



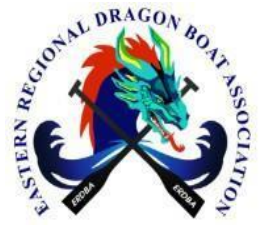
Eastern Regional Dragon Boat Association 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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.

2025 - Board of Directors: 4 Officers, 71 Directors (10 festivals, 49 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 among U.S. dragon boat associations, each of our member clubs holds a seat on the ERDBA Board of Directors. This structure provides a broad range of perspectives and ensures that our members directly shape how we serve the region. Each year, our directors determine the programs and initiatives that ERDBA will support.

Our work continues to be guided by the objectives outlined in our five-year strategic plan.

Our 2025 budget included \$8,000 dedicated to providing free developmental programming for our members, including steering clinics, coaching workshops, SafeSport education, and race official training. An additional \$5,500 was allocated to our Grants and CARES programs, which support clubs and initiatives across the region.

We were also proud to have hosted our 9th ERDBA Regional Championships, continuing our commitment to providing competitive opportunities for our athletes.

ERDBA also continues to waive festival membership dues for events hosted by member clubs in good standing. This policy reflects our appreciation for the clubs that provide venues and opportunities for our community to participate and grow the sport.

A significant milestone this year was the selection of our first ERDBA Hall of Fame inductee, Mr. Louie. Involved in dragon boating since the 1980s, Mr. Louie was recognized for his outstanding contributions across multiple areas, including athletic achievement, coaching and athlete development, leadership and governance, and the growth of the sport. As the first program of its kind in the United States, the ERDBA Hall of Fame honors the legacy of those who have shaped our sport. By recognizing their contributions, we ensure their impact is remembered—because when we honor the past, we inspire the future.

The 2025 season was another exciting year for our region. 44 ERDBA teams competed at the U.S. National Championships, earning 30 medals, including 7 National Championship titles—the most of any region. In addition, 28 ERDBA crews earned bids to represent the United States at the 2026 IDBF Club Crew World Championships in Taiwan, further demonstrating the strength and depth of our region.

We look forward to continued membership growth and to expanding opportunities that support and strengthen our dragon boat community.

Ellen Law

President, ERDBA

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2025 Accomplishments

- Added 3 new club and 1 sanctioned ERDBA festivals members.
- Our member dragon boat equipment discount program added more items
- ERDBA Ambassador programs:
 - Sponsored USDBF Race Officials training for 1 ERDBA member
 - 3 youth team entry discounted 50% with joint support by ERDBA and member festival.
- ERDBA received the USDBF membership rebate checks of \$4055 (2025) which will be paid out directly to clubs who's USDBF membership generated these rebates.

By the Numbers

- 7 Teams crowned 2025 ERDBA Regional Champions
- 7 teams won USDBF National Championship Titles at the CCNC in Sarasota, Fl
- 8th year commitment to making ERDBA a SafeSport Community
- 8 Festival annual membership dues waived for the 2025 season because they are hosted by ERDBA member clubs.
- 3 new clubs joined ERDBA
- 12 All Cancer and Breast Cancer member clubs with 3 more teams within clubs.
- 16 ERDBA individuals took part in Safe-Sport training
- 17 ERDBA Festivals ran in 2025 (Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Cooper, Dragons on the Lake, Gildas So.Jersey, Hartford, HKNY, IDBR, Lake Champlain, Lake Region CSF, Mercer, NY International, Paddle for Pink, Pittsburgh, Poconos, Springfield, Regionals)
- 21 Teams competed in the 2025 ERDBA Regional Championships
- 30 medals won by ERDBA teams at 2025 USDBF Sarasota CCNC (12 Golds, 11 Silver, 7 Bronze)
- 44 ERDBA teams raced in the 2025 USDBF Sarasota Club Crew National Championships (CCNC) most of any USDBF region.
- 84% (\$30K) of our budget, supports youth programs, membership training and recognition.

2026 Wish List

- Continue to grow interest and participation in 2026 ERDBA Regional championships.
- Grow ERDBA as a vendor friendly organization
- Sell our ERDBA ID printer
- Offer ERDBA logo'd online gear
- Award Para and Military Veterans racing class to our ERDBA Regional championships.

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48 CLUB Members



19 FESTIVAL Members





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2025 TEAMS at ERDBA Festivals



At Cooper River DBF



At Gilda's South Jersey