

## INFORMATION BULLETIN No.1

### 19th EDBF European Club Crew Championships

**Ravenna 2023,**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Standiana Bacin Regatta Course, Via Standiana 38, Savio di Ravenna, Ravenna, Italy**

**To: ALL EDBF MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBER DRAGON BOAT ORGANISATIONS IN EUROPE.**

The European Dragon Boat Federation Council in conjunction with the Italian Dragon Boat Federation (FIDB) and the Ravenna Organizing Committee, warmly invite all Club Crews from European countries to participate in the 19th EDBF European Club Crews Championships (ECCC) – RAVENNA 2023, in Italy.

**The Championships are primarily for those European Club Crews that are members of the European Dragon Boat Federation. Crews from countries which do not have a Dragon Boat Federation are welcome, with the prior approval of the EDBF Executive Committee**

There will be competitions for Paradrags; Breast Cancer Paddler and All Cancer Paddler Crews in their own Divisional races. BCP & ACP crews may also enter the main championships races but must fully comply with 'Double Rostering regulations. Further details are contained within this Information Bulletin.

**DATE.** Ravenna 2023 will take place from the 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 inclusive, under EDBF Competition Regulations, over the racing distances of 200m, 500m and 2000m.

**OUTLINE PROGRAMME:** The programme below is provisional and is to assist crews with their planning.

**Arrival:** Competing crews are advised to arrive in Ravenna no later than **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023** but crews arriving earlier will be catered for.

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Crews arrive. Registration & Training in Ravenna
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Crews arrive. Registration & Training in Ravenna Afternoon EDBF Executive Committee and Council Meeting 19.00 – Opening Ceremony
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Morning – Race Officials Meeting. Morning – Team Manager's Meeting <b>Racing -2000m All Championships Classes *</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>Racing day – 200m &amp; 500m Mixed Championships Classes *</b>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>Racing day – 200m Open &amp; Women Championships Classes</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>Racing day. – 500m Open &amp; Women Championships Classes</b> <b>Evening - Celebration Dinner</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>EDBF Congress- Morning &amp; Crews depart</b>

**\* Note: Depending on entries these days may be reversed with 2000m races on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023.**

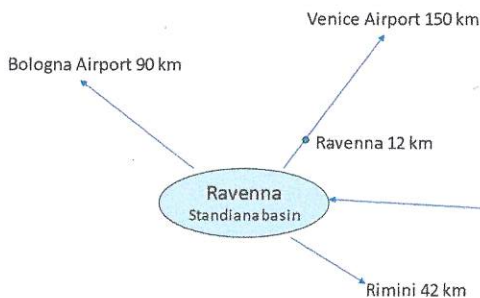


**LOCATION** The 19th EDBF ECCC will be held in the historic city of Ravenna, on the **Standiana Bacin Regatta Course**

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### How to get there



### Airports:

Venice Airport  
Bologna Airport  
Rimini Airport

### Main Trains:

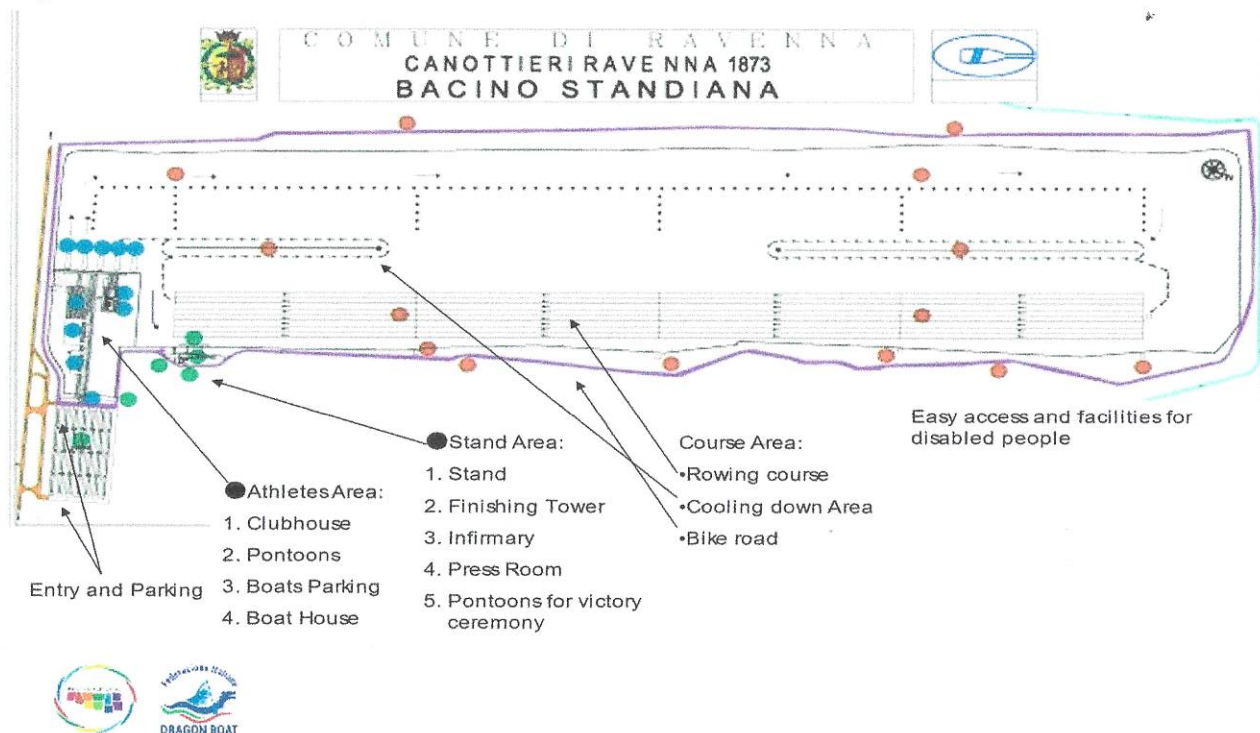
From Bologna (1 hour)  
From Rimini (1 hour)

### Roads:

A14 Highway from Bologna  
SS309 from Venice  
E45 from Rome



**REGATTA COURSE** The regatta course and technical facilities will be according to EDBF standards for a European Club Crew Championships. The actual racing course will consist of 6 racing lanes, 13.5m wide and 4m deep over 200m and 500m



**BOATS AND EQUIPMENT.** IDBF licensed boats will be provided for the Championships by Peisheng Boats. Competing crews will be expected to bring their own paddles that conform to the IDBF Paddle Specification 202a.

**ACCOMMODATION.** The full details of the accommodation in the Ravenna area, will be published in Information Bulletin No.2 and will also be shown on the official website – [www.dragonboat.it](http://www.dragonboat.it)

## ACCOMMODATION IN THE PROVINCE OF RAVENNA



Standiana Basin

There is a large accommodation capacity, on the **Adriatic Coast**, which is nearby the Standiana Basin.

In the area of **Ravenna** there are **41.818 beds in 526 hotels** and 137.000 in other facilities (apartment, campsite with bungalow, guesthouse, etc .)

The Standiana Basin has already hosted several events with a large number of athletes and **all the hotels are not more than 10 km far from the basin** .



**VISAS.** Clubs (crews) requiring visas to enter Italy should apply directly to the **RAVENNA 2023** Organising Committee no later than 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, requesting a letter of invitation to the 19<sup>th</sup> EDBF ECCC and enclosing a list of those participants (full name, date of birth, passport number, passport expiry date) who have been selected for the Club. This should also include any Officials and Supporters who are attending the Championships.

**CLIMATE.** The average day time temperature in September for Ravenna is 24°C with generally little rain (on average 6 days during the month).

**CURRENCY.** The currency used in Italy is the Euro.

**COACH TRANSFERS.** Information on coach transfers between airport and accommodation and to and from the race venue, will follow in Information Bulletin No.2,

**MEALS.** Details will be available in Information Bulletin No. 2.

**CELEBRATION PARTY.** Details will be available in Information Bulletin No. 2



## DIVISIONS, RACING & COMPETITION CLASSES & ENTRY CONDITIONS

The Championship Divisions, Racing and Competition Classes that will be contested are listed below, **Both Standard and Small Boat Championships are on offer with the Small Boat Races primarily aimed at new Clubs on the international stage** but also at older Clubs with only a small number of paddlers available for a particular Racing Class or Classes.

### STANDARD BOATS

Class	Premier	Snr A 40+ (1)	Snr B 50+ (1)	Snr C 60+ (1)	Snr D 70+ (1)	Jnr A & B (2)	Under 24 (3)	BCP/ ACP	Para- Dragons
Open	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A*	N/A*	N/A	200m 500m 2000m
Women	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A*	N/A*	200m 500m 2000m	N/A
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A	N/A

\*The EDBF will consider other competition classes on specific request of Club Crews at Provisional Entry Stage.

### SMALL BOATS

Class	Premier	Snr A 40+ (1)	Snr B 50+ (1)	Snr C 60+ (1)	Snr D 70+ (1)	Junior A & B (2)	Under 24 (3)	BCP/ ACP	Para- Dragon
Open	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A	200m 500m 2000m
Women	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A
Mixed	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	200m 500m 2000m	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- (1) **Senior A** --- 40<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (1983, 1982, 1981...).
- Senior B** --- 50<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (1973, 1972, 1971...).
- Senior C** --- 60<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (1963, 1962, 1961...).
- Senior D** --- 70<sup>th</sup> or later birthday falls in the year of the competition (1953, 1952, 1951...).

- (2) **Junior A** --- 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year of the competition.  
(A competitor must have been born in the years 2005/2006/2007/2008/2009/2010).

**Junior B** --- 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> birthday falls in the year of the competition.  
(A competitor must have been born in the years 2007/2008/2009/2010).

- (3) **Under 24** --- 13<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday falls in the year of the competition  
(A competitor must have been born in the years 2000/2001/2002/2003/2004/2005/2006/2007/2008/2009/2010).

**Notes:** up to two (2) Racers in a Standard Boat Competition and one (1) in a Small boat can be over 23, but under 26 (1995/1996) in the year of the competition. Note: By definition Drummers and Steerers are 'Racers'.

All the above are supplementary amendments to the EDBF Amendments to the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing as agreed at the EDBF Extra Ordinary Congress in November 2016.



**AGE REGULATIONS – EXCEPTIONS. Senior & Junior Classes.** The Drummer in a Senior Crew and Helm/Steerer in a Junior Crew do not need to conform to the relevant age limits shown above. A Helm in a Senior Crew (any age category) must be at least 40 years of age.

**Premier Classes** – An athlete's 13<sup>th</sup> or later birthday must fall in the year of the competition. To clarify, an athlete must be 12 years of age as a minimum and there is no maximum age limits.

**AMENDMENTS TO RACING CLASSES AFTER PROVISIONAL ENTRY STAGE.** Once the closing date for Provisional Entries has passed the EDBF Executive we will then review the number of entries in each class. Should there be insufficient entries (less than three) then:

- Junior A & Junior B will be combined to form ONE racing class known as Juniors.
- The Under 24 entries will be combined and race with the Premier Classes but they will still receive medals or trophies as appropriate to the number of entries. Any affected club crew will be advised accordingly by email.

**COMPETITION FORMAT.** The ECCC will be conducted according to the IDBF Competition Regulations and IDBF Rules of Racing by appointed IDBF International Race Officials. These will be assisted by National Standard Officials, under the direction of an IDBF Chief Official, with a Championship Jury nominated by the EDBF Executive Committee.

**ENTRIES.** All entries to the 19<sup>th</sup> EDBF ECCC must be sanctioned by the EDBF member organization to which that crew belongs, where one exists. Crews from countries or territories where there is not an EDBF member may compete, subject to the agreement of the EDBF Executive Committee.

**A maximum 5 entries per Standard Boat competition class and a maximum of 3 entries per Small Boat competition class, per EDBF Member will be allowed, with only one entry per Club. EDBF Members who wish to enter a 4<sup>th</sup> Small Boat Club must apply to the EDBF Executive for an exception.**

A Club can enter Standard or Small Boat Crews or both in all Racing Classes, **but for a Club to enter both a Standard and Small Boat crew in the same Divisional Racing Class** or competition, the paddlers in the Small Boat Crew must be **different paddlers** from those used in the Standard Boat crew – including reserves, **with the exception of Mixed Crews, Juniors and U24 Open.**

e.g. An athlete competing in the Standard Boat Premier Open cannot also compete in the Small Boat Premier Open class.

**MIXED CREWS EXCEPTION.** A Club may enter an Open Standard Boat and also a Women's Small Boat Crew or vice versa, in any Racing Class when there are less than 18 paddlers of either sex available to race. In these cases, the same Small Boat paddlers can also race in a Standard Boat Mixed Crew or a Small Boat Mixed Crew.

The following mixed crew composition rules will be used at this Championships. Mixed Standard Boat – Maximum 10 of either gender, as per current IDBF Rules.

10 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
10 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
9 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
10 male paddlers / 8 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
8 male paddlers / 10 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender
9 male paddlers / 9 female paddlers	+ drummer and helm of either gender

Mixed Small Boat – Maximum 6/Minimum 4 either gender will be allowed (Ruling for EDBF ECCC)



**BCP/ACP CREWS.** BCP/ACP crews will race in Standard Boats and Small Boats over 200m, 500m and 2000m. BCP/ACP Crews will not count against the 5 (Standard Boat) or 3 (Small Boat) crews per EDBF Member and may be requested to enter as 2 Small Boat Crews if entries for the Standard Boats are low. To avoid any confusion, all BCP including drummer and helm **must have or had breast cancer.**  
**All crews are to provide their own helms.**

**PARADragONS.** The 19<sup>th</sup> EDBF ECCC will include Paradrageon races. Paradrageon racing is aimed at broadening the reach of our sport by encouraging those with physical, psychological, neurological, sensory, developmental or intellectual impairments to participate. Two Paradrageon categories are offered: one for teams where every paddler has a recognized impairment (Defined as 'PD1' in Rules for Paradrageon Racing) and a second where at least half the paddlers have a recognized impairment ('PD2').

Clubs intending to enter crews in the PD2 category are encouraged to review the requirements for the mix of unimpaired and Paradrageon paddlers (set out in Annex C of the IDBF Rules for Paradrageon Racing). Because Paradrageon racing is still relatively new, EDBF has decided that it will relax certain race regulations that would normally apply. These relaxations relate to Competition Regulation 4.3:

1. The Paradrageon club can be constituted solely for the purposes of entering the Championships and there is no requirement for it to have been in existence for at least six months or for its members to have been members for the same period. National Federations are asked to be aware of this when endorsing entries.
2. Racing for two clubs is permitted without penalty for: a. unimpaired paddlers in a Paradrageon PD2 team – they may also compete as members of another Club; and b. Paradrageon paddlers – they may also compete as members of another Club provided that club is not another Paradrageon club. However, note that the caveats set out in Double Rostering, below, will apply to all Paradrageon paddlers.

Finally, Clubs should note that only "Open" Paradrageon racing is offered (and IDBF's Rules for Paradrageon Racing set out how age and gender are taken into account.) The categories, race distances, and boat types that will finally be offered will depend on the initial level of interest expressed by clubs. Any questions regarding the set of rules or the nature of competition should be sent by email to:

[chair-para@dragonboat.sport](mailto:chair-para@dragonboat.sport).

**DOUBLE ROSTERING OF PADDLERS.** Double rostering of paddlers between Divisions is discouraged. Helms and Drummers may be used across the Divisions (subject to the rules for Juniors and Seniors), but in the case of 'back to back races' the Officials will NOT delay races for Helms/Drummers to transfer between crews. PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS FOLLOWED AS WE WILL NOT CHANGE THE RACE PROGRAMME TO SUIT YOUR TEAM.

**PERSONAL SAFETY.** All crew members must be water confident and ideally be able to swim at least 50m. It is the Crew Manager's responsibility to ensure that this limitation is complied with, and to ensure that known weak swimmers wear personal flotation aids. Crews compete entirely at their own risk and must be 'Fit to Race', as defined in the IDBF Competition Regulations.

**IDBF RULES AND REGULATIONS** The IDBF Rules of Racing – [REDACTED] the IDBF Competition Regulations – Edition 8, issue 1, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and any EDBF Amendments published in further *Ravenna 2023* Information Bulletins, will be used for the 19<sup>th</sup> EDBF European Club Crews Championships.

Please make sure you familiarize yourselves with these rules which can be found on the IDBF website -[www.dragonboat.sport](http://www.dragonboat.sport).





**REGATTA FEES - PAYMENT DETAILS.** A €300.00 Admin deposit will be required per Club with the Provisional Entry. The Organizing Committee will issue an invoice/receipt on request. This money is **NON REFUNDABLE** if your club (crew) cancels after the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

A €50 per competition entered will be required before the Confirmed Entry deadline. (e.g.: Standard Open 200m/500m/2000m = 3 x €50 = €150). This money is **NON REFUNDABLE** if you cancel the race distance after the Confirmed Entry deadline. If you wish to enter a race distance after this deadline, it will be classed as a late payment and will attract a surcharge of €100.00, per Club crew.

These additional charges have been introduced due to the large numbers of changes requested once the initial race programme has been produced. The EDBF is trying to ensure that unnecessary repeated work is limited and that the race programme is issued in a timely way to everyone.

**ENTRY/REGISTRATION FEE.** There will be a Championships Entry Fee of €65.00, plus an EDBF Registration Fee of €20.00, per accredited person (€85.00 in total) that is, athletes, coaches, crew officials and supporting staff e.g., managers, administrators, medics.

Entry and Registration Fees are to be paid with the Named Entries by the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The EDBF Registration Fee is to be transferred directly to the EDBF Account and the Entry Fee directly to the Ravenna 2023 Organizer's Account. See account details below.

For all Junior Competitors there will be a reduced Entry Fee of €30.00 + a reduced EDBF Registration Fee of €5.00 (€35.00 in total); this has been implemented to try to increase participation in this competition class.

The Supporters Entry Fee will be €15.00 per person + an EDBF Registration of €5.00. The payment of this fee will entitle people to receive an accreditation card which makes it possible to enter the competition areas. The competition site will not be opened to the public.

From the total Entry Fee Clubs may deduct any Admin Deposits and Race Fees already paid before settling their Regatta Fees account.

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION.** On--line registration will be open from 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023, at the official EDBF Club Crew Championship website [https://idbfchamps.org/login\\_edbf.php](https://idbfchamps.org/login_edbf.php). Passwords to this system will be issued by the System Administrator.

## ENTRY & DEADLINE DATES

Entry Form	Action	Due Date
Provisional Entries*	<b>PROVISIONAL ENTRIES</b> + €300 Admin Deposit	<b>7<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b> (7 months before the Champs)
Confirmed Entries*	<b>CONFIRMED ENTRIES</b> + €50 Race Fee, for each competition entered	<b>7<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b> (3 months before the Champs)
Final Named Entries*	<b>NAMED ENTRIES</b> + Entry Fees - that is total participants fee, less Admin Deposit and less Race Fees but plus EDBF Registration Fee.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> August 2023</b> (1 month before the Champs)

\* **Please note**, any late payments will attract a surcharge of €100.00/EDBF Club Crew, so please ensure you meet the deadlines given. Three missed deadlines could mean an additional payment of €300.00.




## CHAMPIONSHIPS REGATTA FEES paid to:

Acct Name: Federazione Italiana Dragon Boat

Bank: UniCredit Roma Pasteur, Viale Europa 34. 00144 Roma, Ial

IBAN: IT 14 K 020 0805 1340 0010 3121 301

SWIFT/BIC: UNICRITM1731

Ref: With Club Name and Country e.g Thunder Dragons GER

## EDBF REGISTRATION FEES paid to:

Acct Name: European Dragon Boat Federation

Bank: Unicredit Roma Pasteur

IBAN: IT 41 E 020 0805 1340 0010 5517 447

SWIFT/BIC: UNCRITM1731

Ref: With Club Name and Country, e.g. Thunder Dragons GER

**WEBSITE:** [www.edbf.org](http://www.edbf.org)

[www.dragonboat.it](http://www.dragonboat.it).

## FACEBOOK PAGE

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## WHAT TO DO IN RAVENNA

Standiana Basin is well placed to allow you to visit local sites of interest after the day's racing.

**Ravenna** area can entertain people or show important cultural sites, such as the eight UNESCO's Heritage Sites:

San Vitale Church and Galla Placidia Mausoleum, Sant'Apollinare in Classe Neonian Baptistry... all decorated with impressive byzantine mosaics.

**Mirabilandia**, within the same area of the park, is one of the largest and most famous amusement park in Italy.

## Trips away from Standiana Lake

Rimini city centre, Valmarecchia Castles, wine or typical product producers.







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