



## Safety Addendum for Insurance

## Introduction

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To be eligible to apply for club insurance under the USDBF umbrella, club members must:

- Designate a safety officer for club activities and club-sponsored events and festivals;
- Agree to abide by IDBF safety guidelines as it relates to Dragon Boating in the United States; and
- Be a dues paying member in good standing of their regional organization.

The President of the insured club shall sign this addendum as acknowledgement that they have read and understand and agree to abide by all safety guidelines adopted by the USDBF.

## General

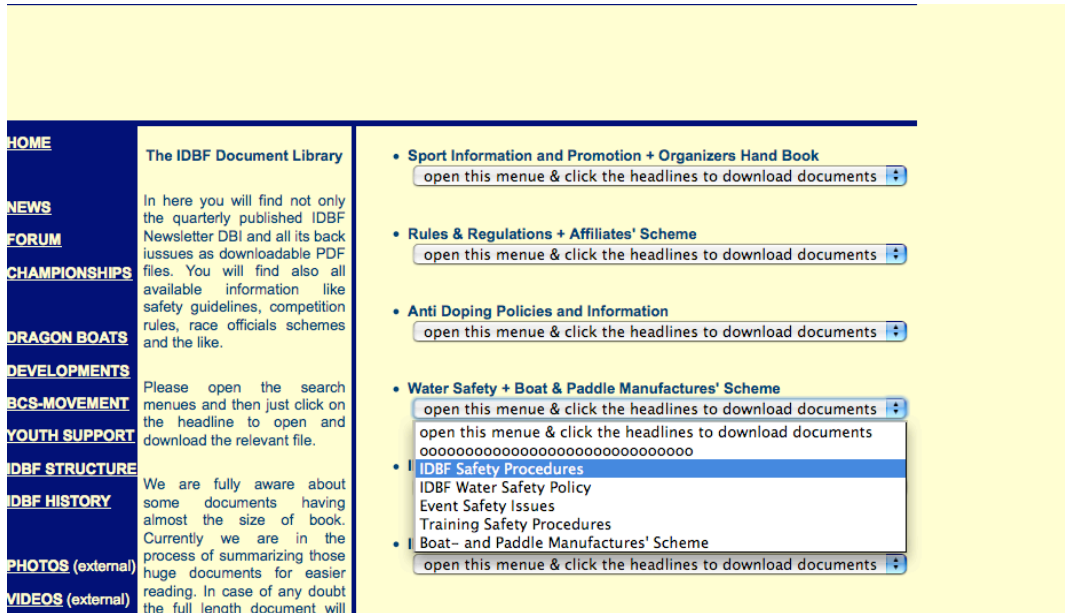
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By resolution, the USDBF has adopted the safety guidelines provided by the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) as they relate to the sport of Dragon Boating in the United States.

All club members are responsible for assigning a safety officer that will ensure compliance with the following IDBF safety guidelines available from the IDBF website:

- IDBF Safety Procedures
- IDBF Water Safety Policy
- Event Safety issues

Documents may be downloaded from the IDBF website online at <http://www.idbf.org/documents.php> under the heading Water Safety + Boat and Paddle Manufacturers' Scheme. See the following screen shot of the IDBF website:



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In addition to the IDBF safety guidelines as they apply to the sport of dragon boating in the United States, the USDBF has also adopted for all clubs with USDBF club insurance the following safety guidelines related to events, club activities and practice, and individual use of club equipment by non-members.

## Events:

### On-Water Guidelines

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- All paddlers will wear an appropriately fitted, Coast Guard approved flotation device;
- Appropriate number of safety boats, each staffed with first aid trained personnel and appropriate safety equipment (Appropriate number of safety boats shall be determined by the water temperature and current conditions as well as number of paddlers on the water at any one time.);
- Event organizers shall ensure that race rules include information about safety communication including how to alert the safety boat when help is needed while racing; and
- It is recommended that all boats are equipped with a cell phone in a watertight container for use in case of an emergency while on the water depending on the race site conditions.

### Off-Water Guidelines

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- Use of all motorized vehicles by volunteers for festival organization including golf carts and segways shall be limited to volunteers 25 years of age or older;
- All volunteers working dock shifts shall wear a PFD while on the dock;
- Festival will have adequate first aid stations that are easy to find and known to all participants;
- Race organizers shall provide an adequate supply of drinking water (either bottled or from potable taps); and
- In the event of inclement weather, race organizers will be familiar with guidelines as to when to pull boats off the water for safety (ie lightning, excessive wind, or strong currents).

## Clubs and Practices:

The member Club shall develop a matrix for safety on the water for club practices as it relates to water flow rates and temperatures and the combinations of conditions that may result in risk to members which shall be available to all drummers and steerers responsible for paddler safety on the water.

## Individuals:

Non-club members using club equipment for training shall wear an appropriately fitted, Coast Guard approved flotation device at all times and shall follow general safety guidelines as established by the member club.

## Practice Sessions for Festivals:

Non-club members using club equipment for the purpose of practicing for a festival shall wear an appropriately fitted, Coast Guard approved flotation device at all times and shall follow general safety guidelines as established by the member club. The member club shall ensure that all practice crews go on the water with an experienced steersperson that will be responsible for the crew. All paddlers for practice sessions shall sign the club waiver of liability as do all club members.

# Acknowledgement

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As the President of the USDBF Member Club or Festival Organizer,  
\_\_\_\_\_, I certify that the Club/Festival Organizer has a designated Safety Officer who has read and understands the IDBF safety guidelines as they relate to the sport of dragon boating in the United States as well as the additional USDBF-adopted guidelines outlined in this addendum.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Member Club/Festival Organizer) agrees to abide by these safety guidelines for all club activities including practice sessions and club-sponsored events and festivals. The Safety Officer for Member Clubs will ensure that all club members including coaches, drummers, steerers, club officers and executive members are familiar with these safety guidelines. The Safety Officer for Festival Organizers will ensure that all paddlers, drummers, steerers, and key members of the festival front-line workers, including volunteers are familiar with these safety guidelines.

Signed:

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Club President/Festival Organizer

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Date

This form is to be signed and returned to the address below upon application for USDBF insurance:

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