



Peachtree City Dragon Boat Race & International Festival

**Drake Field, Peachtree City, GA
September 26th, 2026**

Invitation and Information

Race Teams, Vendors, Entertainers, Sponsors, Volunteers

BULLETIN #1



Fellow Athletes, Sponsors, Vendors, Entertainers, and Volunteers:

It is with great excitement and heartfelt gratitude that I welcome you to the 2nd annual Peachtree City Dragon Boat Race & International Festival, taking place on September 26, 2026. Whether you are here to paddle, cheer, or simply enjoy the vibrant festivities, your presence makes this event truly special.

This milestone event is the culmination of months of dedication and hard work by the Peach State Dragon Boat Academy Board and a remarkable team of volunteers. Their passion and commitment have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all.

We are especially thankful for PanAm Dragon Boat for their partnership and expertise, which have been indispensable throughout this journey. Special thanks also go to the City of Peachtree City, the Visit Peachtree City Convention and Visitors Bureau, TDK America, GoSeeDoATL, Muldrow Marketing, and Management Virtually Powered for their invaluable support and encouragement in helping us make this day a reality.

Today, as we celebrate sport, culture, and community, I hope you will take the time to enjoy the camaraderie, marvel at the beauty of dragon boat racing, and immerse yourself in the international spirit that makes this festival unique.

The net proceeds of this event will go towards the purchase of new boats and equipment to support year-round paddling opportunities for seniors, cancer survivors, para-athletes, and other interested adults of all abilities in Fayette County, GA. Thank you again for all your support.

PADDLES UP!

Jessica Walker
Founder
Peach State Dragon Boat Academy

Peachtree City Dragon Boat Race & International Festival
Peachtree City, Georgia September 26, 2026





CONTACTS For any questions please contact **festival@psdba.org**

LOCATION AND VENUE Drake Field on Lake Peachtree, located in Peachtree City, Georgia, can be seen at this link:
<https://visitpeachtreecity.com/plan/360-virtual-tour/>

Link to the [Peachtree City Visitor's Guide](#)

As a visitor to the City of Peachtree City, you can enjoy 100+ miles of paved multi-use paths connecting you to shopping, dining, retreat-styled hotel/conference centers, leisure sports, and other recreation. Shop each of Peachtree City's five distinct Villages filled with locally-owned boutiques and national chains, along with premier dining experiences featuring almost every cuisine imaginable.

Located 25 minutes from Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson Airport, our city boasts eight hotels and more than 100 restaurants

FESTIVAL RACE COURSE **Address:** Drake Field, 155 Willowbend Rd., Peachtree City, Georgia 30269
Width: Lake venue
Depth: approx. 2 meters
Racing Lanes: 6 lanes each of 13.5 meters wide
Docks: multiple – and will be positioned for greatest flexibility and ease of loading
Water Quality: healthy quality and tested by the Fayette County Water System; the lake is part of an overall water system which feeds into the water supply for Fayette County
Avg Temp: September average temperatures are a low of 60 and a high of 85



COMPETITION FORMAT

The Peachtree City Dragon Boat Race & International Festival will be produced by PanAm Dragon Boat who will supply 8 small (10-paddler) boats including PFDs (flotation jackets) and paddles.

You are welcome to bring your own IDBF Licensed Paddle showing the Spec 202a Manufacturers Mark. Maximum paddle length is 51 inches.

Our Festival insurance requires ALL paddlers, steers, and drummers to wear a US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD).

PanAm will also provide all the race officials and professional steers.

DUE TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO USE A PANAM STEER

The racing program will be determined by the makeup of the registered teams. All teams will race 2 qualifying heats and 1 final race. There are further opportunities to register for Fastest Time of the Day trophies. The winner of the Knock-Out race will have their 2027 team fees waived (a \$750 value).

Medals for 1st-3rd place in each race category/group will be awarded at the end of the day after the Knock Out race. Medals for the RCC Special Needs teams will be awarded directly after their lunchtime exhibition race.

Free Agent paddlers are committing their availability to help teams who are short paddlers to help fill their rosters. In addition, when there are enough Free Agent paddlers registered, the Festival will create a separate team for them to race in the appropriate category.



RACE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration for Free Agent Paddlers	Follow this link (https://psdba.org/dragon-boat-and-international-festival/) to register as a Free Agent Paddler: • Click the “Register Your Team Here” button. • Choose the Free Agent Paddler category • Pay fees
Registration for Team Captains (Participating and Non- Participating)	Follow this link (https://psdba.org/dragon-boat-and-international-festival/) to register as a Team Captain: • Click the “Register A Team” button. • Choose your team’s racing category (Create a Team) • Create a team name and password • Choose Recreational or Competitive designation • Choose additional fundraiser race options (see below) • Pay fees and/or apply coupon code if you have one • Send your team members the following so they can self-register: ○ Team racing category ○ Team name ○ Team password
Registration for Team Members	Follow this link (https://psdba.org/dragon-boat-and-international-festival/) to register as a Team Member: • Click the “Register A Team” button. • Choose your team’s racing category (Join a Team) • Choose your team’s name and enter the password • Your fees have already been paid



**RACE
REGISTRATION
FEES – TEAMS
AND FREE
AGENTS**

PLEASE NOTE: Prices below will include approx. \$53 additional credit card fees if paid through Active's registration system. To avoid these additional fees, please send a check to:

Peach State Dragon Boat Academy
21 Eastbrook Bend, #216
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Festival Website	Free Agent	Early	Regular	Late	Fastest Time of Day Option	Knockout Race Option
Free Agent Paddler	\$100					
Traveling Teams (outside 100 mile radius of Peachtree City) request coupon code from festival@psdba.org		\$700			\$100 (\$0 for 501c3)	\$150
Local Team Registration		1/1/26 – 5/16/26	5/17/26 – 9/5/26	9/6/26 – 9/20/26	\$100 (\$0 for 501c3)	\$150



**RACE
REGISTRATION
FEES – TEAMS
THAT HAVE
SPONSORSHIPS**

See more details about all sponsor benefits in our Sponsorship Packet: <u>2026 Sponsorship Packet Link</u>		Fastest Time of Day Option	Knockout Race Option
Premium - \$10,000	2 free teams + \$350 per added team, + additional benefits described in Sponsor Packet	\$100	\$150
Signature - \$5,000	1 free teams+ \$400 per added team, + additional benefits described in Sponsor Packet	\$100	\$150
Jade – \$2,500	\$450 per team, + additional benefits described in Sponsor Packet	\$100	\$150
Pearl - \$1,500	\$500 per team, + additional benefits described in Sponsor Packet	\$100	\$150
Ruby - \$500	\$700 per team, + additional benefits described in Sponsor Packet	\$100	\$150



FASTEST TIME OF THE DAY TROPHY

During the team registration process, an additional \$100 (or \$0 for 501c3 non-profits) will purchase the right to be included with other teams in recording who had the fastest time of the day in each of these categories:

- Bank/Financial
- Church
- Gym
- HOA
- Manufacturing
- Medical
- Non-Profit Org

A small trophy will be awarded for the winner in each category that has participants. Please contact us at festival@psdba.org if you have an additional category that you'd like to have us include in this list

"BEST OF THE BEST" KNOCK-OUT RACE

This race is new to Peachtree City and its inclusion this year is a testament to the high-quality competitiveness of teams that we attract. The winner of this race will have their team fees waived for 2027. This is a \$750 value!

During the team registration process, an additional \$150 will purchase your entry to this race. It is currently capped at 6 team entries each for Community and Sport divisions.

How a Knock-Out Race works:

1. Six teams line up at the 200m mark and race to the finish line.
2. The slowest two boats are knocked out and head back to marshaling.
3. The remaining four boats go immediately to the 200m mark to run the race again.
4. The slowest boat is knocked out and heads back to marshaling.
5. The remaining three boats to immediately to the 200m mark to run the race a final time.
6. The winner of this race will have their 2027 team fees waived!



**DIVISIONS,
RACING CLASSES,
COMPETITION
AND RACE
DISTANCES**

**SMALL BOATS (10 Paddlers, 1 Drummer, 1 Alternate
(ALL TEAMS MUST USE FESTIVAL STEERS))**

Racing Class	Premier Division	Senior age 50+ Division	ACP/BCP Division	ParaDragon (PD1) Division	ParaDragon (PD2) RCC Special Needs Division	ParaDragon (PD2) Division	ParaDragon (PD3) Division
OPEN: Sport & Community Options	200m	200m	200m	200m	200m SINGLE EXHIBITION RACE ONLY	200m	200m
WOMEN: Sport & Community Options	200m	200m					
MIXED: Sport & Community Options	200m	200m					

**AGE
REGULATIONS**

IMPORTANT NOTE: For all age groups, ages shown below are as of **December 31st, 2026:**

Premier	14 th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition
Senior Age 50+	50th or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (with the exception of drummers)



CANCER SURVIVORS

Breast cancer and all-cancer survivor crews (BCP/ACP) are dragon boat crews formed from competitors who have been diagnosed with breast cancer or another form of cancer.

Team Captains, please be sure to indicate that your team should be considered as an BCP/ACP crew during the registration process. We will be featuring a Flower Ceremony to recognize you.

Everyone on the roster of a team registered in the ACP division must be a cancer survivor. For BCP teams, everyone on the roster must be a breast cancer survivor.

In both divisions, these rules do not apply to the drummer or the steer.

PARADragONS

The Para-dragon category is relatively new to our sport and gaining lots of traction. We are proud to announce that the leadership team of the Peachtree City Dragon Boat Race & International Festival has been on the leading edge of including this category of paddlers for the past 14 years for our Special Needs community, as well as in the past 3 years with our PD3 paddlers who all have a lower limb amputation.

We are strongly committed to our continuing encouragement of those paddlers with physical, psychological, neurological, sensory, developmental or intellectual impairments to participate at the club and local festival level so that interested Para-dragon individuals and teams are prepared to participate on the National and International stages when the opportunity arises for them.



HOW TO BOOK A TEAM PRACTICE

Each team's registration fee includes one coached practice session which will be held at the event site, on Friday, September 25th. Registration fees must be received in full and confirmed before the practices may be booked. Team Captains, follow this link to see the open training sessions available to your team:

[Book My On-Water Training 9/25/26](#)

For teams local to Peachtree City, you may also book an **Off-Water Training** session in July and August with Coach Jessica and/or Coach Tim. Please call 678-761-5006 to make custom arrangements.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

For information on direct flights and airlines serving the Peachtree City area, visit [ATL.com](#)

For destination information, visit [visitpeachtreecity.com](#) and [GoSeeDoATL.com](#)

TRANSPORTATION TO/AT RACE VENUE

Recommendations and options for transportation between accommodations, venue parking, and the race site will be included in Bulletin #2.



ACCOMMODATION www.visitpeachtreecity.com

The Festival is currently working with the Peachtree City Convention and Visitor's Bureau on hotel room block discounts for traveling teams:

HOTEL ROOM BLOCKS	
CROWNE PLAZA ATLANTA SW PEACHTREE CITY 201 Aberdeen Parkway, Peachtree City, GA (Block closes 8/26/26)	Dates: 9/25/2026 – 9/27/2026 (Check Out) Rate: \$129+tax for king or 2 queen double Booking: By phone: 770-487-2666 or 1-877-227-6963: GROUP NAME: 2026 PTC Dragon Boat Race GROUP CODE: PSD GROUP DATES: September 25-27, 2026 By computer browser: Online Reservation - Crowne (use computer browser)
HAMPTON INN PEACHTREE CITY 300 Westpark Drive, Peachtree City, GA (Block closes 9/4/26)	Dates: 9/25/2026 – 9/27/2026 (Check Out) Rate: \$119+tax for King or 2 queen double Booking: Online Reservation - Hampton (use computer browser)



**TEAM / VENDOR /
SPONSOR TENT
RULES**

The City of Peachtree City does not allow ANY STAKING on Drake Field due to underground utilities that could be damaged.

To ensure compliance with this rule, the Festival will provide each team a canopied 10x10 space in the Athlete's Village which is included in the team fees. Teams should **NOT** bring their own tents to this event. Teams are strongly encouraged to bring their own chairs and to decorate the 10x10 space allotted to them in the Athlete's Village.

All vendor and sponsor tents will be required to use weights to keep their tent secured rather than stakes.

**VENDOR
APPLICATION**

[Vendor Application Form](#)

**ENTERTAINER
APPLICATION**

[Entertainer Application Form](#)

**SPONSOR
APPLICATION**

[Sponsorship Information](#) to see why to sponsor, where your support goes, etc.

[Sponsorship Packages](#) to see the different levels of Sponsorship

[Sponsorship Signup Form](#) to go directly to the Sponsorship Form

**VOLUNTEER
SIGNUP**

[Volunteer Signup Form](#)

[Volunteer Waiver](#)
