



# ICF WORLD DRAGON BOAT CLUB CREW CHAMPIONSHIPS

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# 1. WELCOME TO VENICE



## ICF World Dragon Boat Club Crew Championships 3rd-8th September 2017

Venice needs no introduction. The name says it all, invoking images of gondolas gliding silently through the canals. It is the city of romance, of poets, of musicians and artists. Of navigators and explorers. Great emperors wanted her. No-one ever conquered her. But Venetians conquered the world – the splendours of this unique city making it a place that everybody wanted to see.

For several years now, and with much enthusiasm, the dragon boat has become a popular boat in Venetian waters, used for student regattas and international festivals and it has an ever-increasing presence in Venice's Vogalonga.

The Organising Committee of the 2017 ICF World Club Crew Dragon Boat Championships in Venice wants to offer to all followers of the dragon boat a unique opportunity to meet and where they can share the beauty, the emotions, the victories and defeats.

The racing distances will be **200mt**, **500mt** and **2000mt**.

The categories will be **Junior** (15-18yo), **Senior**, **Master 40+**, **Master 50+**.

The O.C is evaluating the inclusion ulterior categories (eg BCS, University, Social).

In Venice and surrounds we can easily propose all types of accommodation from luxury to economic and everything in between.



## 2. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organising Committee for the ICF 2017 World Dragon Boat Championships for Clubs is formed within the Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat club [www.venicecanoe.com](http://www.venicecanoe.com).

The President of the O.C is **Mr Andrea Bedin**.  
The members of the O.C have gained experience in organising sports events and many also have professional roles.

The O.C will look after the organisation of the ICF 2017 World Dragon Boat Championships, the related sports, social and cultural events and the raising of funds necessary to run the event.

The O.C will perform its work with the assistance of VCDB SERVIZI SRLS and Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat asd.

### 2b. VENICE

Venice is one of the most interesting and lovely places in the world.

This sanctuary on a lagoon is virtually the same as it was six hundred years ago, which adds to the fascinating character. Venice has decayed since its heyday and is heavily toured (there are 56000 residents and 20 million tourists per year), but the romantic charm remains.

This place may not seem huge, but it is, and is made up of different boroughs.

The most famous is the area comprising the 118 islands in the main districts that are called "Sestieri": Cannaregio, Castello, Dorsoduro, San Polo, Santa Croce and San Marco, where the main monuments and sights are located. Other main districts are Isola Della Giudecca and Lido di Venezia. Some of the more important islands in the lagoon include Murano, Torcello, San Francesco del Deserto, and Burano.



Maria Balanos



Andrea Bedin



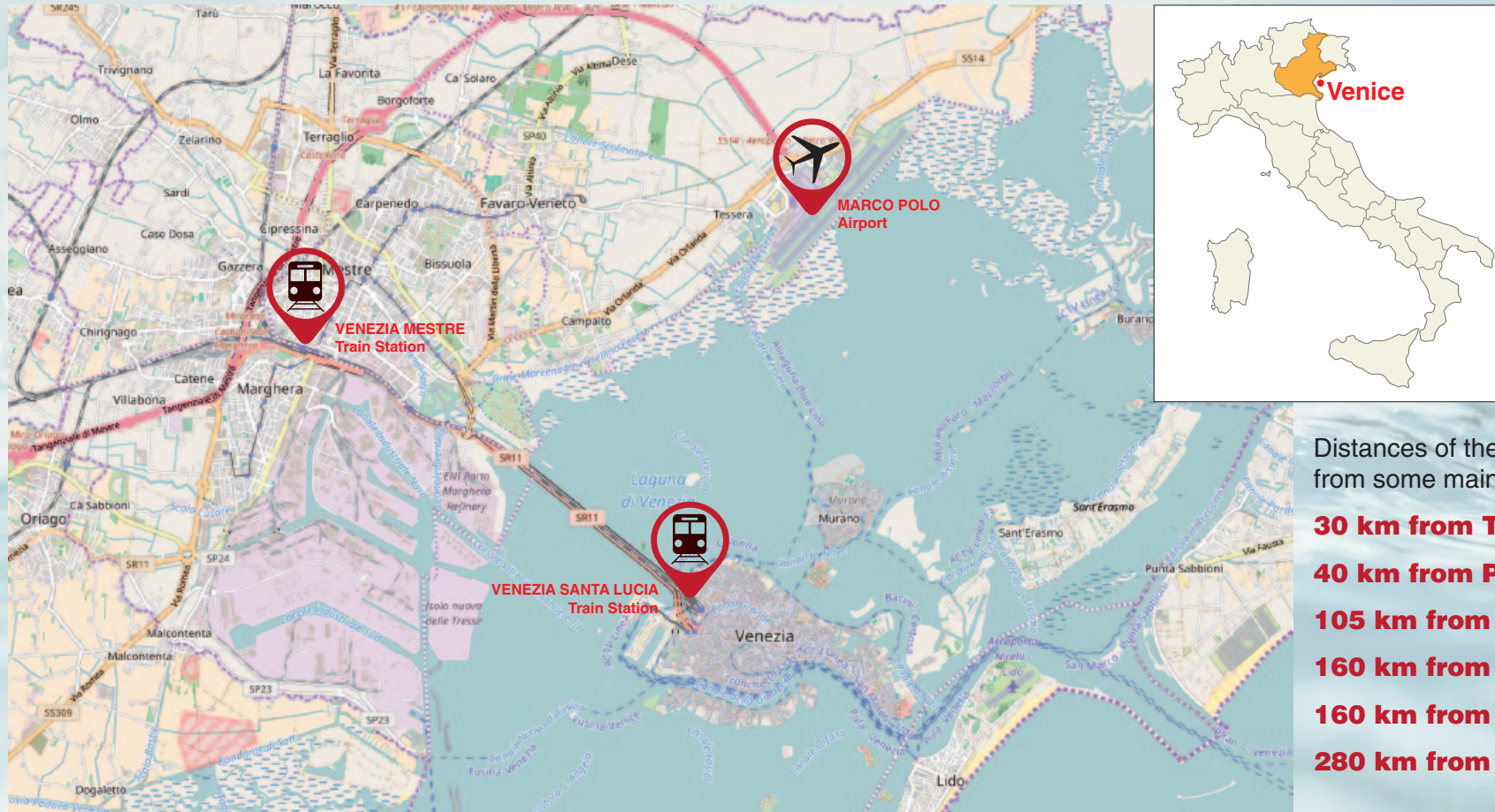
Damiano Carraro

While the Veneti had long inhabited northeastern Italy and a small population of fishermen known as "lagooners" had long lived on the islands of modern Venice, the city's true beginning point came when refugees fled to the marshlands from the surrounding Roman cities to escape marauding barbarians. The first wave of immigrants fled the Quadi and Marcomanni in the 160's A.D. In the 5th Century, more came to escape the Visigoths and the Hun, and in the 6th Century, yet more arrived seeking safe haven from the Lombards.

Venice, the world's only pedestrian city, is easily walkable, and the absence of cars makes this a particularly pleasant experience. However, walking and standing all day can also be exhausting, so it is best to pace yourself. The Rialto islands - the 'main' part of Venice - are small enough to walk from one end to the other in about an hour, provided you don't get lost (a common occurrence).

If you want to get around a bit more quickly, there are numerous vaporetti (water buses) and water taxis. The vaporetti are generally the best way to get around, even if the service route map changes frequently. If you are going to be in Venice for a few days visiting, it is a lot cheaper to use vaporetti than private water taxis. If you want to have a romantic ride along the canals, take a gondola ride, although they tend to exist for more scenic purposes, rather than getting people from point A to point B.





Distances of the race venue from some main cities are:

**30 km from Treviso**

**40 km from Padua**

**105 km from Verona**

**160 km from Trieste**

**160 km from Bologna**

**280 km from Milan**

### 3. TRAVEL INFORMATION

The closest commercial airport is **MARCO POLO AIRPORT** (IATA: VCE), on the mainland near Mestre (technically part of the city of Venice but on the mainland and without Venice's unique structure). There is a city bus and a shuttle bus from Marco Polo to Piazzale Roma.

**TREVISO AIRPORT** (IATA: TSF) is 25km (16 mi) from Venice and is relatively small but becoming increasingly busy as the main destination for Ryanair, Wizzair, and Transavia budget flights.

**TRAINS** from the mainland run through Mestre to the Venezia Santa Lucia train station on the west side of Venice; make sure you don't get confused with Venezia Mestre which is the last stop on the mainland.

**CARS** arrive on the far western edge of Venice, but remain parked at the entrance to the city (Piazzale Roma or Tronchetto - Europe's largest car park.) There are no roads past this point and never were, even before cars. Car parking can be expensive here and the queues can be quite long. An alternative is to use the car parks on the mainland (terraferma) and catch a train or bus into Venice.



### 3a. ACCOMMODATION

The hotels we chose for these Championships are located on the mainland, just over the bridge from Venice and from the race venue.

The month of September is still high season in Venice with hotel rates being at their highest.

It is the month of the Venice Film Festival and the Historical Regatta.

2017 is also the year of the Venice Biennale of Art. These events attract a great number of persons to Venice.

Mestre, which is part of Venice, is very conveniently located on the mainland.

Advantages to being on the mainland:

- The Organising Committee will provide a shuttle bus service between the official hotels and the race venue for those who have reserved their accommodation through the OC. It can take you less than 10 minutes by car or bus to reach the race venue.
- The hotels have an excellent price/quality ratio.
- Restaurants are less expensive on the mainland.
- It takes 15-20 minutes to reach Venice Marco Polo Airport by taxi from Mestre, and it is also less costly than going to Venice.
- For those arriving by car or bus, there is parking available at the hotel premises.
- There is an excellent public transportation service between Mestre and Venice.
- And last but not least, you can still explore Venice outside of racing hours without having to depend on the shuttle bus times.

In other words, you will have the best of both worlds.

All prices include room reservation and breakfast. The city tax of €3.40 pp per day is not included.

#### *Hotel Laguna Palace (4 star).*

Set on mainland Venice, this contemporary hotel in a polished waterfront building is 1.7 km from Mestre train station and about 6km from the centre of Venice.

The modern rooms, suites and apartments provide free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, minibridges and desks. Room service is available.

A breakfast buffet and parking are complimentary. There's also a bright restaurant/bar with a waterfront terrace, plus a fitness room.

Situated close to many restaurants

#### **Prices**

Single Euro 152,00 per night

Double Euro 164,00 per room per night

#### *Russot Hotel (4 star)*

Overlooking Parco San Giuliano park, this functional hotel with a grand lobby is 6 km from the center of Venice, 5 km from Venezia Mestre Station and 7km from Venice's Marco Polo airport.

Unassuming rooms offer free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, as well as desks and minibars.

Complimentary amenities include breakfast and parking. There's also an elegant buffet restaurant and a terrace with seating.

#### **Prices**

Single Euro 102,00 per night

Double Euro 112,00 per room per night





# 4. THE REGATTA VENUE

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## THE REGATTA VENUE AT TRONCHETTO

The race venue is part of the Venetian lagoon, located in front of Tronchetto Island and is a natural water basin.

The vast Venetian lagoon allows for many possibilities of creating racing venues that can be used for water sports such as kayaking, rowing, dragon boat and venetian rowing (voga alla veneta).

The Organising Committee chose to position the 2017 World Dragon Boat Championship regatta course in an area that is easily accessible to all the athletes and supporters. An eventual positioning of the regatta course in other areas of the lagoon would mean long travelling times from the transport interchange points and car/bus parking areas. In fact, Venice is a very unique reality where one moves only by foot or waterbus.

The race distances of 200mt and 500mt will be held at the Tronchetto race venue.



## THE REGATTA VENUE AT THE ARSENALE

To pay tribute to the Venice's famous Arsenale – the place where the Serenissima Republic built its fleet of ships and dominated the Mediterranean Sea for a number of centuries – the Organising Committee has decided to bring into the heart of Venice the races over 2000mt and the Closing Ceremony (which will be followed by a party, with St Mark's belltower as the backdrop).

To see dragon boats race in the area, which was the heart of Venetian shipbuilding for over a millennium, will be a unique experience for athletes, for the Organisers, for the citizens and for all the fans and supporters who will be able to enjoy the televised images of this great event from the comfort of their home.



## 5. REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

Clubs teams can participate at the 2017 ICF Dragon Boat World Club Crew Championships.

The races will be held from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th September 2017.

Both standard (20 seat) and small (10 seat) dragon boat will be used.

The race program will be based on the program proposed at the 2016 World DB Championships in Moscow (although the times between races will be shorter).

**Registrations Open: 15th October 2016**

**15th December 2016:** First Deposit for 10% discount of Participation Fee

**15th February 2017:** First Deadline and Deadline for provisional hotel booking

**30th March 2017:** Second Deadline and Deadline for obligatory hotel booking

**15th June 2017:** Third Deadline

**Registrations Close: 15th July 2017**





## 6. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

### **Friday 1st September:**

training (included in participation fee) and visit Venice by dragon boat (not included in participation fee and only with reservation in the afternoon);

### **Saturday 2nd September:**

training (included in participation fee) and visit Venice by dragon boat (not included in participation fee and only with reservation in the afternoon);

### **Sunday 3rd September:**

welcome for Club Teams with Parade in Grand Canal during the Historical Regata

### **Monday 4th September:**

training (included in participation fee) and Opening Ceremony at the Tronchetto race venue;

### **Tuesday 5th September**

500 mt races;

### **Wednesday 6th September**

500 and 200 mt races;

### **Thursday 7th September**

200 mt races;

### **Friday 8th September** (in the Arsenale venue)

2000 mt races and Closing Ceremony.

All other events will be defined closer to the event.

*From the 1st to the 7th September all the activities will start from Tronchetto venue.*





## 7. PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is **Euro 80,00**

### *Registration fee includes:*

**4 days of races**, of which 200 and 500 meters at Tronchetto and 2000 meters in Venice's historical Arsenale

**Opening Ceremony** on Monday 4th September 2017

**Closing ceremony** on Friday 8th September 2017

**Access and common use of the venue**

**Use of boats for training and for the races**  
(not for visit Venice by dragon boat)

**Access with own transport** to reserved parking areas  
(you need to pay the parking)

**Free mineral water** on the competition days

**Medical services** at the venue

**Transport** to and from O.C hotels (only for those who book and purchase accommodation through the O.C.)

**Event T-shirt**

**Event badge**

**Discounts** for services and purchases in Venice

For the Team Leaders and assistants,  
the participation fee is **Euro 60,00**.



## 8. PAYMENT TERMS

### PARTICIPATION FEE

The Organising Committee reserves the right to close registrations once a number of 80 clubs has been reached and will decide whether to provide an extension, with the modification of the Provisional Programme, for up to 120 clubs.

The O.C reserves the right to determine the acceptance of registrations received after 15th July 2017.

### Registrations open the 15th October 2016

By the 15th December 2016 if you send the First Deposit of Euro 500,00 you will have a 10% discount off the Participation Fee.

The First Deposit will not be refunded.

The First Deposit will be included in the outstanding balance.

By the 15th February 2017 – First Deadline - you need to send 50% of the Participation Fee

Second Deadline (only for hotel booking)

By the 15th June 2017 - Third Deadline - you need to send the final 50% of the Participation Fee (or outstanding balance).

Registrations Close the 15th July 2017.

By the 15th July 2017 - you need to pay the entire Participation Fee

The participation fees will not be refunded, except upon cancellation of the event.

### BANK ACCOUNT FOR FEES (PARTICIPATION)

Bank transfer to: VENICE CANOE & DRAGON BOAT A.S.D

IBAN: IT13 L033 5901 6001 0000 0014401

BIC (code swift) BCITITMX

BANK: Banca Prossima spa – Milano, Piazza P. Ferrari 10

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT: write THE NAME OF THE CLUB

Please, send us the receipt of any payments by e-mail to [info@venice2017.com](mailto:info@venice2017.com)

### ACCOMMODATION

#### Registrations Opens the 15th October 2016

Reservations are accepted from 15th October 2016 to 30th March 2017.

By the 15th February 2017 - First Deadline - hotel booking is confirmed upon receipt of 50% of the total cost. Balance of remaining 50% of the total cost to be paid by 15/06/2017. In case of cancellation, no refund.

By the 30th March 2017 - Second Deadline - hotel booking is confirmed upon receipt of 100% of the total cost without additional surcharge. In case of cancellation, no refund.

From 31st March 2017 to 15th June 2017 you can send the reservation but the O.C. reserved the right to not accept the request. Should the OC accept the reservation request, there will be an additional surcharge of Euro 10,00 per room per night.

By the 15th June 2017 - Third Deadline, You need to pay all the Booking. In case of cancellation, no refund.

Please note that accommodation at the hotels is limited and is on a first-come first-served basis.



### Bank account for ACCOMMODATION

Bank transfer to: VCDB SERVIZI SRLS

IBAN: IT35 S020 0802 0030 0010 4486184

BIC (code swift) UNCRITM1912

BANK: Unicredit Fil. 00912 – Venezia-Mestre, Piazza XXVII Ottobre

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT: write THE NAME OF THE CLUB and ACCOMODATION

Please, send us the receipt of any payments by e-mail to [info@venice2017.com](mailto:info@venice2017.com)

### OTHER SERVICES (meals, transport, merchandising, other)

Can be purchsed on-line at **reduced rates** (transport excluded) if requested by **30/03/2017** or purchased on-line at standard rates from **31/03/2017** to **15/07/2017**. In case of cancellation before **30/05/2017**, total amount is refunded. If cancelled after **15/07/2017**, no refund.

The meals and merchandising can also be purchased at the race venue at the standard rate until stocks run out.

All the rates for services will be outlined on website [www.venice2017.com](http://www.venice2017.com) .

### Bank account for SERVICES

(merchandising, lunches and transfers)

Bank transfer to: VCDB SERVIZI SRLS

IBAN: IT53 N030 6936 1501 0000 0004 060

BIC (code swift) BCITITMM

BANK: Intesa S. Paolo Cassa di Risparmio di Venezia – Marcon, Viale S. Marco, 32

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT: write THE NAME OF THE CLUB and THE TYPE OF SERVICES (booking merchandising, booking lunches, booking transfers, etc).

Please, send us the receipt of any payments by e-mail to [info@venice2017.com](mailto:info@venice2017.com)

### INITIATIVES

1st initiative - VISIT VENICE BY DRAGON BOAT

2nd initiative - VISIT ITALY BY DRAGON BOAT

3rd initiative - PARADE IN GRAND CANAL

4th initiative - FINAL PARTY

For more information, costs and reservation, please visit the website [www.venice2017.com](http://www.venice2017.com) and/or contact [info@venice2017.com](mailto:info@venice2017.com)





## 9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### PRIZES

The first three place winners of each category will receive medals.

### DOPING CONTROL

Doping, as defined by the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code, is strictly forbidden. Anti-doping controls may be conducted in accordance with the ICF Anti-Doping Control Rules.

### PHOTOS FOR ACCREDITATION

The size of the photo should be similar to those used for passports or driver license. It should not exceed 150kb.

### BOATS

All dragon boats – standard and small - will be supplied by the Organising Committee.

### TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions before the beginning of the event will be available from Friday 1st September 2017. The training session can be reserved.

### CATERING

Food will be available at the race venue from Friday 1st September to 8th September 2017.

### PARKING

Parking in Venice can be expensive. Parking spaces can be reserved at a discounted rate through the O.C.

### INSURANCE

All official participants of the ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships are strongly advised to take out a medical insurance policy in their respective countries.

### MEDICAL CARE

The following medical services are available for all official participants of the ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships: physician on duty, hospital and clinic assistance.

A medical center will operate at the venue with ambulance and first aid. The costs above the regular care are to be

covered by the medical insurance policy; the Organising Committee does not take any responsibility for such expenditures.

### VISA INFORMATION

Whoever requires a visa for entry into Italy and needs an invitation letter, please contact the Organising Committee via email at [info@venice2017.com](mailto:info@venice2017.com) as soon as possible.

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the event will be English. Promotional materials will be in Italian and English.

### LANGUAGE AND INTERPRETER SERVICES

Major information will be presented in English and Italian. Interpreter services may be available in other languages.





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## 10. CONTACTS

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