



## DRAGONBOAT BEAUFORT RACE DAY 2026

Hello Captains!! This is your “May Update”, AND... We have a race!! **Team Registration is closed.** We have 24 teams to get ready for competition. We will have a Cancer Division, Senior Division, Community Division, and a Club Division. We will have Divisions A, B, & C where the top three teams will receive medals. We will have a repeat performance, with our three hospitals to battle out the “Heartbeat of the County” Cup.

As a highlight, we will still have our Drummer’s Costume parade, best decorated tent, best T-shirt, and an after party with live music at Shellring. We will have the honor of Cpl. Baraka Saluma, a vocalist, from the Parris Island Marine Band performing. How lucky are we to have this type of talent grace us. Race Day is an awesome event in so many different ways!

Now that we have our teams, my main concern is getting your boat loaded up with paddlers and fundraising started.

### TO FORM A TEAM

**Community & Senior Teams;** You will need 16 paddlers and a drummer. 6 paddlers of your team must consist of women. Senior teams (including Drummer) must be 50 and older.

**Cancer & Club Teams;** Club Teams will need 20 paddlers and a drummer. 8 paddlers of your team must consist of women. Cancer teams must consist of 8 cancer survivors. All participants must be 16 years and older.

### **Local Teams:**

The website shows that we are lacking in paddlers. Without paddlers, we are lacking in fundraising. Race Day is 8 weeks away. **Our goal is \$90K.** We are only at 10% of our goal. **I need each team to strive for \$5K in fundraising.** You can do this. Captains, please convey this to your team. Have them revisit [Zeffy.com](http://Zeffy.com) and form their personal link. The new website is designed in a way to make it easier for you to fundraise. You can email, text, or share it on any social media. Let me know if anyone needs help setting up their own link.

**Other news;** We will be providing a service where you can pre-order a boxed breakfast or lunch. This will help limit you from carrying a lot of stuff to your tent, which **you** provide this year. **One 10x10 tent.** Breakfast will be supplied by Sea Sea's Honey Hole and Lunch by FishCamp. We will have an ordering link for you later this month. Please remember absolutely **"NO ALCOHOL"** during the race.

**Traveling Club Teams;** Negotiations are completed with the **Beaufort Hampton Inn** again this year. No code needed. Just tell them you are competing in the DragonBoat Race Day Event on June 27th. We will start with a block of ten rooms, 2 beds per room, and a set rate of **\$119.** Phone **#843-986-0600** to book. If you have any problems refer them to our negotiator, Jade!

**Waivers;** Local, Senior, Cancer, & Club teams. This is another reason to get your team loaded with paddlers. We are going with electronic waivers this year. **ALL PADDLERS** will need to be assigned to a team so you can participate at your practice and on race day. **Nobody** will get in a boat until a waiver has been signed.

I will leave you with this. **NOW** is the time to start **FUNDRAISING!** This is why we do this event. In 2025 DragonBoat Beaufort awarded 311 grants to 98 cancer patients for a total of \$81K. Can you do your part as a team and raise \$5K??? Let's see which team can be the first.....

**Paddles Up!**  
**Darlene McGrath**

