

5<sup>th</sup>

VENICE

— canoe & dragon boat —

Festival



Dragon Boat Heads in Venice

## Introduction

Welcome to the 5<sup>th</sup> Venice International Dragon Boat Festival!

A spectacular 200mt sprint event held in just as spectacular surroundings, and a prestigious Opening Ceremony that features a parade of dragon boats and drums along Venice's Grand Canal!

The idea of holding a dragon boat Festival has been maturing since 2009 when Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat and Venice Sport Events started organising various dragon boat and canoeing events... (continues on page. 8)

# INFORMATION BULLETIN No.1

## 5<sup>th</sup> Venice International Dragon Boat Festival

Venice, Italy

Friday 07<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Opening Ceremony Parade in the Grand Canal

Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 200mt sprint races

and

## 45<sup>th</sup> Vogalonga

Venice and Northern Lagoon

09 June 2019 (TBC)

Start from St Mark's basin and ends in the Grand Canal

## Festival Registration

from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018

## Vogalonga Registration

from April or May 2019 (approx. – consult [www.vogalonga.com](http://www.vogalonga.com))



Vogalonga route

# 5<sup>th</sup> Venice International Dragon Boat Festival

## General Information

**When:** 07-08 June 2019.

**Where:** Venice Historical Centre, Italy.

**Distance:** 200 metres.

**Heats/Finals:** n. 2 heats and finals.

**Team Categories:** Club/Sport – Social/Amateur - Breast Cancer Survivors.

The number of teams participating in the Festival is limited to 36. More teams will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

## Programme

The programme for the Festival is as follows:

- 07<sup>th</sup> June      Afternoon parade along the Grand Canal for dragon boat crews and Opening Ceremony (the first **12** crews who **register for the Festival**).
- 08<sup>th</sup> June      (1hr before Racing Starts) – Captain's meeting  
**Racing starts**  
1<sup>st</sup> round of heats  
2<sup>nd</sup> round of heats  
FINALS  
**Medal Ceremony**

Please note that this programme is provisory and may be subject to changes.

\*In case of adverse weather conditions the Festival will not be held and 50% of the Festival Registration fee will be refunded.

## Team Composition

### Club/Sports Teams

All teams must have a minimum of 16 paddlers to a maximum of 20 paddlers, 1 drummer and 1 sweep. Team compositions will be made up of:

**Mixed** – a minimum of 8 female paddlers aboard (this does not include the drummer or the sweep). Drummer/sweep can be either male or female;

**Open** – all-male team (female paddlers can also be included). Drummer and sweep can be of either gender;

**Women** – all female paddlers, including the drummer and sweep.

### Social Teams

Teams that are not Club/Sports teams. Teams must have a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 20 paddlers. **Category: Mixed** – minimum of 8 women paddlers (excludes drummer and sweep). Each team member must be an amateur paddler. **Sweeps can be provided upon request.**

### Breast Cancer Survivors (BCS)

Must be 100% survivors including drummers. Sweeps may be provided if you are not able to provide your own.

## Regulations

### Uniforms

All teams must wear a distinguishable uniform (same t-shirts, caps etc.).

### Personal Safety

All members of the paddling team must be able to swim at least 50 metres or otherwise wear a buoyancy vest (life jacket). It is the Crew Manager's responsibility to ensure that this requirement is enforced. Crews compete entirely at their own risk. The Organising Committee, upon request, can supply buoyancy vest.

### Boats and Equipment

2 or 3 sets of 4 fibreglass boats (IDBF/ICF spec boats) will be provided by the Festival Organisers. Crews may bring their own boats, provided they are to IDBF/ICF specification. **Crews may use their own paddles.** Festival organisers will provide paddles for paddlers who are without.

**45<sup>th</sup> Vogalonga** - You can read about the program and the regulations at [www.vogalonga.com](http://www.vogalonga.com)

## Venice International Dragon Boat Festival 07– 08 June 2019 (Fees) and Vogalonga 09 June 2019 (only boat hire)

### Fees

#### Package "A"

Festival Registration: € 700,00 per team.

#### Package "B"

Festival Registration: € 700,00 per team.

Dragon Boat hire for Festival: € 500,00 per team.

#### Package "C"

Festival Registration: € 700.00 per team.

Dragon Boat hire for Festival: € 500.00 per team.

Dragon Boat hire for the Vogalonga: € 800.00 per team (up to 18 boats are available for hire).

#### Package "D"

Dragon Boat hire for the Vogalonga ONLY: € 1,400.00 (limited availability)

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION OR FEES FOR THE VOGALONGA,** which must be done directly through the Vogalonga website [www.vogalonga.com](http://www.vogalonga.com). (the registration fee for 2018 was €22,00 per participant)

**The number of boats available for hire are 18.  
The first 12 crews to register for the Festival  
will participate in the opening ceremony  
in the Grand Canal**



## **IMPORTANT**

If there is a multiple entry of a crew Open, Mixed and Women's of the same Club (or 2 teams Open, Mixed of Women's of the same Club), a 50% discount on the entry of the second and/or third crew will apply (eg.1 = Open + Mixed, cost €700 + €350 tot. €1,050. eg.2 = Open + Mixed + Women's, cost € 700 + € 350 + € 350, tot. € 1400). The boat hire fee will be charged for only the hire of 1 boat. If the same Club wishes to register a fourth team, the registration will be free. Payment must made in full and the discounts applicable will be refunded during the Festival.

## **Package "A" – Information**

The crew must use their own boat provided it is IDBF/ICF spec approved.

The boat must be moored at the Festival site **by 14:00 (2pm) on the 07.06.2019.**

## **Payment**

Payments to be made to the following account:

Account name: **VENICE CANOE & DRAGON BOAT A.S.D**  
Bank: **Banca Prossima spa**  
Branch: **Milano, Piazza P. Ferrari 10**

### **Account details:**

IBAN: **IT13 L033 5901 6001 0000 0014401**  
SWIFT: **BCITITMX**

### **For countries who do not use IBAN, the account details are:**

COD. ABI: **03359**  
COD.CAB: **01600**  
ACC. nr: **100000014401**  
SWIFT: **BCITITMX**

Please provide your team name with the payment. Once payment is received, a receipt will be issued.

Copies of payments can be either emailed to [venicedragonboat@gmail.com](mailto:venicedragonboat@gmail.com).

## **Dates**

**Registration opens:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

**Entries Close:** Once the maximum number of 36 teams has been reached. Extra teams will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

**The first 12 crews to register for the Festival will participate in the opening ceremony in the Grand Canal.**

## Preliminary Entries & Deposit

- **From 1<sup>st</sup> September to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018**
  - Package "A" (Euro 300,00 per crew, non-refundable).
  - Package "B" (Euro 500,00 per crew, non-refundable).
  - Package "C" (Euro 800,00 per crew, non-refundable).

**Remember:** send your copy of payment and entry form to [venicedragonboat@gmail.com](mailto:venicedragonboat@gmail.com)

- **From 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**
  - Package "A" (Euro 500,00 per crew, non-refundable).
  - Package "B" (Euro 700,00 per crew, non-refundable).
  - Package "C" (Euro 1100,00 per crew, non-refundable).

**Remember:** send your copy of payment and entry form to [venicedragonboat@gmail.com](mailto:venicedragonboat@gmail.com)

- **From 1<sup>st</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019**
  - **For new registrations**, payment in full of Packages "A" or "B" or "C".
  - **Payment of outstanding amount** for who has already registered.
  - **For all participants- reservations and costs and payment of any extra services** will be outlined in Bulletin n. 2.

Send your copy of the payment and the documents that will be released with Bulletin n.2 to the email address [venicedragonboat@gmail.com](mailto:venicedragonboat@gmail.com)

## Other Information

### Getting Around

**Arriving by plane and/or train:** we recommend that you book your accommodation, as soon as possible, in the hotels, B&Bs and pensions in Venice (historical centre).

**Arriving by car:** as well as using the suggestion mentioned above (for who arrives by plane/train), you can also book accommodation on the mainland. It is recommended that you book in hotels located near public transport stops that take you to Venice P.le Roma (bus), the Ferrovia (train) and San Zaccaria (ferry boat stop for who comes from Punta Sabbioni).

**Do not underestimate the time taken to travel with public transport, in Venice's historical centre you move either by waterbus or on foot.**

Both for the Festival and for the Vogalonga, it is necessary to be present at the event sites **no later than 08:00am** (for the Vogalonga it is preferable to be present at 07:00am).

### Accommodation

There are various types of accommodation available in Venice, from Camping grounds to luxury hotels. Links that could assist you in booking accommodation: **Venetian Tourism Association** - <http://en.turismovenezia.it/Venezia>

For who is finding particular difficulty in booking accommodation, send us an email at [venicedragonboat@gmail.com](mailto:venicedragonboat@gmail.com) from **30 October 2018**.

## **Meals**

Meals will be available at the Festival site during the event. Bookings and payments for meals must be made before the event. (more info in the next Bulletin).

## **Hygiene Services and Changerooms**

The Festival site will have toilet facilities available and the possibility of an area to change. These services are free.

## **All costs and reservation and payment methods for the extra services will be communicated in Bulletin n. 2**

## **Website**

[www.venicedragonboat.com](http://www.venicedragonboat.com)

## **Organisers**

The Festival is organised by the Venice Sport Events Organising Committee in conjunction with Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat A.S.D. [www.venicecanoe.com](http://www.venicecanoe.com)

### **(follows from the Introduction on pg. 1)**

.... including the Italian DB Championships, the annual Venetian End-of-School Year finals, the Students Games and the International Flatwater Canoe and Kayak regatta in Auronzo di Cadore. With our Club based in Venice, what more spectacular place to be able to race in, or simply paddle around.

Our Festival is aimed at both the professional racing teams and also for who just love to paddle for fun.

This Festival has been designed to fit in with another just as spectacular event held annually in Venice – the Vogalonga – a 33km non-competitive rowing event now in its 45<sup>th</sup> edition, that sees thousands of rowers and paddlers from all over the world snake through the Northern Lagoon and along the Grand Canal in a myriad of colourful boats of all shapes and sizes (dragon boats included, of course!)

This, we believe, gives paddlers the opportunity to not only participate in two memorable events, both spectacular in their surroundings, but also to visit in what is a unique city – Venice.

*See You in Venice!*