating an inclusive culture across businesses with an emphasis on attracting, developing, engaging, and retaining Asian talent. We hope to extend our mission into the local community through teamwork, celebration of Asian culture, and some

friendly corporate competition.



Versum Materials..... Tempe, AZ



As a premier specialty materials supplier to the semiconductor industry, Versum Materials' outstanding employees not only have the skills, resources and expertise to help its customers develop game-changing technology, improve an existing product, or make a manufacturing process more productive, but we also enjoy a good

competition outside of the office! We are excited to compete in our first Dragon Boat Race in Tempe and look forward to sharing our experience with our team of 2,300 employees around the world.

Wasabi Grand Masters Mixed..... Portland, OR

The Grand Masters are a group of men and women paddler/athletes aged 50+ and 60+. We compete in races locally and around the world scratching our "competitive itch" and enjoying the travel and excitement that dragon boat racing has to offer.

Wells Fargo Team Diversity Phoenix, AZ

We are Wells Fargo volunteers from Team Member Networks and Community Banking.

Wells Fargo Team Unity Phoenix, AZ

Wells Fargo Team Unity is composed and united by different departments and branches of Wells Fargo.

X-Generals Dragon Boat Team..... San Gabriel, CA



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We hope to see you all soon at another race or back here next year on
March 28-29, 2020!



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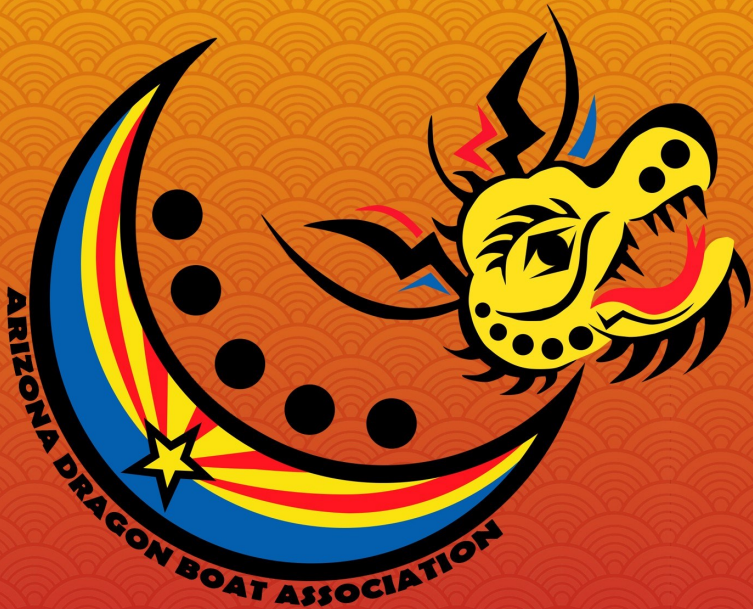


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