

**15th EDBF NATIONS DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**4th – 7th July 2024**

**Racice/Prague -CZECH REPUBLIC**

## National Olympic Centre Regatta Course – Labe Arena CZECH REPUBLIC – Prague/Račice - 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 1

Czech Dragon Boat Association (CZDBA) and the **Organizing Committee** in conjunction with the **European Dragon Boat Federation (EDBF)** warmly invite **all National Dragon Boat Teams to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> EDBF NATIONS DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS** for the distances **200m, 500m and 2000m**.

#### DATE:

The **15<sup>th</sup> EDBF NATIONS DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS** together with **19<sup>th</sup> Open Czech National Dragon Boat Club Crew Championships** will be held **from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024** at the National Olympic Centre Regatta Course – Labe Arena Račice.

#### LOCATION:

National Olympic Centre Regatta Course, the location of the 2009 IDBF World Championship, 2014 EDBF European Championships and location of Czech National Championships is just 30 minutes from Prague and has successfully organized various water sport events at European and World level in the past and provides ideal conditions and facilities for the athletes as well as for spectators. The regatta course and whole complex has been recently renovated and is like brand new! It is situated in the north of Prague, and it takes about 30 minutes by car on the new highway. A shuttle service between the accommodations and the regatta venue will be organized. Accommodation will be available in Račice and neighbor location.

#### TRAVEL INFORMATION

##### Travel Information

##### 1. By car

GPS: +50° 27' 29.60", +14° 20' 30.52"

##### From Prague and Ústí nad Labem (motorway D8):

Use an Exit 29 km from the motorway D8. Then follow the road nr. 240 to Roudnice nad Labem. Read carefully the city signs to not to use the city centre. Follow the road sign saying „Štětí“. On the roundabout next to the Billa supermarket turn right. On the next crossroad approximately 1 km far turn left. You will go across Předonín village and on the next crossroad turn left to Račice.

##### From Mělník and Česká Lípa:

Use a road nr. 9. In Liběchov turn to the road nr. 261. In Štětí go over the bridge. Turn right to Račice.

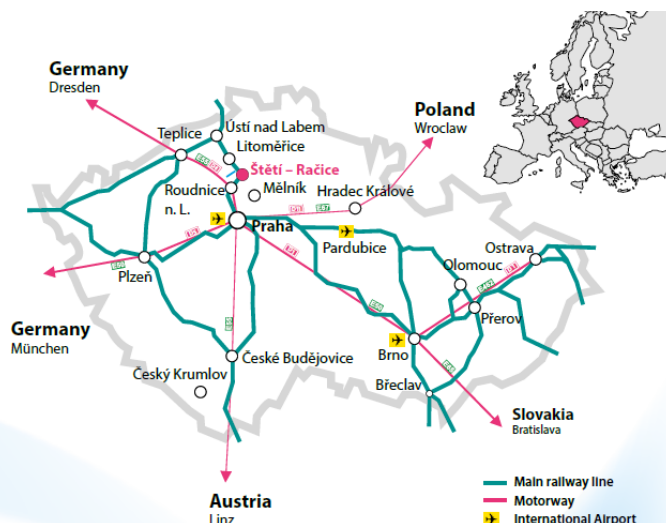
##### From Litoměřice

Use a road number 261 to Štětí, turn left to the bridge across the river Labe.

##### Distances and orientation times

- Ústí nad Labem, 56 km, 60 minutes
- Praha 60 km, 65 minutes
- Litoměřice 25 km, 30 minutes
- Mělník 18 km, 20 minutes
- Roudnice nad Labem 10 km, 15 minutes

Please follow the instructions of the operating personnel at the course. These staff will tell you where to go for a free parking place. Parking for free during all event.



##### 2. By train

The railway station **Hněvice** is about 15 minutes by walk to the course. Express trains from Prague and Ústí nad Labem stop there.

##### From Prague

(Main railway station): 57 km, 46 min.

##### From Ústí nad Labem

49 km, 37 min.

More information about traffic relations and prices: [www.cd.cz](http://www.cd.cz), [www.idos.cz](http://www.idos.cz) or 800 112 113  
Awaiting you positive reply we look forward to meeting You and Your team in Račice.

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### THE RACING:

#### Racing will be conducted in both small and standard boats:

- Divisions: Premier, Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, Senior D, 24U, Junior A, Junior B and Paradrakon
- Classes: Open, Women and Mixed
- Distance: 200m, 500m, 1,000 and 2,000m.

#### Racing will be conducted in accordance with:

- IDBF Competition Regulations (Edition 9.0 (January 2024))
- IDBF Rules of Racing (Edition) Edition 9.0 (January 2024)
- IDBF Rules for Paradrakon Racing (Edition 1.3) (December 2023)

Copies of the above rules can be downloaded from <https://www.dragonboat.sport/rules-and-regulations>

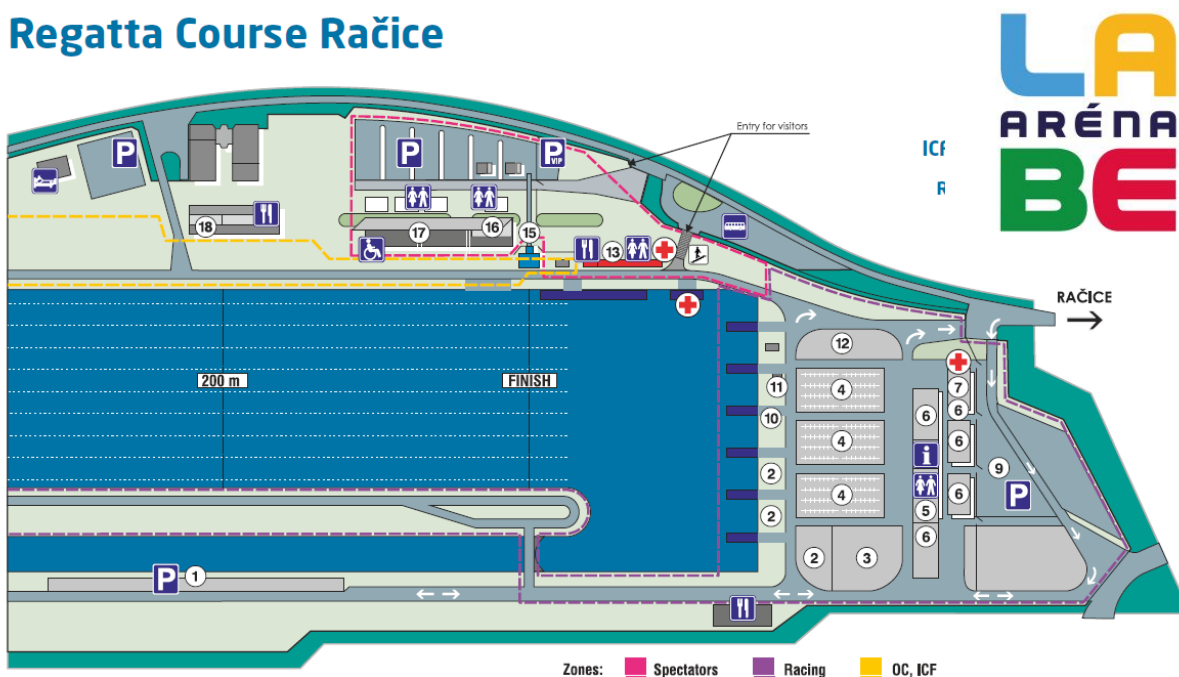
### THE VENUE - REGATTA COURSE:

The regatta course has 6 lanes of 12 meters for 200 and 500 m, using the Albano system. Starts are equipped with the automatic start system Polaritas and new fixed starting blocks.

The total length of the water canal is 2350 meters and the width of main canal is 130 meters. The depth is 2.5–3 meters.

Photo finish and computerized results processing will be provided at the finish tower on site. There is a huge grandstand for spectators and guests incl. parking place available. VIP guests of the OrgCom and EDBF will be able to enjoy the races from the VIP area with a view over the whole regatta course.

### Regatta Course Račice



1 Parking	5 Changing room	10 Start numbers / water distribution	15 Finish tower
2 Boat builders	6 Indoor rest room	11 Control commission	16 Grandstand for VIP
3 Place for team tents	7 Bag drop off /Lost & Found	12 Boat paddle builders	17 Grandstands
4 Boat storage	9 Parking	13 Exchange	18 Accreditation

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### ENTRIES:

Entries are open to all EDBF members provided they have paid all membership fees that are due by the 1st of July 2024.

The entries are to be made by member federations and the system will open on 20th January 2024.

Further information about key dates for this process are provided later in Bulletin. However, Member federations must have registered their provisional entries by no later than 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Entry fees have two components: an amount paid to EDBF (the 'EDBF Registration Fee') and an amount paid to the event organizer (the 'Entry Fee').

**EDBF Registration Fee:** € 30 per team member/ coach / manager / medic, Junior A / B € 15, Supporter € 15

**Entry Fee:** € 80 for adults 19 of age and over and € 35 for Juniors and Supporters.

Details of how to make payments and any penalties for the late payment will be included in Bulletin No. 2.

### RACE ENTRIES CLASSES AND DISTANCES:

Division	Class	Standard Boat				Small Boat		
		200m	500m	1,000m	2,000m	200m	500m	2,000m
Premier	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior A/B/C/D	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Junior A/B	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U-24	Open	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Women	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mixed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paradragon	PD1					✓	✓	✓
	PD2	✓	✓	✓	✓			

### ENC ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION

IDBF is a signatory to The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). IDBF is committed to ensuring that its athletes comply with WADA requirements. The EDBF follows the IDBF Anti-Doping Policy, where it is relevant to EDBF Championships.

Anti-Doping Requirements for the 15th European Nations Championships.

The 2024 EDBF Anti-Doping Education & Testing Policy will be summarized as it relates to the 15th EDBF Nations Championships, and published in next Bulletins.

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### **BOATS AND EQUIPMENT:**

IDBF licensed boats will be provided by the Championship organizers. Competing crews are expected to bring their own paddles that confirm to the IDBF Paddle Specification.

### **OUTLINE PROGRAMME:**

This program is to assist Teams with their planning but **is provisional and could be changed**.

- The Opening Ceremony is planned for Friday, 5 July 2024.
- Racing will take place from Thursday 4 July through to Sunday, 7 July 2024 inclusive.
- Please ensure your team arrives by 3 July 2023 latest for meetings and training sessions.

The current schedule is shown below. In due course, more detailed information will be provided.

	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>
	2nd July	3rd July	4th July	5th July	6th July	7th July	8th July
<b>Teams arrive</b>							
<b>Training at venue</b>							
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>							
<b>Racing</b>							
<b>Closing Ceremony</b>							
<b>EDBF Congress</b>							

Further details regarding Confirmed and Final Named Entries will come in Info Bull. No.2.

### **KEY DATES:**

Requirement	Deadline
Provisional entries close (Note: IDBF Registration system opens from 20th January 2024)	<i>18<sup>th</sup> February 2024</i>
Confirmed Entries close – against which all fees will be charged	<i>31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</i>
Final team names submission	<i>31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</i>

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

We offer accommodation to every team (including registered competitors, officials, delegates, and supporters who travel with the team) in different categories in location Račice and neighbor or Prague.

Details will follow up in next bulletin.

### **TRANSFER SERVICE:**

A shuttle service between the airport and the official accommodations / regatta venue will be available. You will find the package offers, transfer rates and information in the next bulletin.

### **RACE LUNCHES & CATERING:**

Lunch menu service will be provided at the course.

There will be also various food and drink stands available in the area. More information in the next bulletin.

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### ORGANIZER CONTACTS:

- Championships Website: [www.dragonboat.cz](http://www.dragonboat.cz)
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*General Inquires / Administration / Accommodation / Meals*



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