



ERDBA

Eastern Regional Dragon Boat Association 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Founded in 1997 to cover entire US Eastern Seaboard, we now cover 14 North Eastern states from Maine to Virginia, Ohio to Long Island and DC.

2023 - Board of Directors: 4 Officers, 51 Directors (9 festivals, 42 clubs (w/8 club festivals))

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Message from the President

The officers and I are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our member clubs and festivals. Unique in the US, our members each have one seat on our Board of Directors. This provides us with a greater range of input in how to serve the region. Each year they decide on the programs to fund.

We operate with the goal of fulfilling the objectives of our 5 year strategic plan.

In 2023 we added a \$3000 grant program in which to fund a Grant Committee who decides on the amount and destination of the awards. We received 15 applications from our members and distributed the entire amount of \$3000 to 14 members.

Also, starting in 2023 we agreed to show our appreciation for our regional members who serve as TEAM USA Head and Assistant coaches. We recognized the benefit to our regional dragon boaters by having access to these individuals and voted to reimburse these coaches for their National team-related expenses up to \$1,500.

Acknowledging the benefit of festivals hosted by clubs, our directors approved a trial period of 3 years in which the ERDBA annual festival membership fee is **WAIVED** for festivals hosted by ERDBA club members in good standing. This represents our appreciation to our member clubs who provide venues for our members to participate.

2023 represented another exciting season for our members. ERDBA had most teams (38) competing at the US National Championships and took home the most medals (27) and national championship titles (13) of any region. Our region also served as the test site for many TEAM USA time trials.

We look forward to continued membership growth and growing opportunities to support our membership.

Ellen Law
ERDBA President
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2023 Accomplishments

- Added 5 new club and 2 sanctioned ERDBA festivals members.
- Our member dragon boat equipment discount program added more items
- Our newly established Grant Committee awarded \$3000.
- Reimbursed up to \$5000 in TEAM USA related expenses incurred by our ERDBA members who served as TEAM USA head and assistant coaches for the 2023 world championships.
- ERDBA Ambassador programs:
 - Sponsored USDBF Race Officials training for 1 ERDBA member
 - Sponsored 1 youth Paddling camp attended by 20 participants, supported by 3 coaches
- ERDBA received the USDBF membership rebate checks of \$2795 (2022) and \$3920 (2023) and paid these out directly to clubs who's USDBF membership generated these rebates.

By the Numbers

- 6 Teams crowned 2023 ERDBA Regional Champions
- 7th year commitment to making ERDBA a SafeSport Community
- 7 Festival annual membership dues waived for the 2023 season because they are hosted by ERDBA member clubs.
- 7 new clubs joined ERDBA
- 8 ERDBA individuals took part in Safe-Sport training
- 13 teams won USDBF National Championship Titles at the CCNC in Sarasota, Fl
- 16 All Cancer and Breast Cancer member clubs
- 17 ERDBA Festivals ran in 2023 (Boston, Cleveland, Cooper, Dragons on the Lake, Gildas So.Jersey, Hartford, HKNY, IDBR, Lake Champlain, Lake Region CSF, Mercer, Paddle for Pink, Pittsburgh, Poconos, Richmond, Solomon Islands, Springfield, Regionals)
- 18 Teams competed in the 2023 ERDBA Regional Championships
- 27 ERDBA teams won bids to the 2024 IDBF CCWC in Ravenna, Italy
- 38 ERDBA teams raced in the 2023 USDBF Sarasota Club Crew National Championships (CCNC) most of any USDBF region.
- 80% (\$26K) of our budget, supports youth programs, membership training and recognition.
- 86 medals won by ERDBA teams at 2023 USDBF Sarasota CCNC (36 Golds, 19 Silver, 31 Bronze)

2024 Wish List

- Increase overall participation in ERDBA races,
- Continue to grow interest and participation in 2024 ERDBA Regional championships.
- Present our first ERDBA Hall of Fame inductee.
- Increase support for our BCP, ACP and Paradrasons members
- Grow ERDBA as a vendor friendly organization
- Sell our ERDBA ID printer
- Include Para and Military Veterans racing class to our ERDBA Regional championships.



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2023 TEAMS at ERDBA Festivals



At Cooper River DBF



At Gilda's South Jersey