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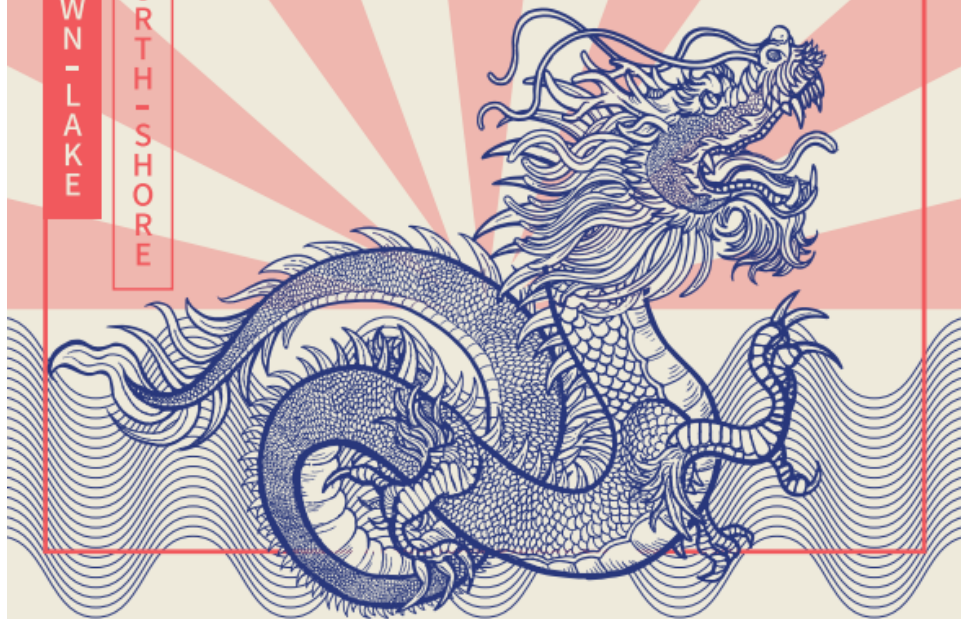
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18th Annual

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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 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.



2024 Arizona Dragon Boat Festival Planning Committee

Festival/Operations Director	Desiree Simmons
Race Director	Gary Cumberland
Chief Race Official	Eric Tang
BCS (Breast CancerSurvivors)	Laura Rasmussen
Creative	Ash Lagazo, Eric Tang, Eilleen Candidato
Dock Officials	Gary Cumberland, Gary Furukawa
Entertainment	Ronnie Sebastian
Equipment, Hotel, Insurance, Permits, Safety & Security	Desiree Simmons
Facilities	Desiree Simmons
Finish Line	Eric Tang, Ash Lagazo
Friday set-up	Desiree Simmons
Marshaling Officials	Jessica Shotwell Walker
MC	Kerry Chow
Media & Publicity	Eilleen Candidato
On-Water Safety Officials	Ryan Allison, Don Mead, Tyman Eng, Austin Heffernan, BrianMcDermott
On-site boat maintenance	Claude Armstrong
Parking/Transportation	Desiree Simmons, Ronda Carlson
Social Media	Ash Lagazo
Sponsorships	Binal Patel, Michele Laye
Start Line	Diana Singleton
Teams/Practice Coordinators	Ash Lagazo, Michele Laye
Treasurer	Binal Patel
Vendors	Desiree Simmons
Volunteer Coordinators	Diane Escalante, Binal Patel, Lena Comeaux, Desiree Simmons
Website	Emily Sedillo



Letter from the AZDBA President



AZDBA Board of Directors

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Dr. Phillip Manning
Board Member

On behalf of the Arizona Dragon Boat Association Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you all to our 18th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival.

Our 17th Annual festival was our "come back year" after our two year hiatus due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. We were pleased to welcome those who could make it and enjoyed seeing some of our old friends from the paddling community, and enjoyed having you all race on Tempe Town Lake again. Although it was not the same outcome that we have become accustomed to in recent years, we have come together as the paddling community that we all know and love, working together to build our sport and our races back up to what it was and more!

We are so excited to have so many new teams join us this year, and we are grateful for those who continue to return to our festival year after year. Without your support, we would not be able to put together such a successful event. A sincere thank you to our small but mighty festival committee, who works tirelessly to put on such a great festival. To all of our sponsors and volunteers, we could not do this without all of you.

Thank you all for being here with us this weekend. Enjoy the festival, stay safe, paddle hard out there, but

most importantly, have fun! We hope to see you all again next year.



Ash Lagazo
President, AZDBA



Letter from our Festival Directors

WELCOME !

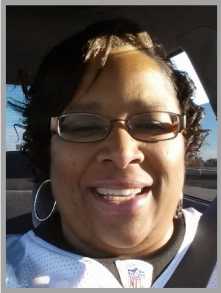
We are, as ever, so excited to welcome you all to what is **finally** the 18th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival here in Tempe. After two years of Covid putting a halt to our starts, we then lost last year's race on the day before setup due to storms affecting our lake! Who knew it rains in Arizona?

As usual, a **huge** thanks to all the teams, paddlers, volunteers, sponsors and vendors who are new, returning, (or who never left) and who support us every year.

Please continue to help our festival vendors who are excited to be here this year and have lots of great food and goodies to pick up,

and please stop by Excel T-Shirts and buy our cool festival apparel or other festival memorabilia!

Have a fun and safe weekend of racing in the sun!



Desiree Simmons
Festival/Operations
Director



Gary Cumberland
Race Director



Letter from the Mayor of Tempe!



March 23, 2024

City of Tempe
P.O. Box 5002
31 East Fifth Street
Tempe, AZ 85280
480-350-8225

Dear Dragon Boat Festival participants and spectators,

Welcome to the 18th Annual Dragon Boat Festival at Tempe Town Lake! Tempe is proud to continue to host this exciting and fun event which celebrates our community's diversity while engaging in a spirited and colorful competition.

Corey D. Woods
Mayor

The members of the Dragon Boat Association work hard to beautifully integrate art, athleticism, family entertainment, and community service. While fun and laughter are 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 blue ink handwritten signature of Corey D. Woods.

Corey D. Woods
Mayor
City of Tempe, Arizona



Entertainment

Master of Ceremony – Ronnie Christy

Sound by Mike Silba from Silba Enterprise!

Saturday, March 23

9:00AM Opening Ceremony

Tempe Mayor Corey D. Woods
Community Leader – Charmel dela Cruz
Luke Air Force Honor Guard
National Anthem – Trina Forti
Monk from Wat Pisalabutara Chanting and blessing to
"Awakening of the Dragon"
AZDBA President Ash Lagazo
AZDBF Chair Desiree Simmons

- 10:00 AM Phoenix Barangay Leos Club dancer
- 11:40 AM Breast Cancer Survivor Ceremony
- 12:00 PM Abaka Foundation Rondalla
- 1:00 PM Betty Dong - Tai Chi
- 1:30 PM Astarte Belly Dance
- 2:30 PM Mike Silba sings
- 3:30 PM Kenny Perez' Dynamic WuShu
- 4:30 PM Corporate, Youth Paradrasons and High School Award Ceremony

Sunday, March 24

- 9:00 AM Kaimikahu Hale'O Hula I Te Fa'a O Te Mahana (Kaimi Valdez)
- 10:00 AM Hot Hula
- 11:30 AM Morning Finals Award Ceremony
- 12:00 AM Ken Koshio and Koshio Gumi – Taiko Drumming
- 1:00 PM Mike Silba sings



Festival Vendors

FOOD & DRINKS

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



Lu Lu's Italian Water Ice

Italian sorbetto. All our flavors are 100% natural, gluten, soy and dairy free



Mayo Clinic

The Mayo Clinic Food services food truck (Thanks to Morrison Healthcare)

My Thai Food—Fried rice, Lo Mein, Orange chicken, Teriyaki chicken, Cheese melt, Ham cheese melt, Sugarcane Boba drink

Polar Beverage

Sample Seltzer Water!



MERCHANDISE



Burnwater

Burnwater hand-crafts carbon fiber dragon boat paddles, and also carries PFDs, accessories and apparel. For Paddlers - By Paddlers. Gear.Paddlers.Love. .



Excel Screen Printing

Official Dragon Boat and Year Of The Dragon merchandise



Jacuzzi Bath Remodel

We are a locally operated bath remodel company. We offer free design services for bathroom remodels.



Desert Willow Botanicals

Handcrafted organic herbal tinctures for everything from Inflammation, Sleep, Immune Boosting, Mental Clarity and Allergy Relief. We are a family-owned business perfecting our craft for over 40 years and offer a 100% money-back guarantee!



Aunty Aloha Lei Stand

Handmade leis to celebrate every occasion! Leis, shirts and hats celebrating aloha and paddle culture. *Fundraiser for Team AZ Outrigger Canoe Club!*



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!



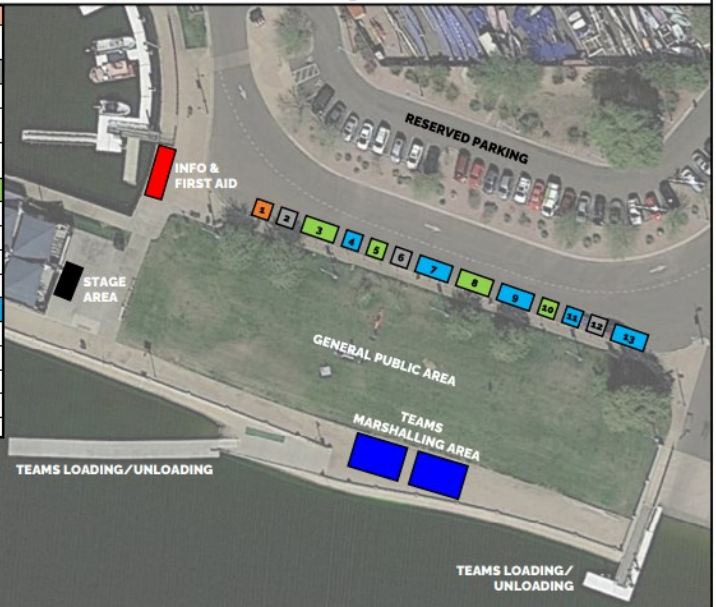
Sonoran University of Health Sciences

Sonoran University of Health Sciences is a Naturopathic Medicine University that offers clinical care services (non-opioid pain therapy, acute/chronic illness managements, etc.) to the public between two on-site medical centers, as well as a natural medicinary carrying physician recommended supplements and remedies.

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13	Mayo Food Truck



2024 Divisions & Teams

All Cancer Survivors

1. Team F Cancer
2. TEAM Survivor Sea Dragons

Breast Cancer Survivors

1. Phoenix Desert Dragons
2. RAPunzels
3. Rowbust RAP Pack
4. TEAM Survivor Sea Dragons

Collegiate

1. Cal Dragon Boat
2. Dragon Boat at ASU
3. LACDBC University
4. River Surging Davis Milkers
5. UCI Elements Fire
6. UCI Elements Thunder
7. UCLA Blue
8. UCLA Gold
9. UCSD Fierce
10. UCSD Fresh
11. USC Cardinal

Corporate

1. ACEL Dragon Warriors A
2. ACEL Dragon Warriors B
3. Amazon Dragon Squad
4. Amazon Prime Time
5. ASM Rocks
6. AsPIRE
7. Bulldogs
8. Carvana Paddle Shifters
9. Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (CCCA)
10. Chinese Restaurant Association of Arizona/Pepsi
11. InspirASIAN Mountain States
12. Lumen PAAN
13. Mayo Clinic Synchronicity
14. Team Intel Blue
15. Team Intel White
16. TeamADP - RED
17. TeamADP - BLUE
18. Team Taiwan
19. TSMC The Boba Boat
20. TSMC IC The Finish Line
21. Vanguard LEAPing Dragons
22. Wells Fargo
23. Western Alliance Bank 2

Masters

1. AeroDragons Thor
2. DragonMax
3. FRAPuccinos
4. LACDBC Masters 1
5. LACDBC Masters 2
6. San Diego Hope We Float
7. So Cal Masters
8. WAM Masters

Mixed

1. Adaptive Fusion
2. Aero Flying Guppies
3. Aero Rocket Fish
4. Arizona Gila Dragons
5. AZ Blaze Canoe Club
6. AZ Dragon Riders
7. Cal Dragon Boat
8. Dragon Boat at ASU
9. DragonMax
10. LA County Mixed Emotions
11. LA County Mixed Veggies
12. LA Thunder Dragons
13. LACDBC MIXED NUTS
14. LACDBC MIXED UP
15. Lone Star Dragons Blue
16. Lone Star Dragons Red
17. Los Angeles Racing Dragons
18. Northwind 1
19. Northwind 2
20. Phantoms
21. Phoenix Fire Dragons
22. Red Lotus
23. Rogue Paddling Club
24. San Diego Baygulls
25. San Diego BFast Burritos
26. Sin City eNVy
27. TeRAPins
28. UCI Elements Fire
29. UCI Elements Thunder
30. UCLA Blue
31. UCLA Gold
32. USC Cardinal
33. WAM Neon
34. White Lotus

Rodger Kells Paradrasons

1. Team Blue (Blue)
2. Team Blue (White)
3. Adaptive Fusion

Open

1. Adaptive-Thunder Open
2. AeroGuppy Draggin' Fish
3. Big Raga Opp Stoppa
4. Dragon Boat at ASU
5. LACDBC Open
6. Lone Star Dudes
7. Northwind
8. RPT
9. Sandy Eggo Pancakes
10. UCSD Fine
11. WAM Open

Women

1. AeroGuppy Slaydies
2. AZDBA SunGi
3. LACDBC DOVES
4. LACDBC EGRETS
5. Let It Ride
6. Lone Star Dames
7. Over 18
8. Phoenix Haboobs
9. RAPple Snakes
10. RAPPybaras
11. Rowbust RAPPers
12. Sandy Eggo Waffles
13. Sin City eNVy
14. sIAy-SU
15. Team Survivor Sea Dragons
16. UCSD California Gurls
17. WAM Women
18. WindWomen

Youth

1. CrAZy Cuddlefish Blue
2. LACDBC Youth
3. CrAZy Cuddlefish White

2022 Race Results & Awards



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March 26-27, 2022 - Tempe Town Lake

MIXED - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
Rising Tide	2:00.90	1
San Diego - Red	2:04.10	2
AeroDragons Delta	2:04.37	3

MIXED - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
UCI Elements Thunder	2:10.47	1
UCSD Monke	2:10.99	2
LACDBC White	2:11.75	3

MIXED - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
Ripple Effect	2:11.62	1
Rogue Paddling Club	2:12.28	2
AeroDragons Atlas	2:13.11	3

MIXED - DIVISION D		
Team	Time	Place
UCI Elements Fire	2:15.78	1
UCSD Gatekeep	2:16.15	2
Killer Guppies	2:18.62	3

WOMEN - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
San Diego	2:11.98	1
Long Beach Re-Belles	2:12.05	2
LACDBC Women 1	2:12.06	3

WOMEN - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
Wasabi Impact	2:23.21	1
LACDBC Women 2	2:26.69	2
Catch 22	2:26.88	3

OPEN		
Team	Time	Place
Sausage McGriddle	1:57.68	1
San Diego Dragon Boat Team	2:02.44	2
LACDBC Open 1	2:02.68	3

KAREN ROOT-RATKE BCS		
Team	Time	Place
Central Coast SurviveOars	2:31.50	1
Phoenix Desert Dragons	2:34.56	2
Right Angle Sun Seekers	2:36.88	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
Intel Blue	1:06.91	1
Veritas Dragons	1:12.93	2
Carvana Wavy Dragons	1:13.04	3

CORPORATE - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
Vanguard LEAPing Dragons	1:16.11	1
Team Taiwan	1:19.07	2
Mayo Synchronicity	1:24.72	3

COLLEGIATE A		
Team	Time	Place
Cal Dragon Boat	2:05.56	1
UCI Elements Thunder	2:07.19	2
UCSD Monke	2:07.40	3

COLLEGIATE B		
Team	Time	Place
UCI Elements Fire	2:12.74	1
UCSD Gatekeep	2:13.70	2
UCLA Gold	2:17.40	3

MASTERS		
Team	Time	Place
AeroDragons Masters	2:07.52	1
LACDBC White	2:08.45	2
WAM	2:11.82	3

RODGER KELLS MEMORIAL ADAPTIVE PADDLERS		
Team	Avg	Place
Team Blue - White	1:17.61	1
Team Blue	1:18.17	2



2022 Race Results & Awards (continued)

JUNIOR		
Team	Avg	Place
LACDBC Juniors	219.82	1

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
Rising Tide	1:00.20	1
San Diego - Red	1:01.75	2
LACDBC White	1:03.20	3

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
Ripple Effect	1:07.01	1
UCI Elements Fire	1:07.41	2
Rogue Paddling Club	1:08.34	3

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION E		
Team	Time	Place
USC Dragon Boat Gold	1:11.98	1
Catch 22	1:13.52	2
Wasabi Impact	1:14.70	3

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
LACDBC White	6:59.22	1
WAM	7:08.75	2
Dragon Boat Club at ASU	7:13.74	3

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION D		
Team	Time	Place
Space Effect	7:34.54	1
WAM	7:56.72	2
DragonMax	7:57.71	3

SPECIAL TEAM AWARDS	
Fastest 500M Time of the Festival	Sausage McGriddle - 1:57.68 (Open Finals)

YOUTH		
Team	Avg	Place
LACDBC Youth	114.96	1

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION B		
Team	Time	Place
UCI Elements Thunder	1:03.89	1
UCLA Blue	1:05.52	2
Phoenix Fire Dragons	1:05.92	3

250M KNOCK OUT - DIVISION D		
Team	Time	Place
DragonMax	1:09.29	1
Phantoms	1:11.76	2
KP Dragons	1:12.10	3

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION A		
Team	Time	Place
Rising Tide	6:34.96	1
San Diego - Red	6:40.29	2
LACDBC Black	7:01.96	3

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION C		
Team	Time	Place
Killer Guppies	7:36.08	1
Phantoms	7:39.42	2
San Diego - Black	7:46.85	3

GUTS & GLORY - DIVISION E		
Team	Time	Place
Central Coast SurviveOars	7:22.66	1
Right Angle Sun Seekers	7:44.10	2
Wasabi Impact	8:01.02	3



ACEL Dragon Warriors Tempe, AZ



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.



Adaptive Fusion.....



Adaptive Fusion is a team of Blind, Deaf, and Physically Challenged, support paddlers and crew. We all train together at Mothers Beach in Long Beach, California, and race worldwide!

Our mission is to promote and inspire the growth of adaptive dragonboat teams around the world and to race at the highest levels of competition.

Thanks to the Angry Crab Restaurant Chain, our Arizona sponsor.

Aero Flying Guppies Carson, CA



AeroDragons and Killer Guppies are competitive member teams of the Southern California Dragon Boat Club (SCDBC) in Long Beach, California. We are joining together to compete at the 2024 Arizona Dragon Boat Festival. Our teams have unified goals to empower individuals to become outstanding paddlers, promote inclusivity through the sport of dragon boat and cultivate a deeper appreciation for Asian/Pacific and other cultural heritages through team building, recreation, friendship and fun.



Amazon Dragon Squad Tempe, AZ

Amazon Dragon Wagon Tempe, AZ

Amazon Prime Time Tempe, AZ

Arizona Dragon Riders Peoria, AZ

The Arizona Dragon Riders is one of the most diversified and enthusiastic teams in Arizona.



Our team members came from all walks of life, we love to paddle hard and to compete fearlessly in dragon boat races. Contact us at Lana@azdragonriders.com if you want to know more information about us.

Arizona Gila Dragons Tempe, AZ



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!

ASM Rocks Phoenix, AZ



ASM is a semiconductor equipment manufacturer based in Phoenix, AZ. We got our start 54 years ago in the Netherlands, and now have 15 offices worldwide and over 4200 employees globally. This is our inaugural Dragon Boat team, made up of engineers in our platform, EPI, ALD and safety departments. ASM Rocks!!!!

ASPIRE Phoenix, AZ

AT&T InspirASIAN Mountain States Phoenix, AZ

InspirASIAN Mountain Dragons
sponsored by AT&T



InspirASIAN is an employee resource group working with AT&T, representing Asian and Pacific Islanders, who share our various cultures, heritage and the significant contributions to society and our company that API have given, including through our volunteer work and scholarships to local high school graduates. We are a registered 501(c)(3) and wholly separate from AT&T

AZ Blaze Canoe Club..... Arizona

Bulldogs.....

Cal Dragon BoatCalifornia

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.

Carvana Paddle Shifters Tempe, Arizona

Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (CCCA)..... Phoenix

Chinese Restaurant Association of Arizona/Pepsi..... Phoenix

CrAZy Cuddfish Tempe, AZ

Dragon Boat at ASU Tempe, AZ

Dragon Max..... Berkeley, CA



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 dragonboating.

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 and thebrcc.org.

FRAPuccinos.....

LACDBC Los Angeles, CA

LA Thunder Dragons..... Long Beach, CA



Keep this party rolling...2024 keeps our team streak ALIVE & KICKIN' ! LA Thunder has visited each and every Tempe race since the inception, in 2003. Wind, monsoons, busted dam, dangerous flood waters...YES, we've seen it all, and keep coming back to central AZ, each March, for more. Thank you to AZDBA for the invitation and see everyone on the water!



Let It RideLas Vegas, NV



Originating in Las Vegas, we rolled the dice and went all-in with our newly formed dragon boat team. Named for our three favorite words at the end of a strenuous set, "Let it Ride" is united by a love for dragon boating and a strong desire to support each other. We are a team of men and women - some veteran paddlers and some new to the sport - who believe in developing the dragon boat community. We are excited to bring our women's boat to Tempe for the first time!

Lone Star Dragons Dames Texas

Lone Star Dragons Dragons Blue Texas

Lone Star Dragons Dragons Red Texas

Lone Star Dragons Dudes Texas



Making the trek from the great state of Texas, the Lone Star Dragons are excited to make their first appearance at the 2024 Arizona Dragon Boat Festival!

We've rounded up the best paddlers in the state, set up a game plan and are ready to see how we square up with the best from the West Coast. We know competition will be tough, but the Lone Star Dragons are always ready for a "shoot out"!

Los Angeles Racing DragonsCalifornia



Los Angeles Racing Dragons (LARD): We are a family of hardcore paddlers based out of Los Angeles, CA. Our team is comprised of people from a wide range of ages, occupations, and backgrounds. What binds the team is our common passion for the sport, our desire to see the team continue to improve, and an interest to promote dragon boat racing. We are a non-profit tax-exempt organization 501(c)(3). In 2023, LARD

celebrated our 25th anniversary and we have the distinction of being one of the longest running dragon boat teams in the Los Angeles area. Find us at laracingdragons.org!

Lumen PAANCalifornia



**Lumen
PAAN
Pacific Asian Ancestry Network**

The mission of the Pacific Asian Ancestry Network (PAAN) organization is to embrace the pluralistic values and vision of Lumen Tech and its subsidiaries by providing the Asian/Pacific

Islander perspective to advance professional development and networking opportunities for its members, participate in community service activities and promote diversity and inclusion.

Mayo Synchronicity TeamArizona



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!!!

Northwind San Francisco, CA

Founded in 2015 in San Francisco, Northwind believes in giving their best and nothing less.



Surrounded by like-minded athletes filled with dedication, determination, and desire, Northwind looks to make each and every member the best paddler they can be on*&" and off the water."

Over 18

Phantom Dragons Wheat 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 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 DragonsArizona



The Phoenix Desert Dragons dragon boat team is the only Arizona breast cancer survivor team.

Our team mission is to encourage and empower breast cancer survivors through the sport of dragon boating by promoting a healthy lifestyle, balance, and mindfulness within a fun, positive, and supportive community. We strive to enrich and enhance the quality of life for breast cancer survivors. We serve as a source of hope, strength, and inspiration. Paddling together creates unbreakable bonds and lifelong friendships.



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!

Phoenix Haboobs

RAPple Snakes.....

RAPunzles.....

RAPybaras

Red Lotus.....

River Surging Davis Milkers

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.



RPT stands for Relentless Positive Thinking. In a sport that is both physically and mentally demanding, a relentless positive thinking mindset is required. We are a group of passionate dragon boat paddlers based in Colorado. Our athletes are the heart and soul of RPT. We are proud of their hard work, dedication, and achievements, both on and off the water.

San Diego Dragon Boat Team San Diego, CA

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.



Sin City eNvy

So Cal Masters California



So Cal Masters = Hailing from the waters of Long Beach, CA come a bunch of 40+ year old paddlers. We've been doing this a while, and look forward to continuing the tradition, in 2023, in Tempe.

Sun Gi Tempe, AZ



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 BlueArizona

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 Survivor Sea Dragons

Team Taiwan

TSMC IC The Finish Line

TSMC The Boba Boat

UCI Elements..... California



UCI Elements is a collegiate Dragon Boat team, going onto its twentieth year of establishment. Our team represents three elements: thunder, for the drive we have; wind, for the freedom we feel on a boat; and fire, for the passion that moves us. With each race and training session, we constantly strive for greater heights on and off the water.

UCLA Dragon Boat Team..... California



UCLA Dragon Boat is a student-run competitive Club Sports team 50 paddlers strong, with two race crews: Blue and Gold. Through hard work and dedication, our team not only develops members into paddlers, but also students, athletes, and leaders. Ultimately UCLA Dragon Boat strives to be competitive, passionate, and fun.

UCSD California San Diego, CA



Established in 2003, the UC San Diego Dragon Boat Team is built upon its pillars of Pride, Tradition, and Passion which stand true to this day. UCSDDB welcomes paddlers from all levels of experience and helps our members achieve self-excellence while also providing opportunities for social and academic growth. We are excited to see the results of our hard work and cannot wait to reignite our competitive fire. Go Tritons

USC Cardinal..... California

Vanguard LEAPing DragonsAZ



.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.

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White Lotus..... California

A combination of three teams, Riverside Surging Dragons, Space Dragons, and Davis Racing Dragons. Although from all different areas, backgrounds, and techniques, we came together to form the White and Red lotus. At the end of the day, we're here to race, "&"have fun, and make new connections!

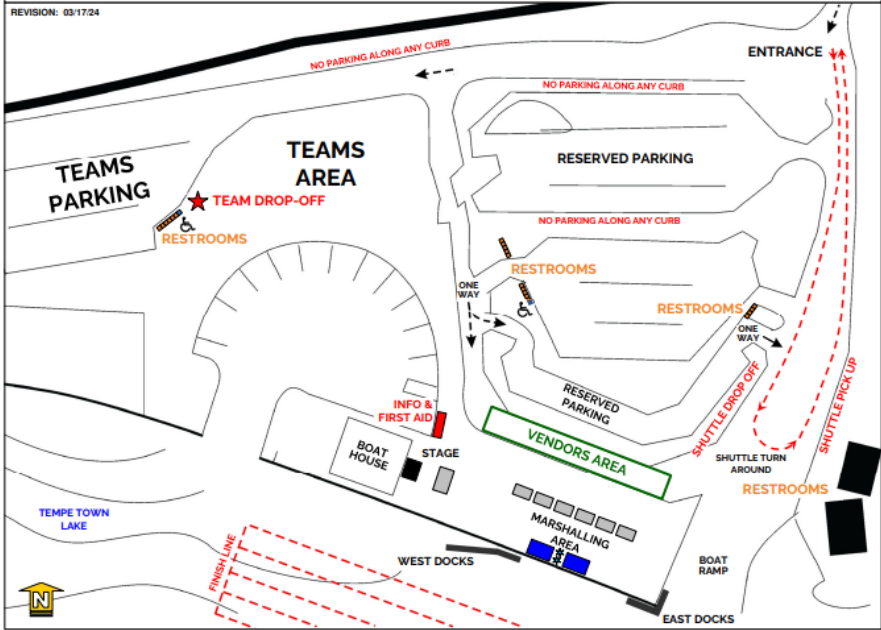
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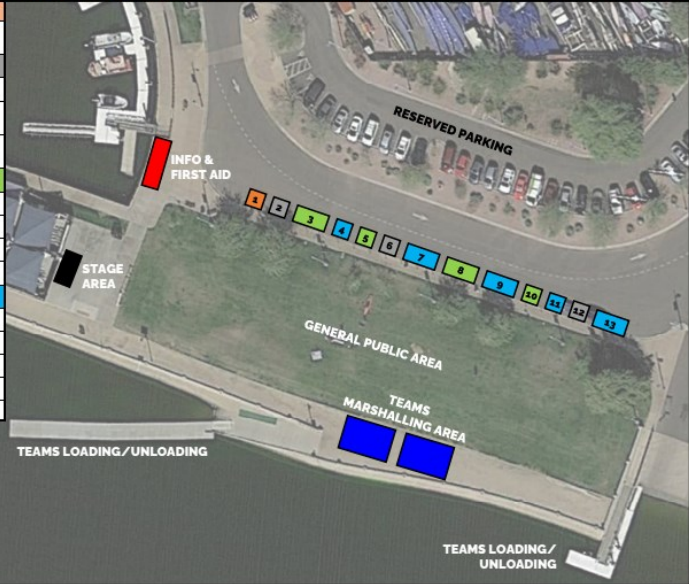
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We hope to see you all soon at another race and back next year!



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