



DRAGONBOAT RACE DAY 2026

“SAVE THE DATE, JUNE 27, 2026”

Hello Captains, and welcome to the 13th Annual Beaufort DragonBoat Race Day, sponsored by Shellring Ale Works, FishCamp on 11th Street, and Safe Harbor of Port Royal. These establishments are super excited to have us this year! My name is Darlene McGrath and I will have the honor of being your Race Day Teams Coordinator for this year's event. Some of you may remember me from years past. I am back to help you with any questions or needs regarding race day.

DBB is pumped-up as well, with the decision of our new location. Some of you may know that our downtown Beaufort waterfront location is under construction for the next few years. Port Royal and Mayor Kevin Phillips have been gracious enough to come and save the day for us. We will be using the dock location at FishCamp on 11th Street, as our new Race Day launch site.

There will be some changes.... Sometimes, changes are good! Like the registration website. We have tried to make registering a team less complicated by creating a *QR Code*, which you will find at the end of this update. **BUT WAIT.....** Do not go there yet. Let me explain a few things first.

Captains (only), you will use this *QR Code* to register your team. All registrations must be paid in full by credit card or by bank option. If you use the bank option, all you have to do is type in the Bank's name and click! At the end of your registration form there will be a "Discount Code Box." This discount will give you \$100 off your registration fees and it is good until April 1st. No fooling!! 😊 Registration fees are the same as they were last year. The discount code is; **DISCOUNT2026** (all in caps).

I am happy to announce, due to being "Top Team Fundraisers" from Race Day 2025, **Leadership Beaufort Alumni Hippsters** registration fee has been waived for 2026! Congratulations team!!!!
Now, you sit and wait for the next step.

Once the *QR Code* step is completed and we see your team has been registered, I will then give you a *URL link* so you can add your team to the website. Add your team and please be sure to say, *you are the Captain*. Yessss, I know, this will be a 2-step process, but a video will be included with the *URL link* to guide you. I think you will be surprised at how user friendly it will be. After you add your team, share this *URL link* with your paddlers so they can join your team. Please remember, this is a fundraising event for our cancer Outreach Program. Each paddler will be asked to donate upon signing up. Our fundraising goal this year is \$90,000. Please communicate with your teammates and come up with a team fundraising goal. **NOTE: QR Code first, URL Link second.**

Our next big change is how many teams, and how many paddlers per team. Due to the location we can only accommodate a total of 24 teams. I want a firm 16 teams loaded on that field from the Beaufort County area before asking out-of-town teams to participate. You are the fundraisers and the Heart of Beaufort County. This will be a **“first come, first served”** situation so act fast on REGISTERING your team.

Here is another positive spin. We will be racing 3 heats, 200 meters, and you only need a minimum of 16 paddlers and a drummer to form a team. That's right, 16 paddlers!! Of that 16 paddlers 6 must be women. I do recommend getting a couple alternates. You can always rotate them in each racing heat.

Tents! Bring your own. Our downtown facility had staking rules, and we always provided tents. This year you provide your own tents. You are **allotted two 10 x 10 tents** for each team, but due to space limitations nothing larger or more than that.

I don't want to overload you with too much info right now, but I can tell you it will be a fun-filled day from the opening ceremony, dotting the Dragon's Eyes, trophies for best decorated tent, t-shirt, team spirit, best dressed drummer, top fundraisers and an “After Party” at Shellring with live music just to name a few! So, stay tuned for many more updates!

Let's get this registration going first and let the fun begin.

Paddles Up!
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