



PAN AMERICAN CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIP

 PANAMA, REP. OF PANAMA • 2023

Bulletin # 1

Dear Members of the Pan American Dragon Boat Fraternity. Greetings from Panama!

With the support of the Pan American Dragon Boat Federation and the Trinidad & Tobago Dragon Boat Federation, this sport started in Panama just seven years ago and it was very successful immediately with 2 yearly races. We also gained very valuable experience with our participation in the PACCC in Puerto Rico and in Trinidad & Tobago, which gave us the confidence to host PACCC 2023.

Panama City, the capital of the Republic of Panama, is a very cosmopolitan city, a delightful combination of the historic and the modern, the International and the Latino, with a Manhattan-like skyline, framed by the Pacific Ocean and the man-made Panama Canal.

The Miraflores Locks offers views of ships transiting the Panama Canal, an essential shipping route linking the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. We have a warm tropical weather, great shopping malls, restaurants, bilingual and friendly locals, and we use the US Dollar for daily transactions. In fact, Panama is considered today as one of the best places for retirement.

Must see Panama sites "Casco Viejo", its cobblestoned historic center, is famed for colonial-era landmarks and bougainvillea-filled plazas lined with cafes and bars.

It will be our pleasure and honor to host you all in Panama next year. In addition to all that Panama City can offer its visitors, our most important asset is our Panamanian team that support Dragon Boat and are fully committed to make the PACCC 2023 a very successful, memorable and historic international event.



**More details will follow in subsequent bulletins.
Here is some preliminary information:**

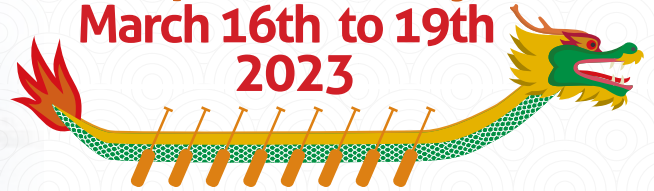




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Competition Days
March 16th to 19th
2023



Competition Venue

Amador Causeway, Panama City. In the Bay of Panama, protected by the causeway alongside, the course is quite smooth and deep, but may run into some wind and waves. With a beautiful view of the city, with shops and restaurants, located just 14 km (8 miles) from city center.

Competition Hotels

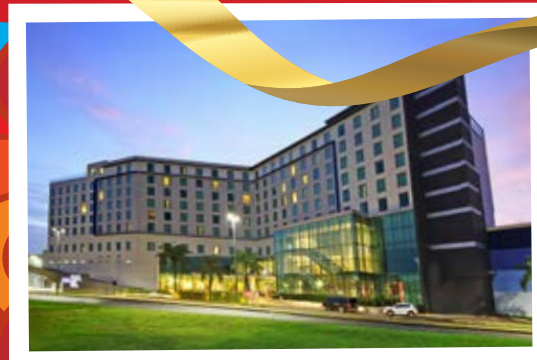
There are two Official Hotels for the PACCC 2023.

The Panama Hotel by Faranda Grand, located in the heart of the Central Business District. Large rooms with a nice swimming pool area. Near shops, supermarket and restaurants. Easy access to Metro line and all transportation modes.

Wyndham Panama Albrook Mall Hotel & Convention Center. Located adjacent to Albrook Mall, one of the largest international shopping malls, with variety of stores, amenities, supermarket, and food courts.



The Panama Hotel by Faranda Grand



Wyndham Panama Albrook Mall Hotel & Convention Center.



There will be single, double, triple and quadruple accommodations and all of them include buffet breakfast for its guests.

In the next bulletin these Hotels will assign us a reservation code with the special rate for those attending the PACCC 2023. We will also post alternative hotel and hostels.

Please note that official transportation will be provided only from the above official hotels to the venue to those registered participants to the event.

Official Carrier

Copa Airlines as one of the sponsors for the PACCC 2023 is the official carrier. In the next bulletin a reservation code will be provided with the special discount rate for all participants.

Competition Classes

Junior Mixed U-16
Junior Women U-16
Junior Open U-16

Senior A Mixed
Senior A Women
Senior A Open

Junior Mixed U-21
Junior Women U-21
Junior Open U-21

Senior B Mixed
Senior B Women
Senior B Open

Premier Mixed
Premier Women
Premier Open

Senior C Mixed
Senior C Women
Senior C Open

Female Breast Cancer Survivors

Competition Distances

2000 m, 1000 m, 500m, and 200 meters. **This event is a Small Boat Championship only.**

Registration

To be advised soon

International Race Official Certification

We are delighted that IDBF President Mike Thomas has accepted our invitation to attend the Championship. Bernadette Burns and Paula Humphries will be conducting classes and assessments for those desirous of attaining IDBF International Race Official Grade 1 Certification. More details to follow.



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Here is our proposed program, subject to registration and race scheduling:

Monday, March 13

- Teams arrive. Registration. Practice on race site.
- Tours

Tuesday, March 14

- Teams arrive. Registration. Practice on race site.
- Tours
- IRO classes begin

Wednesday, March 15

- Teams arrive. Registration. Practice on race site.
- Tours
- IRO classes continue
- IROs visiting the race site
- Team Captains Briefing at The Panama Hotel
- Opening Ceremony at Wyndham Hotel
- Shopping at the largest mall in Panama, Albrook Mall

Thursday, March 16

- 2,000 m races

Friday, March 17

- 1,000 m races
- PADBF Council Meeting Congress at The Panama Hotel

Saturday, March 18

- 500 m races

Sunday, March 19

- 200 m races
- Closing Ceremony
- Dinner and dance party at The Panama Hotel

Monday, March 20

- Teams departure
- You are all welcome to further enjoy Panama, please ask our organizer group for special tours packages and extended stay hotel (Before or after the event).

We hope you all can make it and look forward to see you in March 2023!

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Sincerely,

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