

# The Salford Charity Dragon Boat Festival 2010



In aid of CALL

Charity Number: 1016053



**Sunday 20th June 2010**  
**At Ontario Basin, Salford Quays, Salford**

*For more information.*

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**Entry deadline** [Friday 11th June 2010](#)

**Entry costs** £425.00 per team where final payment is received by [4th June 2010](#)

£450.00 per team where final payment is received after [4th June 2010](#).

**Capacity:** There are a maximum of thirty six team places only, so teams will be booked out on a '**first come – first served**' basis.

## The Salford Charity Dragon Boat Festival

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**Team Name**

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**In support of**



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TITLE of EVENT

**The Salford Charity Dragon Boat Festival**

VENUE:

Ontario Basin, Salford Quays, Salford

DATE:

Sunday 20th June 2010

TEAM ENTRY FEE -

To be returned with this signed entry form  
Cheques made payable to: **J. Thursfield** please.  
Deadline for entries is Friday 11th June 2010

I as the above named Captain for my team confirm that I have received and understood the Salford Charity Dragon Boat Festival terms and conditions and agree to be bound by the said terms.



I have included a deposit payment of £100.



I am making payment before 4th June 2010 and have included full payment of £425.00.



I am making payment after 4th June 2010 and have included full payment of £450.00.



Signed: ..... Date: .....

After receipt of this signed agreement and your payment, an email (or letter via the post if no email address is supplied) will be sent confirming your payment and a place in the above Dragon Boat Festival.

Please return to: **Julian Thursfield, 14 Bryn Onnen, Flint, Flintshire. CH6 5QB**

## Festival Overview

### The concept

1. Dragon Boating is both a fun and highly effective way to raise money for charity and need a total of twenty people (including reserves) in order to make a team.
1. **No previous experience is necessary**
2. Both men and women can compete on equal footing (so common you guys ... unless you are afraid of being beaten by a bunch of women!).
3. Each Dragon boat will hold a maximum 18 people at one time. Seventeen people (8 pairs of paddlers and a drummer) are made up of our team members, whilst the eighteenth person is a Dragon Boat Events Ltd. qualified helm.
4. Dragon boat races are run throughout the day over a short course of around 250 metres – which works out to around 1- 1½ minutes of hard aerobic paddling (which is why we need reserves!).
5. Each team in the festival is given a guaranteed (weather permitting) three timed races.
6. Your **single best time** over those three races is then used to qualify the fastest teams into the final round using all the available dragon boats.

### Entry fee and Fund Raising

1. Team entry fee = £425.00 per team up to 4th June 2010, then £450.00 if entered afterwards.
2. The challenge is to raise a minimum £1,000 per team for Cancer Aid and Listening Line (CALL), Manchester so **each team member is tasked with raising a minimum £50 in sponsorship please** – (although £100 per person would be even better)!

### Safety

- The Dragon Boat Events Ltd. instructors will provide a safety brief for each team prior to their first race as well as buoyancy aids for everyone.
- Their instructors will also provide the training, helm the dragon boats and ensure the safety of all crews.
- Each race will have safety boats on stand-by, ready to rescue crews in the unfortunate event of a capsized.

**Dragon Boat Events Ltd. are the UK's No.1 dragon boating supplier, running events and festivals throughout the UK. They offer novice crews the opportunity to compete in one of Britain's most unique water sport activities, where the emphasis throughout the day is on ... challenge, team building, fund raising ...and FUN!**

### Terms & Conditions

Although Dragon Boating is not dangerous, safety is something the festival organiser takes very seriously and so everyone's agreement to the terms and conditions is required from all team members before we will be allowed on to the water.

If you need more information about the festival itself, please contact the Dragon Boat Festival Organiser:

<b>Julian Thursfield</b>	Office:	<b>01352 761757</b>
	Mobile:	<b>0777 630 6005</b>
	E-mail	<a href="mailto:julian@DragonBoatEvents.com">julian@DragonBoatEvents.com</a>
	Website	<a href="http://WWW.sdbf.co.uk">WWW.sdbf.co.uk</a>



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### Terms & Conditions for all team members.

- Crew Numbers.** Crews may register up to 20 people in their team, but a maximum crew of 16 people (subject to overall weight of the crew and the prevailing conditions) plus a drummer will be permitted to enter each race. In the opinion of the helm, where the weight of the crew or conditions on the day makes safe boat handling a problem, the boat's helm has the absolute authority to require the crew to reduce the number of paddlers. No refunds or reductions will be offered for crews competing or entering with less than the prescribed number.
- Drummers.** Every team **must** have a drummer for each race.
- Event safety – swimming.** All able-bodied crew members must be declared competent in deep water and capable of swimming 50 metres with the aid of an approved personal flotation device (buoyancy aid). Such buoyancy aids will be provided by Dragon Boat Events Ltd. for competitors use whilst on the water.
- Disqualification.** In circumstances where any team member(s) are, in the opinion of any official from Dragon Boat Events Ltd. deliberately trying to capsize the boat or behaving in such a way that could result in either damage to the boats or a danger to the crew, then those officials have the authority to disqualify the team member(s) from further participation in the day. Where such person(s) are disqualified but refuse to leave the crew, it is the responsibility of the Team Captain to remove the disqualified person(s). If the disqualified person(s) still refuses to leave, then the whole team will be disqualified from further participation in the day. No refund will be due to any person / team disqualified.
- Special Needs / Disabled.** Where any team member(s) is either disabled or 'having special needs', then for safety reasons **they must inform the boat's helm prior to each race.** Persons such identified to the helm will then be given a 'day-glo' jacket which must be worn over their buoyancy aid whilst in the boat and must be handed back to the boat's helm or beach marshal when the crew member(s) disembark the boat.
- Previous experience.** No previous experience of Dragon Boat Racing is necessary in order to compete and all crews compete at their own risk.
- Safety Brief.** All team members are required to partake in the team safety brief before the start of their first race. Your safety brief will cover:
  - **How to hold the paddle correctly**
  - **The various commands you will hear from the Helm and what each one means,**
  - **How to move the boat forward and how to stop the boat,**
  - **How to stop the boat capsizing**
  - **The "Buddy Buddy" system and what to do in the event of a capsize.**

At the end of the safety brief, all team members present will be issued with a coloured wrist band and only people wearing these wrist bands will be permitted into the dragon boats.
- Minimum Age.** In the interests of safety a minimum age of sixteen years old is set for competitors and twelve years old for the drummer.
- Cancellation.** The entry fee is non refundable except where clause 10 applies.
- Festival cancellation.** In the unlikely event the festival is cancelled, all monies paid (including deposits) will be refunded in full.
- Challenge Races:** For companies or organisations that have two or more teams entering, we will endeavour to organise (where possible) a Challenge Race in Round 3 and seed the teams in such a way so they do not meet during rounds one & two. This then gives the teams the opportunity to experience several 'training' rounds before their big event.

We recommend any company or organisation with teams competing in a Challenge Race get trophy shields organised for their teams. Come the award ceremony, we will then invite the most senior member of the company in attendance to come up and present the shield to their winning team, which would make a great photo opportunity for the company website / newsletter.



## CREW INFORMATION & WAIVER

**IMPORTANT!** For insurances purposes, in the highly unlikely event of a member having a dragon boat related accident; only the persons listed on the Crew Declaration below will be covered by the insurance policy. It is therefore **essential** that all team members complete in full and sign the Crew Declaration form.

The completed declaration must be posted back to the organisers by 4th June 2010. ([Click here for address](#)).

**CREW CONTRACT & WAIVER:** In signing this 'crew contract' the team captain of the crew listed here agrees on behalf of the team to the conditions of entry as listed in the promoter's contract. Notwithstanding any of these conditions, the crew's statutory rights are not affected.

The crew certifies that:

- (a) All crew members are confident in water, and can swim unaided for a minimum distance of 50 metres whilst wearing a personal flotation device (buoyancy aid supplied by the 'Company'),
- (b) Crew members with disabilities have signed a separate waiver, and have satisfied the promoter this has been done,
- (c) That they are able to sit unaided in the boat, be capable of communicating with and or obeying instructions given by the Company's representatives both on and off the water and are confident in water whilst wearing a personal flotation device. There is no absolute requirement for such people to be able to swim 50 metres. In all cases a person with disabilities must be escorted by an able bodied helper (buddy) who will be briefed as to their duties whilst on the water. In the event no buddy can be organised from within the team, an additional charge may be levied for the supply of a trained member of the event team to act as a personal buddy.
- (d) The crew accepts that in the interests of safety, the Company has the absolute right to remove a whole crew or individuals within that crew from a race or races, if he/she or they are deemed to be unfit to race, or if weather conditions or other safety factors affecting the water conditions warrant such action.
- (c) There will be no reduction or reimbursement of fees for crews of less than 16 plus a drummer, or in the case of a crew member or members being removed from a race or races for any reason.
- (e) The crew undertakes to abide by the race rules as may be periodically amended. A copy of which is available for inspection in the event control vehicle.
- (f) **DECLARATION OF FITNESS TO COMPETE** – Crew members are required to declare to the organisers (prior to the commencement of the event) if:
  - (a) They suffer from chest pains or shortness of breath
  - (b) They have been told by their Doctor that they have heart trouble
  - (c) They have been told that their blood pressure is too high or too low
  - (d) They have had fainting or dizzy spells
  - (e) They have undergone a recent operation
  - (f) They suffer from bone or joint problems i.e. arthritis, spinal injury etc.
  - (g) There is any other reason why they should not participate in an exercise programme, which in the case of Dragon Boat Racing should not exceed 2 minutes of active aerobic exercise per race.

**This list is not exhaustive. If you are in any doubt about your fitness to compete, you must ask the Company's representative prior to undertaking the training and race programme.**

# Crew Declaration for Team \_\_\_\_\_

We the undersigned crew members entering for the above team, accept and fulfil the conditions of entry understanding that we take part entirely at our own risk. We waive any legal recourse for injury or damage to ourselves or property ensuing from our participation. We understand this does not affect our crews' statutory rights.

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