

**March 26 & 27, 2022**  
**Tempe Town Lake North Shore**



# **17th ANNUAL ARIZONA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**



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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 16 dragon boat festivals at Tempe Town Lake. The 2019 event featured 124 dragon boat team entries 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](mailto:info@azdba.org) or visit us at [www.AZDBA.org](http://www.AZDBA.org).





# Arizona Governor Douglas A. Ducey's Proclamation

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

## STATE OF ARIZONA ★ PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona is unique and rich with people from different ethnic, cultural, and historical backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, dragon boat racing is an ancient sport dating back 2,500 years in China and is one of the fastest growing boating sports in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, modern-day dragon boat racing was introduced to Arizona when the Phoenix Sister Cities Commission sent successive delegations to participate in the Taipei International Dragon Boat Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Dragon Boat Festival was brought to Arizona by the Arizona Dragon Boat Association in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, this enthusiastic group, along with association officers and members, dedicated themselves and spent countless hours planning and organizing the 2022 Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival at Tempe Town Lake.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 26 - 27, 2022 as

### ARIZONA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL DAYS

and encourage all residents of Arizona, along with paddlers and supporters from throughout the United States and other countries, to participate in the festivities and celebrate the cultural heritage of this event.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Douglas A. Ducey*  
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirteenth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*

SECRETARY OF STATE

# 2022 Arizona Dragon Boat Festival Planning Committee

<b>Festival/Operations Director</b>	Desiree Simmons
<b>Race Director</b>	Gary Cumberland
<b>Chief Race Official</b>	Dr. Joel Shilling
<b>BCS (Breast Cancer Survivors)</b>	Melissa Adams
<b>Charity</b>	Ronda Carlson
<b>Creative</b>	Ash Lagazo, Eric Tang, Cathie & Jordy Mosley
<b>Dock Officials</b>	Gary Cumberland, Scott Johs, Bruce Johs, Pete Funnell
<b>Entertainment</b>	Ronnie & Sharon Sebastian
<b>Equipment, Hotel, Insurance,</b>	Desiree Simmons
<b>Facilities</b>	Desiree Simmons
<b>Finish Line Officials</b>	Eric Tang, Dr. Joel Shilling, & Ash Lagazo
<b>Friday Set-Up</b>	Desiree Simmons
<b>Marshalling Officials</b>	John Twarog, Holly Shilling, Kerry Chow
<b>MC</b>	Kerry Chow
<b>Media &amp; Publicity</b>	Jordy Mosley & Sharon Sebastian
<b>On-Water Safety Officials</b>	Ryan Allison, John Selman, Tyman Eng, & Don Mead
<b>On-Site Boat Maintenance</b>	John Twarog & Tyman Eng
<b>Parking/Transportation</b>	Desiree Simmons & Ronda Carlson
<b>Social Media</b>	Ash Lagazo
<b>Sponsorships</b>	Binal Patel & Michele Laye
<b>Start Lines</b>	Keith Taylor, Naomi Nakagawa, & Eric Shilling
<b>Teams/Practice Coordinators</b>	Ash Lagazo & Michele Laye
<b>Team Party</b>	Jordy Mosley
<b>Treasurer</b>	Binal Patel
<b>Vendors</b>	Desiree Simmons
<b>Volunteer Coordinators</b>	Diane Escalante, Binal Patel, Lena Comeaux, Desiree Simmons
<b>Website</b>	Queena Ly & Ash Lagazo





## Letter from AZDBA President



### **AZDBA Board of Directors**

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Public Relations

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Vice-President  
Safety and Compliance

Binal Patel  
Treasurer

Michele Laye  
Secretary

Tyman Eng  
Equipment Manager

Queenia Ly  
Website Manager

June Hammer  
Captains and Coaches  
Liaison

Mary Ma  
Membership  
Coordinator

Laura Rasmussen  
Board Member

Debi Chatfield  
Board Member

As the current President of Arizona Dragon Boat Association, I would like to extend a sincere welcome back to all our returning competitors, volunteers, vendors, and supporters, and a big welcome to those who are joining us for the first time this year. The past few years have been very difficult and an unprecedented time for all of us, but we are very pleased to have everyone back on the water again, competing and enjoying a sport and festival that we all know and love!

Although it has been delayed by two years, we hope that the long-awaited 17th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival will be one that you all will remember for years to come. We take pride in knowing that our festival is held in high regard by many, and we hope to continue with this reputation, which we are completely humbled by.

All of this would not be possible without the help, love, and support of all of you. On behalf of the Arizona Dragon Boat Association, we thank you all for being here with us this weekend. Please be safe and enjoy the festival

Ash Lagazo  
President, AZDBA



## Letter from Festival Directors

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

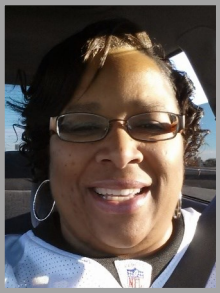
We are more excited than we have ever been to *finally* host the 17th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival here in Tempe. It's been a loooooong time since we had the pleasure of seeing you all.

A special thanks to *all* the teams, paddlers, volunteers, sponsors and vendors who have been patient and supported us over the last two years and we know that several of you have already been to a few festivals in the last few months and we have heard the excitement and relief to see all our old friends again.

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



**Gary Cumberland**  
Race Director



## Festival Vendors

### FOOD & DRINKS

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



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



**Lu Lu's Sorbetto** - 100% natural, gluten, dairy and soy free Sorbetto and gelato products plus specialty items like coffee floats and Root beer floats.

### INFORMATION



**ADP - Welcome to our Sponsors!** They will have flyers for Talent Acquisition, Marketing and Advertising as well as ADP Branded Chapstick and Sunscreen combos! Stop by and say hi!



**InspirASIAN** - We are 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. We will offer charging stations for mobile devices, AT&T retail sale of various items such as mobile accessories, and present information on #ItCanWait #StopAsianHate and Cybersecurity.

**Embry Health** - Come and get a Covid test! This method utilizes a shallow nasal swab, and is ideal for individuals experiencing COVID-like symptoms, those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 or are asymptomatic. Results are typically available within 24-72 hours and is covered by Insurance or Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) with no out-of-pocket cost to anyone testing.

**Phoenix Desert Dragons** - Team Fundraiser.

### 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](mailto:auntyalohaleis@gmail.com).



**Burnwater** - Dragon boat paddles and accessories.

**Excel Screen Printing** - Official event merchandise.

**Desert Willow Botanicals** - We sell organic herbal extracts for allergies, inflammation, detox, sleep/anxiety, and immune boosting. We have done festivals and farmers markets for the last 11 years.

**StrokeSide Designs** - Dragon Boat Jewelry.



## 2022 Divisions & Teams

### **Rodger Kells Adaptive or Disabled Athletes**

1. Team Blue
2. Team Blue—White

### **Breast Cancer Survivors**

1. Phoenix Desert Dragons
2. Central Coast SurviveOars
3. Right Angle Sun Seekers

### **Collegiate Sponsored By**



1. Cal Dragon Boat
2. Dragon Boat Club at ASU
3. UCI Elements Fire
4. UCI Elements Thunder
5. UCLA Blue
6. UCLA Gold
7. UCSD Gatekeep
8. UCSD Monke
9. USC Dragon Boat Cardinal
10. USC Dragon Boat Gold

### **Corporate**

1. ACEL Dragon Warriors
2. Carvana Happy Halos
3. Carvana Wavy Dragons
4. Intel Blue
5. Mayo Synchronicity
6. Team Taiwan
7. Vanguard LEAPing Dragons
8. Veritas Preparatory Academy

### **Junior**

1. LACDBC Juniors

### **Masters**

1. LACDBC White
2. Golden Dragon Mixed
3. DragonMax
4. So Cal Masters
5. So Cal Masters 2
6. WAM
7. HEAT
8. San Diego Dragon Boat Team
9. AeroDragons Masters

### **Mixed**

1. AeroDragons Atlas
2. AeroDragons Delta
3. Arizona Dragon Riders
4. Cal Dragon Boat
5. Dragon Boat Club at ASU
6. DragonMax
7. Golden Dragons Mixed
8. HEAT
9. Killer Guppies
10. KP Dragons
11. L.A. Thunder Dragons
12. LACDBC Black
13. LACDBC Blue
14. LACDBC Red
15. LACDBC White
16. Phantoms
17. Phoenix Fire Dragons
18. Ripple Effect
19. Rising Tide
20. Rogue Paddling Club
21. San Diego - Black
22. San Diego - Red
23. Space Effect
24. Team Blue
25. UCI Elements Fire
26. UCI Elements Thunder
27. UCLA Blue
28. UCLA Gold
29. UCSD Gatekeep
30. UCSD Monke
31. WAM

### **Open**

1. DragonMax
2. Killer Wam Bam Guppies
3. LACDBC Open 1
4. LACDBC Open 2
5. San Diego Dragon Boat Team
6. Sausage McGriddle
7. Sausage McMuffin
8. Space Effect
9. Tickle Monsters
10. UCSD Gaslight

### **Women**

1. Catch 22
2. Central Coast SurviveOars
3. DragonMax
4. Golden Dragon Women
5. LACDBC Women 1
6. LACDBC Women 2
7. Long Beach Re-Belles
8. Phoenix Desert Dragons
9. Right Angle Spring Breakers
10. San Diego
11. Space Effect
12. SunGi
13. Thunder Guppies
14. UCSD Girlboss
15. WAM
16. Wasabi Impact

### **Youth**

1. LACDBC Youth



# 2019 Race Results & Awards

MIXED - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
Tempest	2:03.21	1
Cal Dragon Boat	2:03.94	2
UCI Elements Thunder	2:04.74	3

MIXED - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
Phoenix Fire Dragons	2:10.11	1
Killer Guppies	2:10.71	2
Los Angeles Racing Dragons (LARD)	2:10.87	3

MIXED - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
USC Dragon Boat	2:18.70	1
AeroDragons Atlas	2:19.03	2
Arizona Dragon Riders	2:19.30	3

WOMEN - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
San Diego Red	2:15.46	1
RAP Black Ice	2:17.42	2
AZDBA SunGi	2:18.69	3

WOMEN - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
RAP Rain Dance	2:27.84	1
RAP Chance of Flurries	2:29.47	2
SurviveOars	2:32.84	3

KAREN ROOT-RATKE BCS		
Team	Avg. Time	Place
SurviveOars	2:33.96	1
Team Survivor Sea Dragons	2:35.99	2
Phoenix Desert Dragons	2:44.92	3

MASTERS		
Team	Time	Place
AeroDragons Thor	2:08.35	1
Long Beach Masters	2:10.15	2
San Diego Dragon Boat Team	2:11.52	3

RODGER KELLS MEMORIAL ADAPTIVE PADDLERS		
Team	Avg. Time	Place
Adaptive Fusion	1:10.76	1
Team Blue	1:18.14	2
Mesa Bulldogs	1:47.26	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
Intel Blue	1:06.02	1
KPMG K-Modo Dragons	1:07.86	2
TGen Dragonomics	1:10.48	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
ACSE	1:07.78	1
The Nerd Herd	1:10.55	2
Vanguard LEAPing Dragons Red	1:12.29	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
AT&T InspirASIAN Mountain Dragons	1:13.19	1
Anchor's Away	1:13.46	2
Vanguard LEAPing Dragons Black	1:13.96	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION D		
Team	Time	Place
Team Community (Wells Fargo)	1:14.11	1
Northern Dragons	1:18.79	2
Wells Fargo Team Unity	1:20.76	3

OPEN		
Team	Time	Place
Lu Bu's Roaring Tempest	2:00.59	1
Fat Fish	2:02.99	2
Aero Moe	2:03.60	3

COLLEGIATE A		
Team	Time	Place
UCI Elements Thunder	2:04.33	1
Cal Dragon Boat	2:04.40	2
UCLA Blue	2:06.13	3

COLLEGIATE B		
Team	Time	Place
Riverside Surging Dragons 1	2:09.87	1
ASU Dragon Boat	2:14.69	2
USC Dragon Boat	2:15.42	3

JUNIOR		
Team	Avg. Time	Place
Team DPW	2:20.71	1
CrAZy Cuddlefish	2:31.62	2

## 2019 Race Results & Awards (continued)

HIGH SCHOOL		
Team	Avg. Time	Place
Demons	1:16.95	1

YOUTH		
Team	Avg. Time	Place
CrAZy Cuddfish	1:17.99	1
Team DPW	1:18.20	2

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
Cal Dragon Boat	1:00.20	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
AeroDragons Delta	6:28.34	1

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
Rising Tide	1:04.20	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
RAP Snowball Fight	6:28.22	1

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
Space Dragons Red	1:02.34	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
AZ Gila Dragons	6:52.83	1

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION D		
Team	Time	Place
Riverside Surging Dragons 2	1:10.66	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION D		
Team	Time	Place
Golden Dragons Mixed	7:42.88	1

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION E		
Team	Time	Place
Space Dragons Blue	1:12.36	1

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION E		
Team	Time	Place
Space Dragons Blue	7:20.38	1

SPECIAL TEAM AWARDS	
Fastest 500M Time of the Festival	Lu Bu's Roaring Tempest - 2:00.59 (Open Finals)
Fastest 250M Corporate Time	Intel Blue - 1:05.49 (Corporate Semi-Finals)
"Spirit of Qu Yuan" Award	Northern Dragons







## ACEL Dragon Warriors ..... Tempe, Arizona



The Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders is a national non-profit organization providing Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) professionals opportunities to work together to enhance AAPI leadership in our careers, communities, and the local government that we live and serve in.

## Aero Dragons ..... Carson, California

## Arizona Dragon Riders ..... Peoria, Arizona



The Arizona Dragon Riders was established in Spring of 2008. We are known as one of the most enthusiastic and competitive teams in Arizona. In spite of the Covid pandemic, our team spirit stays strong and we are growing again. Come out and paddle with us, our contact information is [Lana@azdragonriders.com](mailto:Lana@azdragonriders.com)

## Arizona Gila Dragons ..... Tempe, Arizona



In 2002, the AZ Gila Dragons was formed as Arizona's first dragon boating club, and practices were held on milk crates on the side of a swimming pool. From those humble beginnings, the Gilas have expanded to include the Arizona SunGi women's team and the Arizona Monsoon open team, and have competed in Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Vancouver, Boston, Houston, Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Long Beach, and many others.

Today we're a diverse group of friends and family meeting at Tempe Town Lake to hone our craft, engage in fierce competition, then go celebrate in style!"

**Cal Dragon Boat..... California**



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 and engineering to rhetoric and architecture.

We strive to make dragon boating more accessible to the students of UC Berkeley and recruit student-athletes twice a year. We are extremely proud to be one of the top college teams in the United States.

**Carvana..... Tempe, Arizona**

Carvana is excited to participate in the AZ festival for the first time. Headquartered right here in Tempe, we are over 24,000 strong, passionate about delivering exceptional customer experiences and Driving you Happy! Our 2 teams, Wavy Dragons and Happy Halos look forward to sharing the Carvana culture that recently landed us on Forbes list of Best Places to Work. We are hiring, come talk to any one of us.

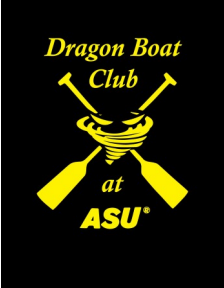
**Catch 22..... Washington**

**Central Coast SurviveOars..... California**



Central Coast SurviveOars (CCSO) is the founding team of Central Coast Dragon Boat Assn (CCDBA). Beginning in 2007 with a handful of breast cancer survivors, it has grown to 100 survivors and supporters, inclusive of all genders, ages and walks of life. Paddlers join for a variety of practices, but the thrill of national and international competition keeps many of us coming back for more.

**Dragon Boat Club at ASU..... Tempe, Arizona**



Dragon Boat Club at ASU is a competitive collegiate sports club. 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. GO DEVILS!



**Dragon Max ..... Berkeley, California**



DragonMax trains year-round in Berkeley, California using dragonboats, outrigger canoes, and kayaks. As part of the Berkeley Racing Canoe Center, we provide access to the San Francisco Bay for all community members on a weekly, drop-in basis, with an emphasis on introducing youth to the sport of dragon boating.

DragonMax is named after the daughter, Maxine, of the late coach, Rodger Garfinkle, (we dragged Max to most of our races). DragonMax is a warm, welcoming family that sticks together both on and off the water. We are so excited that we are returning to Tempe and back on the water!

We are sponsored by **Berkeley Racing Canoe Center** and **Mountain Hardware**. Please visit our websites at [dragonmax.org](http://dragonmax.org) and [thebrcc.org](http://thebrcc.org) .

**Golden Dragons ..... Portland, Oregon**



The Golden Dragons, a club for paddlers 50 or older, traveled to Tempe from Portland, Oregon, where we paddle year-round on the Willamette River for fun, fitness and friendship. Founded in 1996, the club has more than 160 members. One of our paddlers here in Tempe is 90 years old. And our average age exceeds 70.

**HEAT .....Florida**



In 2006 HEAT Dragon Boat Club was founded by Pat & Liz Bradley, in Ontario, Canada. The HEAT won multiple international gold medals as a Canadian Club Crew. In 2015, the Bradley's and The HEAT relocated to Central Florida. The HEAT now boasts over 90 athletes from across the USA, with athletes who have competed on the US and Canadian National Teams.

In 2021, the HEAT won the US National Championships

in Senior C & Senior B Divisions and will now be competing at Club Crew World Championships in 2022 in Sarasota, FL

**Intel Blue ..... Chandler, Arizona**



With 4 gold medals in the last 5 festivals, the 3-time defending Division A corporate champion Intel Blue Dragon Boat crew returns to the waters of Tempe Town Lake to attempt to secure the 4-peat. Despite Covid concerns decimating our ranks, this talented group of engineers/athletes has re-grouped, and continues to take great pride in staying focused and upping our game every year.



**Killer Guppies.....Buena Park, California**



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 club grew in size, skill and 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 competing at high levels of paddling and continue to push to be the strongest paddling team we can be.

One boat, One beat—"Killer Guppies, Kill, Kill, Kill"

**KP Dragons .....California**



KP Dragons was formed in 2001 through the joint effort of Chris Yee (former Tazmanian Angels paddler) and Susan Chan-Lim (former president of the Kaiser Permanente Asian Association). Initially comprised of Kaiser Permanente employees from the counties of Alameda and San Francisco, KP Dragons is now a professionally and culturally diverse team of Bay Area fitness enthusiasts looking to be part of a supportive and fun-loving community.

**LA Thunder Dragons .....Long Beach, California**



LA Thunder Dragons are a member of the So Cal Dragon Boat Club, with origins dating back to 2002. We have attended EVERY single Tempe race & look forward to a return to paddling in 2022. On Facebook @ [LA Thunder Dragons](#)

**LACDBC .....California**

**Long Beach ReBelles .....Long Beach, California**

Every Woman Is A ReBelle



**Mayo Synchronicity Team .....Arizona**



The Mayo Synchronicity Team was established since 2005, in efforts to promote the presence of the Asian community, and represent the well-known healthcare organization, Mayo Clinic. The ARZ Asian Connection Mayo Employee Resource Group (MERG) Committee has engaged over 225+ employees and their families.

Connected through their passion in developing community outreach, cultural diversity, and inclusion awareness; Participation and engagement of Mayo Clinic employees have increased after participation in this dynamic program. Paddles Up!!!

**Phantom Dragons..... Wheat Ridge, Colorado**



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 Phantoms 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 Dragons .....Arizona**

**Phoenix Fire Dragons .....Arizona**



Phoenix Fire Dragons was born out of the Chinese philosophy – 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 in all shapes and sizes; young to wise and from different origins and life experiences.

Despite our vast diversities we have become deeply interconnected, celebrating each member's unique contribution to the team. This is what gives us our strength to push through...even at the finish!

**Right Angle ..... Vancouver, Canada**

**Ripple Effect ..... Bay Area, California**



Founded in 2001, Ripple Effect is a premier San Francisco Bay Area paddling, fitness and activities club made up of young and young-at-hearts who live to have fun, exercise, eat well, and paddle hard. We're passionate about giving back to the community, up-leveling our fitness, and having a great time.

We love to travel and race regularly all over the country and world. Our deep sense of "Ripple Ohana" is contagious and we look forward to sharing it with the rest of the dragon boat community! Check us out online ([ripplesf.org](http://ripplesf.org)), Facebook ([fb.com/LGRRippleEffect](https://fb.com/LGRRippleEffect)), or Instagram @RippleEffectDB). Let's get ripped!

**Rising Tide ..... California**



Ka-chow! Rising Tide coming to get ya! ??

**Rogue Paddling Club ..... California**



Celebrating our 14th year of competing in local and international races under direction of Coach Henry Kim, Rogue Paddling Club is dedicated to the enjoyment and promotion of Dragon Boat Racing. Based out of Long Beach, California, our team hosts practice sessions open to all ages and skill levels. Dragon Boat Racing is a fun way to enjoy the health benefits of an active lifestyle. Our enthusiastic and motivated group of men and women range in age from 14 to 64, but we all share the same goals: to have a great time, stay fit and race against the best.

**San Diego Dragon Boat Team ..... San Diego, California**



Formed in 1983, San Diego Dragon Boat Team (SDDBT) is committed to preserving the history and culture of dragon boating. Ranging in age from our 20s to 70s, team

members are dedicated to strengthening our community and ourselves through camaraderie, fitness and active, healthy living. We are excited to finally return to Tempe for competing in the 17th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival and hope it is the beginning of a successful 2022 racing season. SDDBT welcomes crews to compete in our 11th Annual San Diego International Dragon Boat Race scheduled for **Sept. 24-25, 2022**. Visit [sddbt.org](http://sddbt.org) for more details.

**So Cal Masters ..... California**



We hail, mostly, from the waters of Long Beach, CA & extend to other regions of So Cal.

**Space Effect ..... California**





Sun Gi .....Tempe, Arizona



In 2009, women from the AZ Sun Warriors and Gilas joined forces to form the AZ Sun Gi 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. This is also depicted in the symbol yin-yang because they arise together and they are always equal; if one disappears, the other must disappear as well, leaving emptiness.

The team is created together in a single movement; they are bound together as parts of a mutual whole. **Longer, Stronger, Deeper, Harder! AZ Sun Gi!**

Team Blue .....Arizona



Team Blue is a partnership between Ability360, Adaptive Adventures, and the Arizona Dragon Boat Association. It serves veterans with or without disabilities and civilians with disabilities. Since October 2017, Team Blue has evolved into a dedicated and competitive dragon boat team with a few race festivals already under their belts.

Team Blue Paddlers may have their challenges, but they thrive as a team during competition by unifying as one!

Team DPW .....Irwindale, California



Team DPW (LACDBC) is a competitive dragon boat club based in Irwindale, CA. The team works to achieve a friendly atmosphere and promote healthy lifestyles. Our team consists of members from all over the states and all age groups. DPW competes and hosts many festivals and races throughout the year from recreational, to regional, to international races. We come back with medals often! Team DPW fosters a hospitable, healthy, and combative program for everyone.

Team Taiwan .....Arizona

UCI .....California

**UCLA Dragon Boat Team..... California**



Founded in 2004, UCLA Dragon Boat is a student-run competitive club sports team at UCLA. We are 50 paddlers strong, making up our two race crews: Blue and Gold. For the past 17 years, our team has upheld a legacy of tradition, hard work, and dedication. We pride ourselves in being able to bring together students of diverse backgrounds to form a tight-knit community, all while embodying the spirit of competitiveness, excellence, and teamwork.

**UCSD Dragon Boat..... San Diego, California**



Club Sport Team at UC San Diego with a roster of 50 people. We practice out in Mission Bay.

**USC..... California**

**Vanguard LEAPing Dragons .....Arizona**



The Vanguard 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.

**Veritas .....Arizona**

The Veritas team is a ragtag group of teachers and friends out for their first dragon boat adventure. Some have come along willingly, others have been hijacked by pirates and forced to sit on these planks. How will they fare against the seasoned corporate teams? Well, veritas means truth in Latin, so who knows for now. We must wait to see what happens on race day. As they say in Rome, the truth is in the pudding.

**WAM ..... Washington**

**Wasabi Impact .....Portland, Oregon**

Wasabi Impact is a group of competitive women from Portland, Oregon who are absolutely thrilled to be racing again. It's been a very long respite from competition and we can't wait to race you! Second only to our competitive spirits is our sense of humor. Come by our tent and say hello - Paddles UP!!



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From the Festival Directors and Steering Committee,  
**THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers, family, friends, and fellow paddlers for your time, hard work, long days in the sun, and commitment to making the 17th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival another huge success. And most of all, thank you for helping to grow the sport of dragon boating in Arizona.

We hope to see you all soon at another race or back here next year





# Arizona Dragon Boat Festival Photos



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