

Rotary Dragon Boat Festival 2025

Sunday 8th June 2025

Baltic Wharf, Bristol Docks

Organised by Bristol Breakfast Rotary Club

In conjunction with Dragon Boat Events Ltd

Event website: www.bristolrotarydragons.org

**To raise money for local and global charities supporting food poverty,
education and homelessness**

An opportunity for everyone to have a great day out

WHAT IS DRAGON BOAT RACING?

Dragon Boat Racing has become a popular water sport in Britain. It caters for all ages in one crew, male and female, mixed abilities and people with disabilities. It requires no previous experience and above all it's great fun. A Dragon Boat is similar to a long canoe, which requires a crew of 17 including a drummer to participate in each race. The sport organisers provide all the boats, instruction, paddles, buoyancy aids and safety systems.

TEAMS REQUIRED

Each team is asked to provide a crew of 17 including a drummer to participate in each race (must be a minimum crew of 13). All team members should be able to swim 50 yards in light clothing and the minimum age is 16. There will be a series of heats over a course of approximately 200 metres. Each team will race in at least three heats and the fastest six teams will then go through to the semi-finals and finals.

SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

There will be a professional Race Commentator on the day. Teams are encouraged to enter into the spirit of the Festival by wearing fancy dress or team hats & T shirts. Prizes will be awarded for the best fancy dress. It is strongly recommended that teams bring along their own gazebos, barbecues, food and drinks. The day will conclude with a prize giving ceremony.

RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY

Teams will be raising money for local and other Rotary Charities unless otherwise agreed.

This year we are raising funds for local and global charities supporting food poverty, education and homelessness.

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AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded to:

- 1 The winning teams
- 2 The best fancy dress teams
- 3 The team that raises the most sponsorship money
- 4 The individual who raises the most sponsorship money
- 5 All individuals who personally raise over £250 in sponsorship

BOOKING FORM AND ENTRY COSTS

Please complete and return the enclosed booking form which will reserve your team a place. Since we can only race 36 teams in a day, registration will be on a first come first served basis.

The entrance fee of £550, which is good value for a day's fun and Team Building, is due to be paid by the 30th April 2025. This covers event running costs.

LOCATION

The Dragon Boat Festival 2025 will take place at the Baltic Wharf, Cumberland Road, Bristol, close to the Cottage Inn.

DATE AND TIME

Sunday 8th June 2025. The first race will start at 10.00 a.m. 36 teams racing would be a full day with the final at around 5.00 p.m.

ANY QUESTIONS

Should be directed to: -

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