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Race Day Information
Saturday, May 18, 2024
Thea's Park
535 Dock Street, Tacoma

Schedule (more details as follows)

7:30 am	Registration opens; team managers or captains check in with Registration to drop off rosters and get tent location assignments
8:00 am	Opening ceremonies: Blessing and Dotting of the Eyes of the Dragon
8:30 am	Captains meeting
9:00 am	Community team races begin

Gear Drop-Off and Parking

- To drop off and pick-up gear at Thea Park, a temporary drop off area will be designated at the park entry. You are also encouraged to park in the republic pay to park parking lot on the other side of the building and tote your gear from there to the park. **NO PARKING in or driving through the Dock Building.**
- Closest paid parking: about 78 spaces available in the lot behind the Dock Building – first come, first served. **\$10.00 for the day Cash ONLY-** Carpooling encouraged!
- Other paid parking: two lots by the Fish Peddler Restaurant (East 15th & Dock Street).
- **Free parking: Tacoma Dome Transit Center** (434 East 25th Street). Shuttle service will pick up on East G Street, starting at 7 am about every 15mins. Enter the parking garage from East 25th street and park on the east end of the garage close to East G Street.

Featured Vendors

In addition to crafts, sportswear and other vendors, food will be available:

- Hotworx Gym
- Mimi's Ice cream
- Trader Joe's
- Werner Paddles/Kialoa
- Jewelry by Nicole
- Stitches - Andrea
- Sap Sap Cambodian-Loas Deli
- TNT Coffee
- Massage by Claudia
- Kelly's Brew Dogs
- Dragon Boat Stuff

Other Things to Know

- Team tent sites will be assigned and will be posted on the TDBA website: www.TacomaDragonBoat.org.
- **ALL canopy legs MUST have 15lb weights attached to each leg per the Tacoma Fire Dept. If you have 2 canopies and the legs of the 2 canopies X you**

can have one 15lb weight for the X legs. The Fire Dept will be coming through to inspect the site.

- **If you DO NOT have Weights** on each leg the FIRE Marshall will make you take down your canopy. You can purchase weights from places like Home Depot or as some teams have done fill PC pipe with cement and bungy the pipe to the legs. Plastic gallon milk jugs filled with sand or water works as well.
- Whether sunny or raining, one or two pop-up tents will be useful for sheltering your team.
- Bring camp-type chairs or blankets to spread out on the damp grass.
- Teams may wish to organize bringing table(s) and food to eat throughout the morning. NO BBQS OR COOKING FIRES!
- There is **NO potable water** available at this venue. Please plan to provide water for your teams and recycle your containers.
- Long-range weather forecast says sunny and mid 50s to upper 70's with a 5% chance of rain – looks to be a fine day for racing. Bring plenty sunscreen!
- Teams will be called to Marshaling approximately 20 minutes prior to each race. Please note that the **race schedule is approximate, not exact**, so encourage team members to stay in touch between races.
- Event schedule, transportation and parking maps, and tent site locations will all be posted on the TDBA website and available at registration when you check-in.
- The race grid will be posted on the TDBA website the week of May 15, 2023.
- **Recycle and trash containers will be available.** Please help us maintain this awesome park and do your part in recycle and trash collection and separation.

*“The Rainier Dragon Boat Festival event on 5/18/24 has been recognized with a **Green Event Excellence Seal of Approval.**”*

