



Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, Inc.

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BOAT RACE INSTRUCTIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Please read through carefully before proceeding to the Registration material.)

1. General

a. Date: Saturday, August 19, 2017

2. Boat Teams

a. Team Size Limit

- i. Teams are required to have a minimum of 14 members, including one Team Captain, and one Steerer.
- ii. Teams may contain up to 24 members, including a Team Captain and a Steerer.
- iii. Steerer will be provided if a team does not have one.

3. Equipment

a. Boats, Paddles, Safety Equipment

- i. All teams must use boats, paddles, and safety equipment provided by Race Officials.
- ii. All team members must wear personal flotation devices (PFD) at all times when on the river.
- iii. No changes or additions to the boats or equipment may be made.

a. Uniforms

- i. All teams must wear a distinctive uniform, which means same color t-shirts.
- ii. Team members must wear a t-shirt reflecting their sponsor or organization. There can only be advertisements on the t-shirt if it was sponsored by that organization or business (i.e. if a supermarket sponsored a boat team, the name of the market can be printed on the t-shirt).

4. Registration

a. Entry Materials

- i. Only completed entries will be accepted. To be considered complete, entries must include the following:
 1. Entry fee of \$ **350**.
 2. Registration forms.
 3. List of all team members.
 4. Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity agreement, signed by each team member.
- ii. Deadline for items 1-4 of the registration material is July 29, 2017.

b. Removal from the Race: There are four ways an entry can be removed from the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival races.

- i. Withdrawn – Teams may voluntarily withdraw an entry by July 29, 2017 and receive a full refund. After August 5th, 2017, deposits will not be refunded.
- ii. Not Accepted – Entries that are not accepted for the race by the LSEAWF will be notified within a week of the receipt of registration material, and granted a full refund.
- iii. Scratched – Entries not showing up at the starting line by 9:30am on the day of the race are considered a scratch. Entry fees will not be refunded.



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iv. Disqualified – Entries accepted to the race but found in violation of the race rules by the LSEAWF may be disqualified. Disqualified entries will not be refunded.

5. Practice

- a. All teams are encouraged to attend at least two (2) practice sessions to demonstrate proficiency at paddling and steering.
- b. A schedule of practice sessions will be sent out to all Boat Teams in July (TBD). It will also be made online at our website (<http://www.lowellwaterfestival.com/>). Teams must sign up for practice sessions by emailing the main LSEAWF Boat Race Coordinator. Times will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis of the requests.

6. Events (TBD)

- a. Race Schedule (subject to change on the number of entries)
 - i. 10: 15 am to 1:30 pm Heats
 - ii. 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm Quarter Finals
 - iii. 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm Semi-Finals
 - iv. 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Finals
 - v. 5:00 pm - Announcement of Winning Team
- a. Progression System (subject to change on the number of entries)
 - i. Heats – Eight fastest teams advance to Quarter Finals
 - ii. Quarter Finals – Winners of each Quarter Final advance to Semi-Finals
 - iii. Semi-Finals – Winners of each Semi-Final advance to Finals

7. Race Procedures

- a. The Race Officials, who are the arbiters of these guidelines, govern these race procedures. The Race Officials will include at least one (1) member from the LSEAWF Board of Directors. Teams will have their finishing times recorded.
- b. Teams will race in groups of two, unless there are an odd number of competitors.
- c. Teams are required to assemble at the race stations at the beach near the Sampas Pavilion in Lowell, 45 minutes prior to the scheduled race time. Teams that do not assemble on time will be disqualified.
- d. After a brief safety lecture, all team members are required to put on a life jacket and board their assigned boat. Under the direction of the Race Officials, the teams will row upstream to the marshaling area. The Race distance for the races shall be 1000 meters (.625 miles). Teams are not to row downstream past the boat ramp or upstream through the bridge. Any violations will result in disqualification.
- e. When the Race Officials are satisfied that the teams are correctly aligned, the starter will start the race with the commands, "ATTENTION – GO!"
- f. Upon completion of the race, teams will immediately return to the beach and leave the boat.
- g. In the event of a protest, the Team Captain must notify in writing a Race Official immediately following the race.
- h. For any other circumstances that are not listed, the committee will determine whether it is a violation or not.

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Boat Team Member List**



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SAMPLE OF RACE SCHEDULE

Heats (Winner of each heat plus three fastest times to quarter-finals)

Race	Time	Lane 1	Lane 2
1	11:00 AM	Lite of Cambodian Children	Lao Family Mutual Association
2	11:20 AM	Thai Association	NJ Dragon Boat Club (1)
3	11:40 AM	Dragon Boat Club of Boston	SE Asian Group
4	12:00 PM	Khmer Angkor	Wat Buddhavhavan of MA
5	12:20 PM	Khmer Krom	Lao Community of Lynn
6	12:40 PM	Lucky Ducky	
7	1:00 PM	Family Unity Community	Pine Street Chiropractic

Quarter-Finals (Winners advance to semi-finals)

Race	Time	Lane 1	Lane 2
8	1:10 PM	1 st fastest time (races 1 -7)	8 th fastest time (races 1 -7)
9	1:30 PM	7 th fastest time (races 1 -7)	2 nd fastest time (races 1 -7)
10	1:50 PM	3 rd fastest time (races 1 -7)	6 th fastest time (races 1 -7)
11	2:10 PM	5 th fastest time (races 1 -7)	4 th fastest time (races 1 -7)

Semi-Finals (Winners advance to finals)

Race	Time	Lane 1	Lane 2
12	2:50 PM	1 st fastest time (races 8 -11)	4 th fastest time (races 8 -11)
13	3:10 PM	3 rd fastest time (races 8-11)	2 nd fastest time (races 8-11)

Finals

Race	Time	Lane 1	Lane 2
Petite Final	3:40 PM	2 nd Place Race 12	2 nd Place Race 13
Grand Final	4:00 PM	Winner Race 12	Winner Race 13



Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, Inc Boat Team Registration Form

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TEAM NAME:		
MAILING ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
TEAM CAPTAIN:		PHONE:
EMAIL ADDRESS:		

Please sign below after you have read the following:

- I understand the boating regulations of the Southeast Asian Water Festival.
- I understand that there is an entry fee of **\$350** for each competing team. Please see part 4b of the Rules and Regulations for other criteria relating to refunds.
- I understand that my team is responsible for seeking a team sponsor who will provide the funds for my team t-shirts, food, and refreshments.
- I understand that all team members are encouraged to attend two practice sessions. A schedule for practice sessions will be provided within a week of the registration deadline date.
- I understand that the team must fulfill all of the criteria below in order to race:
 1. Registration forms, by July 29, 2017.
 2. List of all team members by July 29, 2017.
 3. Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity agreement, signed by each team member by July 29, 2017.
 4. A **\$ 350** deposit made payable to Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival by July 29, 2017.
- I understand that the Southeast Asian Water Festival committee has the ultimate decision on a team's participation in this year's Boat Racing competition.

<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Print Name of Team Captain	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Signature	<hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> Date
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Deadline for Boat Team Registration: July 29th @ 5:00 PM.

Unless postmarked by 7/29/2017, registrations received after that date will not be accepted!
All registration materials should be submitted to:

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**Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, Inc
Release and Waiver of Liability Assumption of Indemnity
Agreement for Boat Participants (“Agreement”)**

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Any individuals who will be competing in the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival boat races are required to complete and sign this form.

Team Name or Organization (If Non-Affiliated, Leave Blank)

In Consideration of permission to participate in the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival and related events and activities, I acknowledge that:

1. By virtue of my attendance and/or participation I risk bodily injury, paralysis, dismemberment, death, and other loss including damage to property, I understand that my attendance and/or participation in this event may result in my being struck by a boat, slipping and/or falling in the boat and into the water, heat exhaustion, hypothermia and/or drowning. These injuries are some, but not all of the possible injuries I could sustain.
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks.
3. I release, hold harmless and will **not to sue** the Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, its officers, officials, agents, consultants, employees, and sponsors, with respect to any such injury, paralysis, death, or loss except that injury or loss which results from the gross negligence of willful or wanton misconduct of one of those individuals or organizations.
4. I understand that boat racing is an extremely physically demanding sport. I am in proper condition to compete and/or participate in such an event. I understand that I may be required to race the course several times during the day, and I have trained sufficiently, and I am in good shape for this task. I understand that boat racing requires me to be outdoors and that I am in proper condition to withstand exposure to the elements, even on a very cold or very hot New England day.
5. If any portion of this Waiver shall be deemed to be invalid, the remainder to this Waiver shall remain in force.

***PLEASE HAVE EACH TEAM MEMBER SIGN NEXT PAGE IN
AGREEMENT***



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TEAM NAME:	
Team Captain:	
Phone #:	Email:

TEAM MEMBERS (A required minimum of 14 rowers and up to 24 total members in a team).

If the volunteer/participant is less than 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian MUST ALSO sign below.
This is to certify that, as parent/guardian of the volunteer/participant, I do consent to his/her waiver and release as set forth above.
Parent/Legal Guardian

Print Name	Age	Signature	Parent/Legal Guardian (under 18 yrs old) Signature (Parent/Legal Guardian (if under the age of 18 yrs old))
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I understand that I am responsible for coordinating practices, release forms, etc. for all of my team members. I also understand that my team may be held liable for any damage to LSEAWF equipment, and that the LSEAWF accepts no responsibility for the safety of participants during official practices the races. The signatures of my team members above also reflects their understanding and consent to the Release and Waiver Liability Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement for Boat Participants (Agreement).

Signed (Team Captain): _____ **Date:** _____