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3 and 4 October

WELCOME

The crews will be welcomed at the **Costantino Reyer Sports Center in Venice Sant'Alvise**, located at Sestiere Cannaregio 3163.

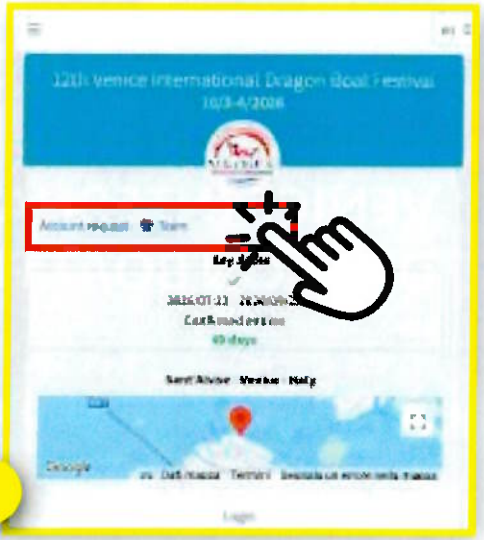
The Sports Center is located next to the Sant Alvise waterbus stop.
It can be reached on foot from the Santa Lucia train station in about 15 minutes, from Piazzale Roma in about 20 minutes and from Tronchetto in about 30 minutes.

The competition area will be set up in the lagoon, not far from the Sports Center.

IMPORTANT

Given the high number of crews participating, the Organising Committee, composed of Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat ASD and Dragon Boat Italia, has decided to manage registration and all services through an online portal.

All participation forms received by 24 July 2026, have already been inserted in the portal but we ask the club representative to verify the accuracy of the information inserted.
For the teams who haven't already registered (have not received their credentials in the email they indicated on the participation form in Bulletin 1) and for those who need to do so, the Organising Committee is available to verify - with the collaboration of the crews - that all the data required for the event is included in the online portal.



The link through which you can request an account

https://123bookeasy.com/ticketVCE26

For those who have not yet done so, we recommend that the access credentials are requested as quickly as possible.

Please remember to upload your payment receipt online and, if not possible, to send an email to venicedragonboat@gmail.com .

EVENT PROGRAM

Saturday 3 October 2026

There are variations to the program times indicated in Bulletin 1

200m regatta

9:00am Arrival of teams and groups
9:45am Captain's meeting
10:00am Regattas begin
12:30pm Lunch break
1:45pm Regattas resume
4:15pm End of regattas, followed by the medal ceremony.

A Flower Ceremony will follow.

Festival/Parade

5:30pm Teams embark

Parade through the canals of Cannaregio

Following the parade, the Eye-dotting Ceremony will be held together with other moments of aggregation.

Sunday 4 October 2026

2000m regattas

9:00am Arrival of teams and groups | Captain's meeting | Indication of regatta course
10:00am Regattas begin
12:00pm End of regattas, followed by the medal ceremony.

N.B.: The Organising Committee will provide the participants with one or more sets of standard Dragon Boats (IDBF/ICF approved) – complete with paddles, drum, sweep oar and PFDs (life jackets).

In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Organising Committee reserves the right to vary the start time or suspend the event.

The Organising Committee declines all responsibility for any accidents or damages that may occur to the participants and/or accompanying persons or that were caused by the said persons to people or property before, during and after the event.

REALISATION OF REGATTAS

The summary of the names of the participants, crew composition lists and all the documents required for the event must be completed in the portal https://123bookeasy.com .

In addition to what was communicated in Information Bulletin 1, the **200m regattas** will consist of heats, possible repechages, semi-finals and finals.
NOTE: in the case of 'direct finals', the Organising Committee may decide to carry out only one (1) heat to have the best times which will determine the positioning in the central lanes in the respective finals.

In addition to what was communicated in Information Bulletin 1, the **2000m regattas** will proceed with a 'fleet' start with a maximum of n. 5 dragon boats for the final. The composition of the fleet will go from n. 1 to no. 5, with crew no. 1 near the left alignment buoy. The number 1 will be given to the crew who came first in the finals of the 200m regattas (e.g. 200m Mixed, boat nr. 1 will be given to the crew who arrived first, nr.2 to the second place, etc.). Turning at the buoy must be carried out leaving the buoy (or buoys) on your left. During the turning points, the rules of engagement must be respected, as per the ICF dragon boat regulations (it will be shown and explained during the captains' meeting). In the event of contact between the crews, in addition to having to repay any damage, the guilty crew will have a penalty ranging from 10 seconds (contact that did not compromise the other crew's race) up to disqualification (contact that significantly hindered the other crew's race).

SERVICES

Bathroom and Changrooms
Change room and bathroom facilities are available at the sports centre.

Athlete's Area and teams
All crews will be able to leave their bags in designated areas of the indoor gyms made available for the event. The outdoor area and the main pontoon can be used by all crews for their land-based warm-up sessions.

Meals
Meals can be reserved through the online portal https://123bookeasy.com . Please do not forget to upload the payment receipt to the portal and/or send it via email to venicedragonboat@gmail.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Visas
For teams who need a visa to enter Italy, please contact the Organising Committee as soon as possible.

Sports Eligibility
The event is an amateur sporting event, where fair play, participation, culture, tradition, and socialisation must prevail. Therefore, a certificate of fitness for competitive sports is not required, especially given the event's extensive insurance coverage.
Dragon boat racing is suitable for all ages and without any special training. As a helpful reminder, participation is not recommended for anyone who has recently suffered a bone injury (broken leg, arm, etc.) or anyone suffering from cardiorespiratory problems.
Participants in the "BCS" class will be required to provide proof of their cancer status.
Regardless of the general guidelines, the legal representative of each individual crew/club may request a certificate of fitness for competitive sports from their participants, particularly for BCS participants.