



Festival Plan: Salford Dragon Boat Festival



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Venue: The event venue will be held at [Ontario Basin](#), Salford Quays Water sports Centre, Salford. M50 3SQ

Registration: Registration will be located at Race The Dragon's Event Control marquee and will open at 09:00. Once your team has been registered and the paperwork handed in, your team is to proceed to the photo-shoot area by the slipway where team photos will be taken.

At registration we will need from each team Captain:

1. **Confirmation your team is ready** to go (or has sufficient numbers (12) to race if there are late comers)
2. Your **team information** sheet if you want us to read out info about your team

Please allow yourself plenty of time to park & arrive on site.

Race Format: After the opening ceremony, the first two teams will be called up for safety briefings. For the day's race program to work smoothly, we use a computerised system that ensures:

1. You do not race against the same team twice
2. The time interval between your races are as even as possible
3. You do not race in the same lane twice in succession unless mathematically impossible

There are also a number of Challenge Races head-to-head's built into Round 3.

Late Arrivals: So that your whole day to runs smoothly, if there are people in your team who are either late or not on site when your team is called up to be briefed / race, you will either have to race without them or (if there are insufficient numbers to race with), miss that race altogether. No refunds will be given to anyone who misses their race - and no safety briefings or late entries will be permitted once race 16 (start of Round 2) has been called.

- Safety:**
1. A full safety briefing will be given by the boat helm to each team prior to the start of round one and **all** team members who intend paddling during the day will need to attend.
 2. At the end of the briefing you will be given a coloured safety band, which shows you have attended and understood the safety briefing and what was said. Only people wearing these safety bands will be allowed into the dragon boats, so do not lose / remove your band otherwise you will have to undergo another complete safety briefing before you will be issued with a new band!
 3. Everybody in a dragon boat is required to wear one of the buoyancy aids provided.
 4. There will be two safety boats on standby ready to rescue the crews in case of a capsize.
 5. Capsizes can happen – but thanks to the skill of the Race the Dragon Ltd. helms (who I know personally and are probably the best in the country), they are quite infrequent. The crews most vulnerable to capsizing are either heavy crews ... or teams that do not pay attention during their briefing!



Covered parking (paying) for up to 700 cars is available in the nearby Lowry Centre.



A very limited number of disabled spaces are available for disabled badge holders at the Water Sports Centre at Salford Quays. These places cannot be reserved and are available on a first come, first served basis only.
You must display your disabled badge on the day.

Team numbers: Each boat will have a maximum of 17 people (1 drummer, plus 16 paddlers) although you can have less. Each boat will also have a qualified helm provided by Race the Dragon Ltd. There is no limit on the number of people that can register for each team. If you are a heavy crew and feel it would be to your advantage to have less people in the boat, dragon boats will go just as well with as little as 12 paddlers in it. You must always have a drummer in the boat, whatever the number of paddlers.

Course length: Approximately 175 metres.

Event Control: The event will be controlled from the Race the Dragon Ltd. event control marquee located inside the small gate by the quayside.



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- Race Format:** The race format will be dependant on final team numbers and will either be a 2-on-2 format (two boats racing whilst the other two load) or three boat racing. Each team will get a minimum of three timed races with the single fastest time being used for qualification into the final round. So don't worry if you make a hash of one (or two) races because one good time is all you need. In the final round, it is a dramatic and exciting race to the finish.
- Race Order:** A complete Race Order is now available for download from the menu on the home page.
- First Aid:** First Aid will be available from Event Control where a First Aid pack available for minor First Aid. The key instructors are First Aid trained and there will be a Senior Registered Nurse on hand at Event Control. A dedicated mobile phone will be kept on standby at Event Control in the case of emergencies.
- Marquees:** For teams wishing to bring their own temporary shelters, a completed and signed "Temporary Shelter Waiver Form" will first need to be handed in to Registration.
PLEASE NOTE: No team temporary shelter of any sort will be permitted without a signed waiver.
- Food:** **Out to Lunch Catering** will be providing the catering on the day from their catering outlet near Event Control. A selection of cooked breakfast rolls, and for later in the day: Sausages, burgers, pork roasts with rolls, chips, vegetarian food and hot & cold drinks will be available for purchase on the day. If you want to bring your own food you are welcome to do so, alternatively there are a number of food outlets within walking distance nearby.
- Toilets:** These are located inside the Water Sports the Water Sports Centre (also changing facilities, if you need it).
- Clothing, Footwear, Personal Safety:** Paddling is best done in lightweight clothing appropriate for the weather. On cold days multiple layers of lightweight clothing are far better than a thick jumper or similar. Footwear needs to be water suitable, so Crocks, Soggs, sandals or just old trainers you don't mind them getting wet.
No bare feet or wellington boots please and girls (boys?) please, no high heels as we get complaints from the other teams if fountains start springing up in their boat. Please remember that the sun can be strong even if the wind is cool, so make sure you have sun cream and hats – especially if bringing children.
- Water safety** In circumstances where any team member(s) are, in the opinion of any official from Race the Dragon Ltd., deliberately trying to capsize the boat or behaving in such a way that could result in either damage to the boats or a danger to the crew, then those officials have the authority to request that the time for their last race to be cancelled. Cancelled times will be excluded from Grand Final qualification purposes. In more serious cases or where excess alcohol is also suspected, the official has the authority to disqualify the team member(s) from further participation in the event and their wrist band will be removed. Where such person(s) are disqualified but refuse to leave the crew or return their wristband, it is the responsibility of the Team Captain to assist the RTD official. If the disqualified person(s) still refuses to comply, then the whole team may be disqualified from further participation in the day. No refund will be due to any person / team disqualified. In the event of an appeal the decision of the Chief Marshal will be final.
- Tactics:** [Listen to your helm!](#) They are all experienced in the ways of dragon boating and are there to help you. We can't guarantee you will always have the same helm!
The secret to dragon boating is team rhythm and timing. If everyone works in sync together, then you will achieve good times. Be warned, it only takes one or two people in the boat to get out of time and stop paddling for the whole boat to slow right down.
- Fun:** Have fun! You are about to take part in the UK's fastest growing water sport and we have a great day planned for you. Most people competing will be complete novices and will not have done this before either. Mere words cannot convey the atmosphere, the fun, the excitement and energy of the festival you are about to take part in. All we can promise you is ... you are going to have a great day out and should be justifiably proud of the money you have helped raise for your nominated charity through your participation in the Salford Charity Dragon Boat Festival.



Race Times:

09:00	Registration open
09:35	Team photo-shoots to start
09:55	Registration closes
10:00	Event start and introduction.
10:03	First teams called up for their safety briefings.
10:33	Start of Race 1.
12:37	Start of Race 2.
14:07	Start of Race 3.
15:40	Grand Final Race
15:50	Award ceremony and prize giving.
16:00	Festival End

The Race Program will show expected call-up times as well as race times for each race. Please ensure you know which race you are in, especially if you are thinking of drinking in the Quay House pub where inside it is both noisy and has **NO** p.a. coverage?



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