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Festival



March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

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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 20 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](mailto:info@azdba.org) or visit us at [www.AZDBA.org](http://www.AZDBA.org).



# 2026 Arizona Dragon Boat Festival Planning Committee

## **Festival/Operations Director: Desiree Simmons**

Race Director: Gary Cumberland

Public Relations Director: Binal Patel

Chief Race Officials: Keith Taylor and Naomi Nakagawa

BCP (Breast Cancer Paddlers): Laura Rasmussen

Creative: Ash Lagazo, Desiree Simmons

Dock Officials: Gary Cumberland, Gary Furukawa

Entertainment: Ronnie Sebastian

Entertainment MC: Devida Pi'ilani Lee Kauhane

Equipment, Hotel, Insurance, Permits, Safety & Security: Desiree Simmons

Equipment Hauler: Ryan Moore (2025 and 2026)

Facilities: Desiree Simmons

Finish Line: Eric Tang, Ash Lagazo

Founders: Marcie Greenburg and Ronnie Sebastian

Friday set-up: Desiree Simmons

Marshaling Officials: Judy Lee and Leilana Nalani

MC: Matthew Au

Media & Publicity: Melinda Mulholland

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On-Water Safety Officials: Ryan Allison, Don Mead, John Selman, Ed Martin, Rich Gorrill

On-site boat maintenance: Claude Armstrong, Todd Kruse

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Parking/Transportation: Desiree Simmons, Ronda Carlson Kruse, Todd Kruse

Race Grid/Schedule: Gary Cumberland, Julie Ling

Social Media: Melinda Mulholland-Fier

Sponsorships: Binal Patel, Luann Helepololei

Start Line: Julie Ling and Naomi Nakagawa

Teams/Practice Coordinators: Ash Lagazo, Michele Laye

Treasurer: Binal Patel, Laura Rasmussen

Umpires: Linda Martin and Andrea Gorrill

Vendors: Desiree Simmons

Volunteer Coordinators: Diane Escalante, Binal Patel, Luann Helepololei

Website: Desiree Simmons



**THANK YOU FROM OUR CO-FOUNDER  
MARCIE GREENBERG**

Thank you to these Community Members who were instrumental in bringing dragon boating to Arizona:

**Rick Gerrard** and **Angela Shaulis** of the Phoenix Sister Cities Organization who sent us to Taipei in 2000 and 2001, and who brought the Taipei teams to the first AZDBA festivals.

Thank you to **Barry Wong, Okie O'Connor, John Lee** and **John Tang** who brought teams, traditions, organization, and leadership.

To the first **AZDBA Board** and **Festival Steering Committee** who worked tirelessly and with great sacrifice to bring a festival to Arizona.

To my friends who organized teams to make the first festival an astounding success.

To all the AZDBA Board members, Festival Chairs, committee members, teams, race officials, sponsors, volunteers, entertainers, City of Tempe staff who have spent so much of their time during the past 23 years to create such a wonderful event.

And a special thank you to **Ronnie Sebastian**, 'My Sis'. We shared the same dream. We co-chaired the first festival. And thank you for your unwavering dedication for the last 23 years to the Festival.

Marcie Greenberg and Tony Potucek



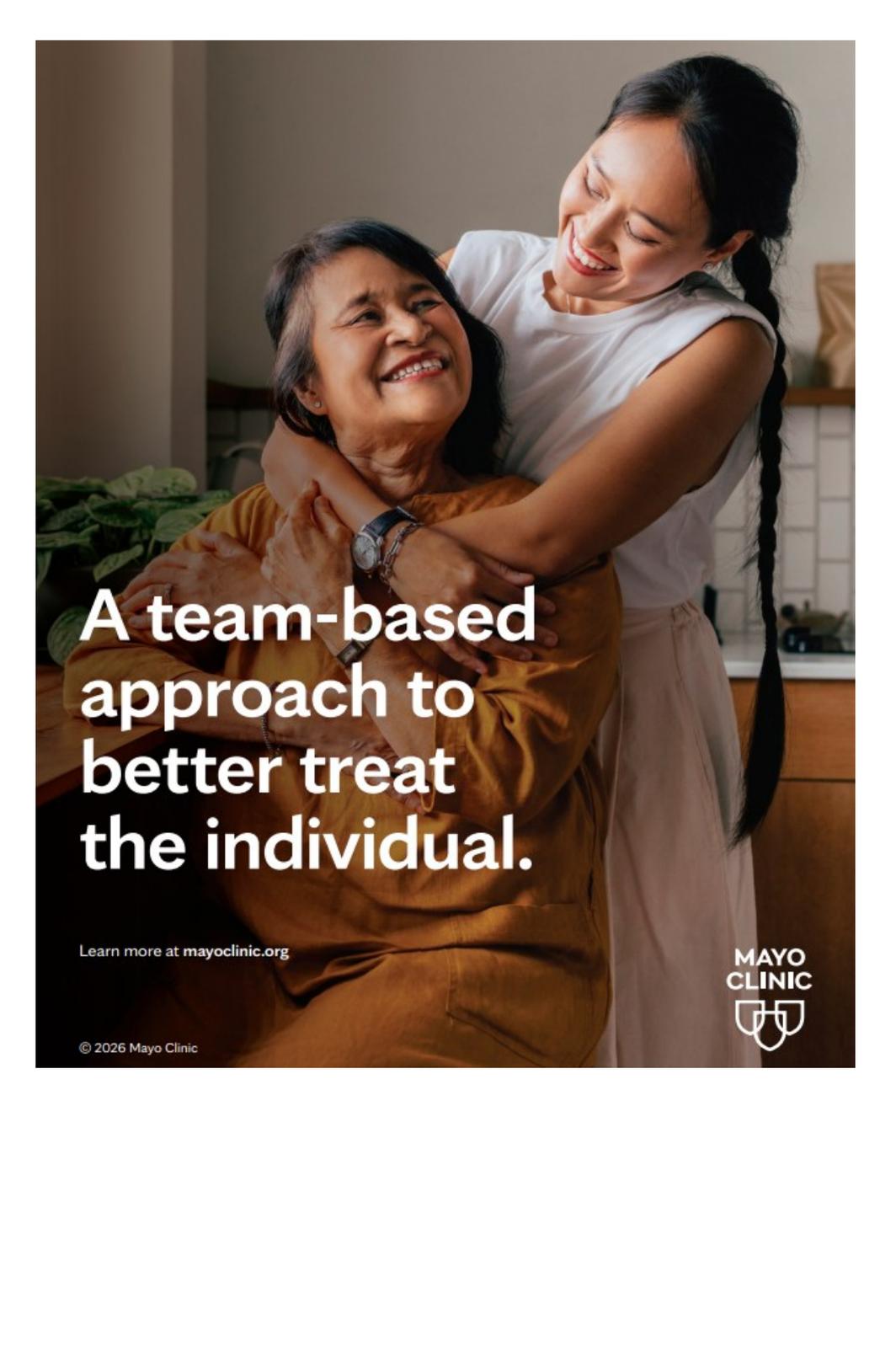
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## Letter from the AZDBA President



### **AZDBA Board of Directors**

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On behalf of the Arizona Dragon Boat Association Board of Directors, it is my honor to welcome you to the **20th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival**.

Reaching this milestone is a testament to the dedication and spirit of our paddling community, and we are thrilled to celebrate it with all of you, our returning teams who have supported this festival year after year, and the many new corporate and club teams joining us for the first time. Your enthusiasm, commitment, and energy are what make this event possible and meaningful.

This year's festival holds special significance as it coincides with the **Club Crew World Championships**, taking place this summer in Taipei. We are especially grateful that so many competitive club teams made the journey to race with us as part of their preparations. Your presence elevates the level of competition and strengthens the camaraderie that defines this sport.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Festival Committee for their tireless work and determination in bringing this event to life. To our sponsors and volunteers your support sustains this festival and ensures that we can continue to share the excitement of dragon boating with our community. We could not do this without you.

Thank you all for spending your weekend with us on the water. Enjoy the festival, stay safe, paddle hard, cheer loudly, and most importantly—have fun. We hope this 20th anniversary celebration creates memories you'll carry with you long after the races end.



We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Warm regards,

**Michele Laye**

President, Arizona Dragon Boat Association



## Letter from our Festival Directors

WELCOME !

We are so excited to welcome you all to what is **finally** the **20th** Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival here in Tempe. After two years of Covid putting a halt to our starts, we then lost the 2023 festival on the day before setup due to storms affecting our lake BUT, after 23 years, welcome to our (and your) 20th anniversary.

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 20th weekend of racing in the sun!



**Desiree Simmons**  
Festival/Operations  
Director



**Gary Cumberland**  
Race Director



**Binal Patel**  
Public Relations  
Director



## Letter from the Mayor of Tempe!

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The Dragon Boat Festival reflects the celebration of the ancient sport of dragon boat racing, originating in ancient China thousands of years ago, becoming one of the fastest-growing boating sports in the world today; and
- WHEREAS,** 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 in the early 2000's; and
- WHEREAS,** The first Dragon Boat Festival was brought to Tempe Town Lake in 2004 by the Arizona Dragon Boat Association (AZDBA) to promote intercultural exchange, friendship, and wellness in Tempe; and
- WHEREAS,** Since its inception, the AZDBA has welcomed Breast Cancer Survivor (BCS) teams from all over the globe, holding a special ceremony on both land and water to honor those affected by all types of cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2007, the AZDBA expanded paddling to adaptive athletes with sensory or physical disabilities providing special accommodations for inclusion; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Tempe is proud to recognize the dedicated officers, members, and volunteers of the AZDBA, who continue to plan and organize events, including the 20th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival at Tempe Town Lake, for fostering community, cultural celebration, and athletic excellence in our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Corey Woods, Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, do hereby declare:

**March 2026**  
as  
**Dragon Boat Month**  
in Tempe, Arizona



IN WITNESS WHEREOF,  
I hereunto set my hand this  
28th Day of March, Two  
Thousand and Twenty-Six.

  
Corey D. Woods



## Entertainment

Sound by: Mike Silba from Silba Enterprise with Ronnie Cristy

**Master of Ceremony: Davida Pi'ilani Lee Kauhane**

### **Saturday, March 28**

- 9:00AM—Opening Ceremony  
Tempe Mayor—Corey Woods  
Community Leader - Eva Li  
National Anthem - Micah Poland  
Abbot Ajan Anusorn from Wat Thai Pisalabutara  
AZDBA President—Michele Laye  
AZDBA Vice President—Ronda Carlson  
AZDBA Founder - Marcie Greenberg
- 10:00 AM - Lion Dance
- 10:30 AM - Sponsors and Vendors Recognition
- 11:30 AM - Ken Koshio and Koshio Gumi - Taiko Drumming
- 12:30 PM - Lim Family Martial Arts
- 1:30 PM - Filipino Performing Arts of Arizona
- 2:00 PM - Phoenix Asian American Lions Club
- 2:30 pm - Mike Silba sings
- 3:30 PM - Vanessa Alba Aka Jacjac sings
- 5:00 PM - Corporate Team Awards

### **Sunday, March 29**

- 9:00 AM - Cecille Waller sing
- 9:30 AM - Dance music/karaoke
- 10:00 AM - Breast Cancer Survivor Ceremony
- 11:00 AM - Team Finals Award Ceremony
- 11:30 AM - Filipino Martial Arts (Scottsdale)
- 12:00 PM - Kerwin Pasia's electric guitar
- 1:00 PM - Tai Chi By Betty Dong
- 1:30 PM - Kriti Dance
- 2:00 PM - Dynamic Martial Arts
- 3:00 PM - Mike Silba sings
- 4:00 PM - Dance music



## 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**—Sorbet of varying flavors, coffee floats, coffee, Rootbeer floats and mandarin lime floats



**Hot Bamboo**—Character steamed buns, dumplings, spam musubi, lemonade or water/soda (if allowed)



**OG Poke AZ**—Poke Bowl (Spicy Aioli or Furikake poke)

-Poke Nachos

-Kalua Bowl

-Kalua Nachos

-Canned Juice, bottled water, and soda

**Sugarcane and Boba Juice Bar**—Fresh sugarcane juice, boba milktea, fruit tea, fruit lemonade, coffee. Waffles, Vietnamese street food.



**Herculean Chicken**—We are a pop-up mobile food tent that sells Taiwanese style fried chicken (chicken breast, chicken thigh, chicken tenders). We will also have Taiwanese soft drinks and water for the event. We will finalize the menu closer to the event.



**Tropical Sno**— Shaved Ice

**Krazy Nuts** - Cinnamon roasted Almonds, Pecans and Cashews, Boba Lemonades, Labubu stuffed toys.

### MERCHANDISE



**Excel Screen Printing** - Official Dragon Boat merchandise

**CCWC Sunsoon**—50/50 raffle other fundraising items to fundraise for Sunsoon

**Na Leo O Ke Kai OC Club**—Club merchandise such as but not limited to shirts, hats, bags, stickers, etc



**Parakareka Designs**—Parekareka Designs create jerseys and apparel for all paddlers. We will have jerseys, jackets, and hats available. We will also have handcrafted leis to celebrate your team or any special occasion.



# 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!



**Mayo Clinic** - Mayo Clinic Hospital/Community Relations and Asian Connection Mayo Resource Group will be providing Health information.



**AT & T**—Provide Home and Wireless solutions.



**Spooner**—Spooner is a healthcare organization that primarily offers physical therapy services. We attended the event last year and have a PT, Nick Lane, that is a part of the paddler community. We will be offering free movement screens, spot treatments, and will be offering a paddler wellness exercise program.

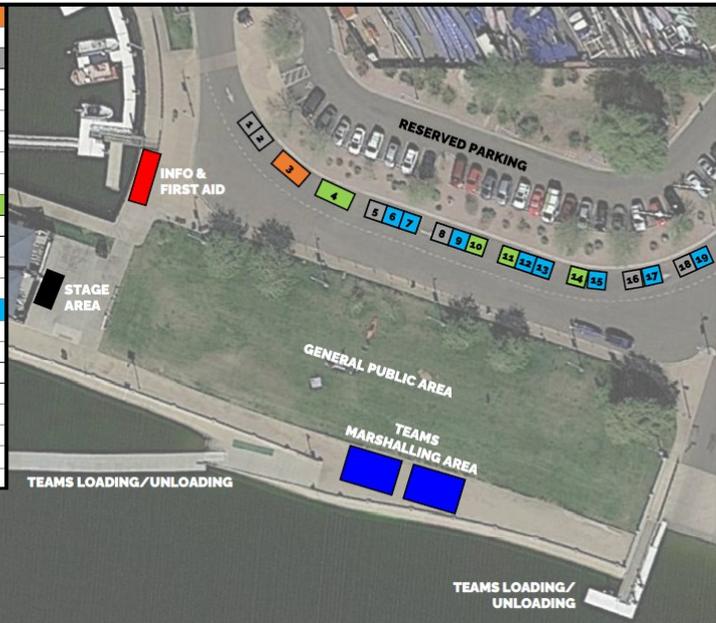
## TRAVEL + LEISURE

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# 20th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival

March 28-29, 2026 \* Tempe Town Lake - North Side

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9	Hot Bamboo
12	OG Poke AZ
13	Sugarcane and Boba Juice Bar
15	Herculean Chicken
17	Tropical Snow
19	Krazy Nuts



# 2026 Divisions & Teams

## All Cancer Survivors

1. Team F Cancer
2. TEAM Survivor Sea Dragons

## Breast Cancer Survivors

1. Phoenix Desert Dragons
2. RAP Lotus
3. NBP Survivors in Sync
4. TEAM Survivor Sea Dragons

## Collegiate

1. Dragon Boat Club at ASU
2. Lusitania
3. RS Diddlers
4. San Jose Dragon Boat
5. Santa Cruz Dragon Boat
6. Titanic
7. UCI Elements Fire
8. UCI Elements Thunder
9. USA Raydon & Piggies
10. USC Cardinal
11. USC Gold

## Corporate

1. ACEL Dragon Warriors
2. Air2o
3. Amazon Dragon Wagon
4. Amazon Prime Time
5. APS AsPIRE
6. Carmada
7. Carvana Dragon Slayers
8. Carvana Kachows
9. Chinese Chamber of Commerce AZ Dragons
10. Dragon Chips
11. EMD Electronics -Copper
12. EMD Electronics -Tungsten
13. InspirASIAN Mountain Dragons
14. La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church
15. Mayo Clinic Healing
16. Mayo Clinic Hope
17. Player 15 Group
18. Santander Dragons
19. SRP
20. Straw Hat Rowers
21. Team ADP
22. Team Intel Blue
23. Team Taiwan
24. TSMC Black Dragon
25. TSMC Red Dragon
26. Vanguard LEAPing Dragons
27. WAB Alliance
28. WAB Dragons

## Masters

1. Adaptive Fusion
2. AeroDragons Masters
3. DragonMax
4. LACDBC G-Dams
5. LACDBC Santa Fe Grands
6. Phoenix Fire Dragons
7. Phoenix Heat Cataclysm
8. San Francisco Dragon Warriors
9. SDDBT Old Fashioned
10. Wasabi Five-O

## Mixed

1. Adaptive Fusion
2. AeroDragons Atlas
3. AeroDragons Delta
4. Arizona Dragon Riders
5. Arizona Gila Dragons
6. BAD Bloodline Team
7. Dragon Boat Club at ASU
8. DragonMax
9. Edric's Otters
10. Galileo Celestial Dragons Black Hole
11. Huli
12. Killer Guppies
13. L.A. Thunder Dragons
14. LACDBC Mixed Drinks
15. LACDBC Mixed Emotions
16. LACDBC Mixed Nuts
17. LACDBC Mixed Up
18. Lincoln Gold
19. Lincoln Red
20. Northwind
21. Pergocet
22. Phantoms
23. Phoenix Fire Dragons
24. Phoenix Heat Atomic
25. Phoenix Heat Blast
26. Rising Tide
27. Rogue Paddling Club
28. RSD Digglegangs and Biggletangs
29. San Francisco Dragon Warriors
30. San Jose Dragon Boat
31. Santa Cruz Dragon Boat
32. SDDBT Glazed Twists
33. SDDBT Rainbow Sprinkles
34. South Bay Synergy x Davis Racing Dragons
35. Space Dragons
36. UCI Elements Fire
37. UCI Elements Thunder
38. USC Cardinal
39. USC Gold

## Rodger Kells Paradrasons

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

## Open

1. AeroDragons Artemis
2. Arizona Sunsoon
3. Bad Bunny Baby Mamas
4. Big Horns
5. LACDBC Dam Men
6. Lincoln Gold
7. Northwind
8. Phoenix Heat Shockwave
9. Phoenix Thunder Dragons
10. Queen Anne's Revenge
11. Rising Tide
12. San Francisco Dragon Warriors
13. SDDBT Chocolate Bars
14. South Bay Synergy x Davis Racing Dragons

## Women

1. 2023 Team USA Open Boat
2. AeroDragons Athena
3. AZDBA SunGi
4. Bay Area Baddies
5. Cougars
6. Creamy Boys
7. LACDBC Awesome Divas
8. LACDBC Dam's Angels
9. Let it Ride
10. Lincoln Gold
11. Long Beach ReBelles
12. NBP Paddling Women
13. Phoenix Haboobs
14. Phoenix Heat Bombshells
15. RAP Flying Fish
16. RAP Malolo
17. Sapphire Dragon Riders
18. SDDBT Red Velvet
19. Team Survivor Sea Dragons
20. Victory United
21. Wasabi Women

## Youth

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

## Youth

1. CrAZy Cuddlefish Blue
2. LACDBC Youth

# 2025 Race Results & Awards



## 19th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival March 29-30, 2025 - Tempe Town Lake

### ALL CANCER PADDLER

Team	Avg.	Place
Team F Cancer	2:45.96	1
Team Survivor San Diego	2:53.09	2

### BREAST CANCER PADDLER

Team	Avg.	Place
RAP Water Dragons	2:35.26	1
Team Survivor San Diego	2:47.79	2
Phoenix Double Ds	2:48.31	3

### COLLEGIATE A

Team	Time	Place
UCSD Fit	2:03.55	1
Cal Dragon Boat	2:04.04	2
UCI Elements Thunder	2:04.88	3

### COLLEGIATE B

Team	Time	Place
ASU Gold	2:13.99	1
RSD DRD SPACE 1	2:14.66	2
UCI Elements Fire	2:15.31	3

### CORPORATE A

Team	Time	Place
Team Intel Blue	1:14.15	1
Chinese Chamber of Commerce	1:17.57	2
Carvana Armada	1:20.38	3

### CORPORATE B

Team	Time	Place
Western Alliance Bank	1:17.09	1
EMD Tech Dragons	1:19.97	2
Mayo Clinic Healing	1:21.12	3

### CORPORATE C

Team	Time	Place
AT&T InspirASIAN Dragons	1:20.06	1
Amazon Dragon Wagon	1:21.48	2
Mayo Clinic Hope	1:26.93	3

### CORPORATE D

Team	Time	Place
ASM EPI-Taxi	1:28.44	1
Thermal ALD	1:33.11	2
ASM Team Platform Rocks	1:36.45	3

### MASTERS

Team	Time	Place
San Diego	2:06.86	1
LACDBC Masters	2:07.39	2
Phoenix Fire Dragons	2:20.47	3

### MIXED - DIVISION A

Team	Time	Place
Rising Tide	2:02.31	1
Arizona Blaze Canoe Club	2:03.01	2
San Diego - Gold	2:03.90	3

### MIXED - DIVISION B

Team	Time	Place
Gila Dragons	2:08.98	1
SJDB Odyssey	2:09.14	2
South Bay Synergy	2:10.86	3

### MIXED - DIVISION C

Team	Time	Place
Killer Guppies	2:13.79	1
Phoenix Fire Dragons	2:14.49	2
UCLA Gold	2:16.05	3

### MIXED - DIVISION D

Team	Time	Place
Arizona Dragon Riders	2:17.32	1
LARD	2:17.34	2
ASU Maroon	2:19.22	3

### OPEN

Team	Time	Place
Rising Tide	1:57.56	1
Arizona Blaze Inferno	2:01.22	2
UCSD Tanned	2:01.40	3

### PARADAGONS

Team	Avg.	Place
Adaptive Fusion	1:09.55	1
Team Blue (Blue)	1:09.75	2
Team Blue (White)	1:21.18	3

### WOMEN A

Team	Time	Place
LACDBC Women	2:17.73	1
RAP Fire Dragons	2:19.03	2
UCSD Toned	2:19.09	3



## 2025 Race Results & Awards (continued)



# 19th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival

## March 29-30, 2025 - Tempe Town Lake

WOMEN B		
Team	Time	Place
Phoenix Haboobs	2:23.32	1
Let it Ride	2:27.58	2
RSD DRD SPACE 1	2:29.33	3

YOUTH			
Team	Avg.	Place	
LACDBC Youth	1:11.11	1	
CrAZy CuddlefisH White	1:17.69	2	
CrAZy CuddlefisH Blue	1:19.30	3	

250M KNOCK OUT A		
Team	Time	Place
Rising Tide	0:59.18	1
San Diego Dragon Boat Team	1:01.62	2
UCSD Fit	1:01.92	3

250M KNOCK OUT B		
Team	Time	Place
SJDB Odyssey	1:05.64	1
South Bay Synergy	1:06.03	2
AeroDragons	1:06.13	3

250M KNOCK OUT C		
Team	Time	Place
Arizona Dragon Riders	1:08.31	1
LA Thunder Mixed	1:09.72	2
11th Hour	1:09.81	3

250M KNOCK OUT D		
Team	Time	Place
UCSD Ready	1:07.31	1
RAP Fire Dragons	1:08.64	2
Space Dragons	1:09.45	3

250M KNOCK OUT E		
Team	Time	Place
RAP Water Dragons	1:13.88	1
DragonMax	1:19.49	2
Wasabi Five-O	1:20.60	3

GUTS & GLORY A		
Team	Time	Place
Rising Tide	5:56.88	1
UCSD Fit	6:15.19	2
Arizona Blaze Canoe Club	6:23.17	3

GUTS & GLORY B		
Team	Time	Place
Arizona Gila Dragon	6:33.67	1
South Bay Synergy	6:50.57	2
All Glory No Guts	6:50.91	3

GUTS & GLORY C		
Team	Time	Place
Killer Guppies	6:49.05	1
Los Angeles Racing Dragons	7:03.89	2
RSD SPACE DRD FUN 1	7:14.33	3

GUTS & GLORY D		
Team	Time	Place
RAP Fire Dragons	6:43.00	1
Space Dragons	6:58.67	2
UCSD Ready	7:05.35	3

GUTS & GLORY E		
Team	Time	Place
RAP Water Dragons	7:16.83	1
Team Blue	7:38.49	2
Wasabi Five-O	7:54.37	3

SPECIAL TEAM AWARDS	
Fastest 500M Time of the Festival	Rising Tide - 1:57.56 (Open - Final)
"Spirit of Qu Yuan" Award	Santander Dragons



**2023 Team USA Open Boat..... USA**

**ACEL Dragon Warriors ..... Tempe, AZ**



ACEL (Asian Corporate & Entrepreneur Leaders) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering Asian and Pacific Islander professionals, entrepreneurs, and students through leadership development, mentorship, and community engagement. ACEL connects emerging and established leaders across industries, fostering collaboration, professional growth, and social impact. Through conferences, workshops, mentorship programs, and community initiatives, ACEL builds a strong pipeline of diverse leaders and strengthens partnerships between corporate, academic, and community stakeholders to advance inclusive leadership and economic opportunity

**Adaptive Fusion.....**



Adaptive Fusion is a paradrugon team whose paddlers have various physical and/or hidden challenges, along with support paddlers and crew. We are four-time Club Crew National Paradrugon Champions and have medaled at two Club Crew World Championships. Many of our adaptive athletes were selected to Team USA Paradrugons in 2023 and 2025.

Our mission is to promote and inspire the growth of paradrugons worldwide and to race at the highest levels of competition. We continue to recruit paradrugons and support paddlers. Visit our website at [adaptivefusion.org](http://adaptivefusion.org)\*



**Aero Dragons ..... Carson, CA**



AeroDragons is a competitive recreational team and we are a member team of the Southern California Dragon Boat Club (SCDBC).

Our goal is to empower and train individuals to become outstanding paddlers and to cultivate a deeper appreciation for Asian/Pacific and other cultural heritages through team building, recreation, friendship and fun.

We have been paddling since 2004. Our home base is Mothers Beach, Naples Island, Long Beach, California

**Air2o .....**

**Amazon Dragon Wagon & Amazon Prime Time ..... Tempe, AZ**



We're Amazon Dragon Wagon and Amazon Prime Time, two crews of Amazonians from right across the lake at our corporate offices on Mill Ave and Rio Salado. This is our 3rd consecutive year competing at the Tempe Town Lake Dragon Boat Festival. What started as a team building idea has become a tradition we look forward to every year, and we're fired up to be back on the water. See you at the start line!

**APS AsPIRE .....**

**Arizona Dragon Riders ..... Peoria, AZ**



The Arizona Dragon Riders team was established in Spring of 2008. We are just ordinary people who like to accomplish extraordinary things in dragon boating, we welcome all walks of life to form a fun and competitive dragon boating team. Contact us at [Lana@azdragonriders.com](mailto:Lana@azdragonriders.com) for more exciting details.

**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!

**Arizona Sunsoon ..... Tempe, AZ**

- AZDBA SunGi..... Tempe, AZ
- BAD Bloodline Team .....
- Bad Bunny Baby Mamas .....
- Bay Area Baddies..... Bay Area, CA
- Carmada.....
- Carvana Dragon Slayers ..... Tempe, Arizona
- Carvana Kachows ..... Tempe, Arizona
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Arizona (CCCA)..... Phoenix
- CrAZy Cuddfish ..... Tempe, AZ
- Creamy Boys
- Dragon Boat at ASU ..... Tempe, AZ
- Dragon Chips
- Dragon Max..... Berkeley, CA

DragonMax is an eclectic group of members who have a passion for dragon boating. We have different levels that include young and mature and seasoned and new paddlers.

DragonMax trains year-round in Berkeley, California using dragon boats, outrigger canoes, and kayaks. As part of the Berkeley Racing Canoe Center, we provide access to the San Francisco Bay for all community members year-round. We are a warm and welcoming family that sticks together both on off the water.



We love Tempe and are glad we are returning!

- Edric's Otters .....
- EMD Electronics—Copper and Tungsten.....
- Galileo Celestial Dragons Black Hole.....
- InspirASIAN Mountain Dragons .....
- Killer Guppies ..... Los Angeles, CA



**L.A. Thunder Dragons ..... Long Beach, CA**

**La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church .....Scottsdale, A**

La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, Arizona celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2025, sailing into the next 50 years. In 2026, we are going to paddle our way into the 20th anniversary of the Arizona Dragon Boat Festival!

**LACDBC Awesome Divas .....Los Angeles, CA**

**LACDBC Dam Men**

**LACDBC Dam's Angels**

**LACDBC G-Dams**

**LACDBC Mixed Drinks**

**LACDBC Mixed Emotions**

**LACDBC Mixed Nuts**

**LACDBC Mixed Up**

**LACDBC Santa Fe Grands**

**LACDBC Youth**

(Yep, 10 teams this year!! Thanks Nathan!!)

**Let it Ride .....**

**Lincoln Gold and Red .....**

**Long Beach ReBelles..... Long Beach, CA**

**Lusitania .....**

**Mayo Clinic Healing and Mayo Clinic Hope .....Pheonix, AZ**

**NBP Paddling Women and Survivors in Sync .....**

**Northwind ..... San Francisco, CA**



Founded in 2015 and based in San Francisco, Northwind seeks to raise the standard of dragon boating in Northern California by providing opportunities to compete at the highest level of competition and an inclusive training environment. We strive to become the best versions of ourselves through

supporting each other's goals and enjoying the company we meet along the way.

**Pergocet .....**

## Phantoms

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 regularly competes in other venues. We also established Colorado's first cancer survivor program.

## Phoenix Desert Dragons

## Phoenix Fire Dragons

## Phoenix Haboobs

## Phoenix Heat Atomic

## Phoenix Heat Blast

## Phoenix Heat Bombshells

## Phoenix Heat Cataclysm

## Phoenix Heat Shockwave



Founded in 2024, Phoenix Heat Canoe Club is Arizona's premier destination for competitive Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoe. We bridge the gap between high-performance racing and a tight-knit athlete community. We embrace the "hard-fun" of the sport—pushing limits through disciplined training and celebrating the grit off

the water. Driven by mutual mentorship, our paddling veterans train alongside newcomers to forge a powerful, synchronized crew. At PHCC, you aren't just joining a team; you're joining a family that thrives in the heat and always paddles for the person sitting next to them. Come find your seat!



Phoenix Thunder Dragons.....

Player 15 Group.....

Queen Anne's Revenge .....

RAP Flying Fish

RAP Lotus.....

RAP Malolo .....

Rising Tide .....

**Rocky Mountain Dragon Boat Club (Huli, Big Horns, & Cougars) ...Aurora, CO**



The Rocky Mountain Dragon Boat Club is a new club based out of Aurora, Colorado. We have three teams participating at Tempe: Huli (mixed), Big Horns (open/male), and Cougars. (women). See you all on the water!

Rogue Paddling Club.....



RS Diddlers .....

RSD Diggelbangs and Biggletangs.....

San Francisco Dragon Warriors.....San Francisco, CA

San Jose Dragon Boat .....

Santa Cruz Dragon Boat .....

Santa Cruz, CA

Santander Dragons.....



**Sapphire Dragon Riders.....**

The Sapphire Dragon Riders is the women dragon boat team from the Arizona Dragon Riders team. We're strongest when we paddle and support each other in the boat; we have no fear and confidence in ourselves. Contact us at [ana@azdragonriders.com](mailto:ana@azdragonriders.com) for more exciting details.

**SDDBT Chocolate Bars.....San Diego, CA**

**SDDBT Glazed Twists**

**SDDBT Old Fashioned**

**SDDBT Rainbow Sprinkles**

**SDDBT Red Velvet**

Formed in 1983, San Diego Dragon Boat Team (SDDBT) is committed to preserving the history, culture, and growth of Dragon Boat. Ranging in age from our teens to 70s, we strengthen our community and ourselves through camaraderie and active, healthy living.

## **South Bay Synergy x Davis Racing Dragons**

### **Space Dragons**

### **SRP**

### **Straw Hat Rowers**

### **Team ADP**

### **Team Blue (Blue)**

### **Team Blue (White)**

### **Team F Cancer**

### **Team Intel Blue**



With seven gold medals in the last eight festivals, the legendary Intel Blue Dragon Boat crew—six-time defending corporate champions—returns once again to chase glory.

This dedicated team is built from passionate athletes across every discipline and every walk of life, united by grit, heart, and an unshakable commitment to excellence.

Together, they rise—paddling as one—to prove they have what it takes to elevate their performance, uphold their unmatched sportsmanship, and bring home yet another corporate championship gold.

The bar is high.  
The Blue Dragons are coming.



## Team Survivor Sea Dragons

Team Survivor San Diego Sea Dragons is a group of fun loving, dedicated women of various ages, backgrounds, and athletic abilities who are dragon boaters. We are cancer survivors who share the same goal: to enhance our own physical fitness while sharing the joys and benefits of dragon boating with all who are interested. Team Survivor San Diego began in 2008 and offers dragon boat paddling on the beautiful Mission Bay, yoga, various community activities, and online fitness classes. For more information, please email [team@teamsurvivorsd.org](mailto:team@teamsurvivorsd.org)



## Team Taiwan



Team Taiwan is thrilled to return for the 20th Arizona Annual Dragon Boat Festival! Representing the spirit of resilience and teamwork, our crew is a mix of passionate paddlers dedicated to honoring tradition while pushing for the finish line. We ride the waves with pride, strength, and a shared love for our heritage. Go Team Taiwan!

## Titanic

## TSMC Black Dragon TSMC Red Dragon

## UCI Elements Fire UCI Elements Thunder

We are UCI Elements, UC Irvine's collegiate dragon boat team going into our 23rd generation of paddlers. Our crews represent wind, for the drive that moves us forward; fire, for the competitive passion that burns inside us; and thunder, for the energy we bring to each race. IRVINE STRONG!

## UCLA



UCLA Dragon Boat is a student-run competitive Club Sports team. We are 50 paddlers strong, making up two race crews: Blue and Gold. Through hard work and dedication, our team not only helps its members develop as paddlers, but also as students, athletes, and leaders. Above all else, UCLA Dragon Boat strives to be competitive, passionate, and fun.

## USA Raydon & Piggies

## USC Cardinal USC Gold

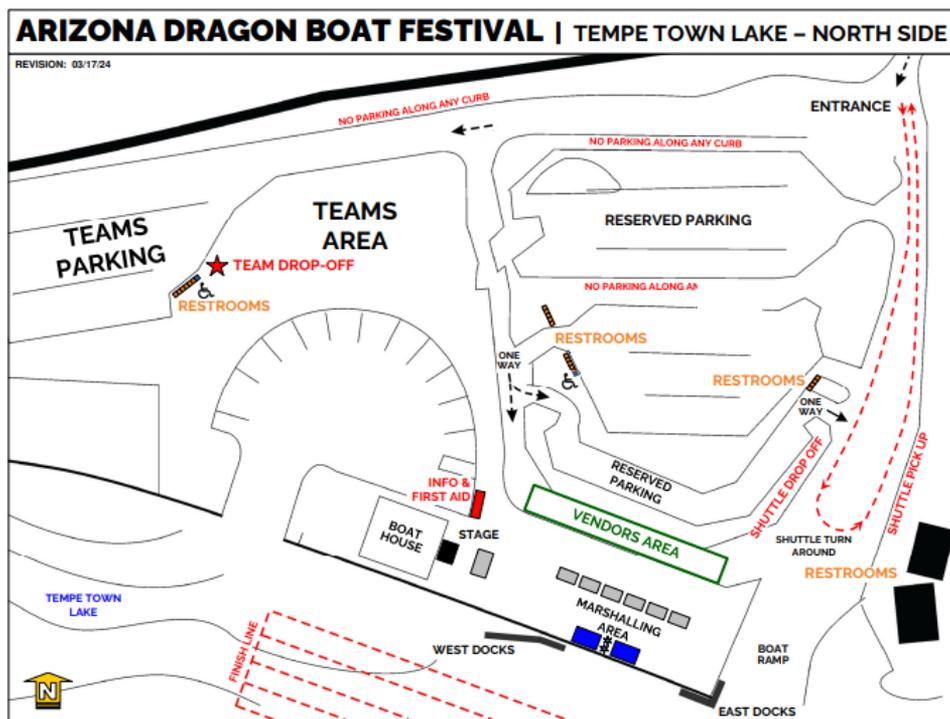
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We hope to see you all soon at another race and back next year!



# Arizona Dragon Boat Festival Photos

