

1st

VENICE

— canoe & dragon boat — Festival



(dragon boat races in Arsenale of Venice, under the belltower of St Mark)

Introduction

Welcome to the 1st Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat Festival!

A spectacular 200m sprint event held in just as spectacular surroundings – the historical Arsenale of Venice, with the Opening Ceremony a parade of dragon boats and drums through 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. 7)

Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat Festival and Vogalonga 24-27 May 2012

INFORMATION BULLETIN No.1

1st Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat Festival

Arsenale di Venezia, Venice, Italy

25th May 2012 – 1st Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat Festival

Opening ceremony on Thursday 24 May 2012 in the Grand Canal

38th Vogalonga

Venice and Northern Lagoon

27th May 2012

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

Participation Costs

Festival registration, € 600,00 per team

Dragon Boat hire for the Festival, € 400,00 per team

Dragon Boat Hire for the Vogalonga, € 700,00 per team

(up to **20** boats are available for hire)

THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE VOGALONGA

For a team of 22 people, the costs to participate in the various events are € 27,27 (Festival registration) + € 18,18 (DB hire for the Festival) + € 31,81 (DB hire for the Vogalonga) = € 77,26
Together with the registration to the Vogalonga (in 2011 it was € 20,00), the total is € 97,26
To participate in both the Festival and the Vogalonga it comes to less than €100 for pax

**The first 20 crews to register for the Festival
will participate in the opening ceremony
in the Grand Canal**

Festival Registration

from 15 December 2011

Vogalonga Registration

from April 2012 (approx)

1st Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat Festival

General Information

When: 25th May 2012.

Where: Arsenale di Venezia, Venice, Italy.

Distance: 200 metres.

Heats/Finals: n. 2 heats and finals.

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

The number of teams participating in the Festival is limited to 72. More teams will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

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** - Maximum of **50%** male paddlers (excludes drummer and sweep). Teams are not permitted to include sports paddlers. Each team member must be a novice paddler. **Sweeps can be provided upon request.**

University Teams

Teams may be made up of either students or employees of a University. **Category: Mixed** - Maximum of **50%** male paddlers (excludes drummer and sweep).

Breast Cancer Survivors (BCS)

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

Programme

The programme for the Festival is as follows:

- 24th May Afternoon parade along the Grand Canal for dragon boat crews and Opening Ceremony (the first **20** crews who **register for the Festival**).
- 25th May* (1hr before Racing Starts) – Captain's meeting
Racing starts
1st round of heats
2nd round of heats
FINALS
Medal Ceremony
Beach party at Lido

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

*In case of adverse weather conditions the Festival will be moved to Saturday 26th May.

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 vests.

Boats and Equipment

3 sets of 6 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 wooden paddles for paddlers who are without (for the Festival only).

38th Vogalonga

You can read about the program and the regulation in www.vogalonga.com

Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat Festival and Vogalonga 24-27 May 2012

Fees

Package "A"

Festival Registration: € 600,00 per team.

Package "B"

Festival Registration: € 600,00 per team.

Dragon Boat hire for Festival: € 400,00 per team.

Package "C"

Festival Registration: € 600,00 per team.

Dragon Boat hire for Festival: € 400,00 per team.

Dragon Boat hire for the Vogalonga: € 700,00 per team (up to 20 boats are available for hire).

Package "D"

Dragon Boat hire for the Vogalonga ONLY: € 800,00 (after the 15th April 2012 if available)

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.

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 €600 + €300, tot. € 900; eg.2 = Open + Mixed + Women's,

cost € 600 + € 300 + € 300, tot. € 1200). 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 be made in full and the discounts applicable will be refunded during the Festival.

Package "A" – Extra Notes and Services

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

The boat must be moored at the Festival site by 16:00 (4pm) on the 24.05.2011. There will be a security service until the end of the Festival. Once the Festival ends, the boat must be removed.

(A.1) The Organising Committee offers a transport service for the dragon boats from Venezia Mestre – Punta San Giuliano to the Festival site, upon specific request, on the 23.05 and 24.05. Two (2) members of the Crew MUST accompany the boat. The cost of the transport (one way) is € 80,00 per boat. The eventual cost for leaving the trailer at San Giuliano is not included in this service.

(A.2) The Organising Committee offers the possibility of mooring the boat at the Festival site AFTER the end of the Festival (ie Saturday 26.05 and Sunday 27.05) at a cost of € 80,00 per day (total €160,00).

(A.3) The Organising Committee offers a transport service for the dragon boats from the Festival site to Venezia Mestre – Punta S. Giuliano, upon specific request, on the 27.05 and 28.05. Two (2) members of the Crew MUST accompany the boat. The cost of the transport (one way) is € 80,00 per boat.

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: **IT96 D033 5901 6001 0000 0063 547**
SWIFT: **BCITITMX**

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

COD. ABI: **03359**
COD.CAB: **01600**
ACC. nr: **100000063547**
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.

Entries

Registration opens: 15 December 2011.

Entries Close: Once the maximum number of 72 teams has been reached. Extra teams will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

The first 20 crews to register for the Festival will participate in the opening ceremony in the Grand Canal.

Preliminary Entries & Deposit

- **From 15th December 2011 to 25th January 2012**
 - Package "A" (Euro 200,00 per crew, non-refundable).
 - Package "B" (Euro 400,00 per crew, non-refundable).
 - Package "C" (Euro 700,00 per crew, non-refundable).

Remember: send your copy of payment and entry form to venicedragonboat@gmail.com

- **From 26th January to 15th March 2012**
 - Package "A" (Euro 400,00 per crew, non-refundable).
 - Package "B" (Euro 600,00 per crew, non-refundable).
 - Package "C" (Euro 1000,00 per crew, non-refundable).

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- **From 16th March to 15th April 2012**
 - **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- reservation and payment of extra services** (eg. A.1, A.2, A.3 and other services that 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

Other Information

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>

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) and/or the Lido. For those interested in Camping, we suggest you book on the Lido or at Fusina (waterbuses run between these areas and Venice).

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 Zaccharia (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).

For who is finding particular difficulty in booking accommodation, we will provide assistance from 10 January 2012.

Transport

We are in the process of stipulating conventions with the local water transport authorities. Updates will follow.

Meals

Meals will be available at the Festival site during the Festival itself and at the conclusion of the Vogalonga. Bookings and payments for meals must be made before the event.

Hygiene Services and Changerooms

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

Showers

We are in the phase of verifying the possibility of having shower facilities available. Bookings and payments for showers must be made before the event.

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

Website

The website www.venicedragonboat.com will soon be available.

Organisers

The Festival is organised by the Venice Sport Events Organising Committee in conjunction with Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat A.S.D. e di Promozione Sociale, Casella Postale 372 – 30100 Venezia - www.venicecanoe.com

(follows from the Introduction on pg. 1)

... including the Italian FICK DB Championships, the annual Venetian End-of-School Year finals (now in it's 9th edition with up to 1000 schoolchildren) and an International Canoe and Kayak regatta. With our Club based in Venice, what more spectacular place to be able to race in, or simply paddle around... Such a beautiful city and surroundings – why not invite the world to take part in a Festival in Venice, to share the experience of racing in what is really a unique location – Venice's historical Arsenale! The shipbuilding technology of the Venetian Republic was a jealously guarded secret, and the Arsenale was off-limits to the ordinary citizen. Still under the control of the Italian Navy, only recently has part of this area been open up to the general public – and access is still limited!

Our Club has participated in various international dragon boat events, and we know what it is like to be in an exotic location – the excitement, the adrenalin, the awe...

A Festival for the professional racing teams and a Festival for who just loves 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 it's 38th 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.

Arsenale di Venezia – some history on the race site

The Venetian Arsenal (Italian: *Arsenale di Venezia*) was a complex of state-owned shipyards and armories clustered together in Venice in northern Italy. It was responsible for the bulk of Venice's naval power during the middle part of the second millennium AD. It could also be described as the first mass production complex using standardized and interchangeable parts.

Construction of the Arsenal began around 1104, during Venice's republican era. It was the largest industrial complex in Europe prior to the Industrial Revolution, spanning an area of about 45 ha (110 acres), or about fifteen percent of Venice. Surrounded by a 2 mi (3.2 km) rampart, laborers and shipbuilders regularly worked within the Arsenal, building ships that sailed from the city's port. With high walls shielding the Arsenal from public view and guards protecting its perimeter, different areas of the Arsenal each produced a particular prefabricated ship part or other maritime implement, such as munitions, rope, and rigging. These parts could then be assembled into a ship in as little as one day. An exclusive forest owned by the Arsenal navy, in the Montello hills area of Veneto, provided the Arsenal's wood supply.

The Arsenal produced the majority of Venice's maritime trading vessels, which generated much of the city's economic wealth and power, lasting until the fall of the republic to Napoleon's conquest of the area in 1797. It is located in the Castello district of Venice, and it is now owned by the state.



See You in Venice!

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Festival

Arsenale of Venezia, Venice, Italy
25th May 2012

ENTRY FORM

Please tick which categories you will be entering:

| CLUB/SPORTS | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Open |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mixed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Women |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Amateur (Mixed Crew) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | University (Mixed Crew) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Breast Cancer Survivors |

Packages

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Package "A" | <input type="checkbox"/> | Package "B" | <input type="checkbox"/> | Package "C" |
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| Club/Team Name: | |
| City and Country: | |
| Team Manager/Coordinator: | |
| Email address: | |
| Contact number: (please include international prefix) | |

Conditions of Entry

- . Participants must abide by the race rules and requirements of the event organisers, whose decision in all matters relating thereto and to the suitability and eligibility of applicants is final and binding.
- . Participants waiver any claim on the event organisers which may otherwise arise from personal injury or death and damage arising from or caused by participation in the competition.
- . Participants must reimburse the event organisers for any damages or losses caused by the entrant to equipment provided by the event organisers.
- . Padding or gripping material is not permitted (wax is permitted).
- . All teams are to use a accredited sweep. Sweeps will be provided upon request to the organisers prior to the event only.
- . Every member of the paddling team must be able to swim 50 metres or otherwise wear a buoyancy vest (life jacket).

I certify that each member of the team understands and undertakes to be bound by the conditions of entry.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Please submit this **Entry form** and the receipt of **Payment** (See Bulletin n.1) to venicedragonboat@gmail.com.