



MATAPANG BEACH PARK, TUMON, GUAM

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1st THANKSGIVING DAY DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2016

Matapang Beach, Tumon, Guam

November 19 to 20, 2016

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 1

Guam is a U.S. island territory in Micronesia, in the Western Pacific. It's distinguished by its tropical beaches, Chamorro villages and ancient latte stones (stone pillars). Tumon Bay is a hub with bars, shops and an aquarium. Beaches include Ritidian Point, part of a wildlife refuge, and storied Two Lovers Point. Offshore are dive sites such as Apra Harbor's sunken warships.

The island, part of Micronesia in the Pacific Ocean, bears the influence of several cultures. A Spanish colony until 1898, Guam blends that heritage with its native Chamorro customs, as well as Asian and American cultures. You can visit military sites or explore caves and waterfalls that rival the island's prettiest beaches. Because of its location near the International Date Line, Guam's slogan is: 'Where America's Day Begins'.

Guam ACES Inc., a newly formed Non-Profit Organization, in partnership with the Guam Dragon Boat Federation and fully supported by the Guam Visitors Bureau is holding the 1st Thanksgiving Day Dragon Boat Festival 2016 on **November 19 – 20, 2016**. The Festival coincides with the Thanksgiving Week Celebration, an Annual Holiday for the U.S.A. **(The event was moved from November 26-27 due to tide issues)**. We are cordially inviting all Crews around the world to participate in this event and experience the beautiful Island of Guam on Thanksgiving Week.

Competition Regulations and Racing Rules

The 1st Thanksgiving Day Dragon Boat Festival will comply with IDBF Competition Regulations and will be under the IDBF Rules of Racing. Guam Dragon Boat Federation will provide details about the rules and regulations in the Manager's meeting. However, in advance you may contact Mr. Gordon T.C. Chu, Honorary Life President of the Guam Dragon Boat Federation at + 1 671 6464410 and e-mail at Gordon_Chu@udcguam.com for any clarifications. You may also contact our local partners in your area.

Divisions, Racing & Competition Classes and Distances

The Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes for the Festival are listed below. Participating Clubs must provide a minimum of 4 entries for each competition class.

	Event	300 m	500 m
1	Men's Open – 22 Racers	•	•
2	Women's Open – 22 Racers	•	•
3	Mixed – 22 Racers	•	•
4	Men's Open – 12 Racers	•	•
5	Women's Open – 12 Racers	•	•
6	Mixed – 12 Racers	•	•
7	Junior U23 – 22 Racers	•	•
8	Junior U23 Mixed – 12 Racers	•	•

Division

Men's / Women's Open – There are no restrictions on competitor's age;

Junior Under 23 – Aged 12 years but under 23 years.

Racing Class

Men – for male crews only including the Drummer and Steerer;

Women – for female crews only

Mixed – 22 Racers: minimum of eight (8) female Paddlers

- **12 Racers**: minimum of four (4) female paddlers

Distance

300 & 500 meters straight course

Boat – Standard boat for all categories.

No. of Competitors : 22 Racers - Maximum 26 competitors

20 Paddlers

1 Drummer

1 Steerer

2 Reserves

1 Team Leader

1 Team Manager

12 Racers - Maximum 16 competitors

10 Paddlers

1 Drummer

1 Steerer

2 Reserves

1 Team Leader

1 Team Manager

Entry Requirement:

Teams can participate in any category with **a minimum of 4 competition class.**

Schedules:

Fri, Nov. 18, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crews Arrival/Practice Sessions• Crews Registration• Crew Manager's Meeting (compulsory)• Opening Banquet
Sat, Nov. 19, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Ceremony• Race Day
Sun, Nov. 20, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Race Day• Celebration Dinner
Mon, Nov. 21, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sightseeing in Guam / Shopping
Tues, Nov. 22, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Minute Shopping/Crews Departure

*** The schedule is provisional and is provided to assist crews with their stay in Guam. The schedule is subject to changes depending on the agreement with the organizers. The competition schedule will be confirmed after all the Manager's meeting.

Prizes:

Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Every participating team will receive a souvenir for remembrance.

Ground Arrangement Package:

Guam ACES Inc. will make arrangements with International Teams for a choice of accommodation from 3-stars to 5-stars beach or city hotels. A tournament package will be available which includes:

1. Airfare to and from Guam;
2. Group airport transfer;
3. Hotel accommodations;
4. Group transport to & from racing site (for practice session & race days);
5. Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner);
6. Group transport to & from Celebration Dinner site;
7. Transportation and Communication package

Tournament package will be arranged by Guam ACES Inc. All International Clubs must contact them at acesinc@guam.net or guamacesinc@gmail.com. You may also call them at + 1 671 9891069 for other inquiries.

Confirmed Entry Form Submission: Start Date: August 24, 2016; Closing date: November 16, 2016

International Club Crews must secure their US Visa