



THE Catch

NEWSLETTER
-SUMMER EDITION-

June 1, 2025

Welcome to the first ADBA digital newsletter!

The American Dragon Boat Association (ADBA) proudly provides connection, guidance and information to Dragon Boat teams, festivals, vendors and paddlers within the American Midwest.

Read below to get caught up on Dragon Boat happenings and announcements this summer!

PADDLES UP!!

Your ADBA Team

Midwest

DRAGON
BOAT
FESTIVALS
2025

**14
JUN**



**SOUTH HAVEN
HARBORFEST**

SOUTH HAVEN, MI

**21
JUN**



**BADGER LAKE
DRAGON BOAT BASH**

FORT DODGE, IA

**26
JUL**



**CHICAGO INTL
DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**

SCHAUMBURG, IL

**21-24
AUG**



**DRAGON
ON THE LAKE**

LAKE ORION, MI

**5-6
SEP**



**DUBUQUE DRAGON
BOAT FESTIVAL**

DUBUQUE, IA

**27
SEP**



**KANSAS CITY
DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**

SHAWNEE, KS

CLICK HERE
for a
**FULL LIST of Midwestern
Festivals**

Don't see your festival
listed above?
Become an ADBA member
& let us feature you!

**CLUB CREW
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

IS YOUR CREW READY?

LEARN MORE HERE



Special Interest Updates

ALL CANCER PADDLERS (ACP)

To learn more about the ACP, [CLICK HERE](#)

BREAST CANCER PADDLERS (BCP)

- Several of **ADBA's BCP and ACP** paddlers attended the inaugural ***"Unleash the Dragons"*** held at **Sarasota's Nathan Benderson Park** in January. The 4 day event included coaching sessions, several leadership seminars along with an opportunity to meet and paddle with survivors from 26 states and 14 countries in a composite team environment. It was for many, a great way to kick off the paddling year.
- The **first USA BCP national team** will compete at the IDBF World Championships in Germany this summer! ADBA will be represented as several paddlers name are from the region. We are all celebrating this milestone for our paddling sisterhood!

For more info on BCP happenings, [CLICK HERE](#)

PARA DRAGONS

To learn more about the Para Dragons, [CLICK HERE](#)

UNITED STATES DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION (USDBF)

- Excited to announce that **USA's Barbara Michaels and Colleen Middendorf** will to be inducted into the International Dragon Boat Hall of Fame during the 17th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships in Brandenburg, Germany.
- **President Tommy Leonardi** thanks ADBA for allowing him to speak during our recent Annual General Meeting in April.
- Tommy also notes that the folks from **Windy City Dragon Boat Club** were amazing hosts for the Team USA time trials in May!

More from USDBF: [CLICK HERE](#)

ZOOM with ADBA

Introducing a new series of informal roundtable discussions with the members of the American Dragon Boat Association.

UPCOMING: Sunday, June 8, 2025 7:30-8:30 pm CDT

TOPIC: Fitness for the Dragon Boater

WHO: OPEN TO ALL -- *Please share with your paddlers and teammates!!*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

ZOOM WITH ADBA

QUARTERLY SESSIONS
DESIGNED TO
CONNECT WITH
OTHER ADBA TEAMS
FOR DISCUSSIONS ON
A RANGE OF TOPICS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

JUN 8
7:30pm

Fitness for the
Dragon Boater

SEP

Blending as a
paddler/paddling
with other teams

DEC

Club Lifecycle -
Inception/growth
/decline

MAR

Fundraising

**JOIN
US!**

REGISTER
HERE

- Dates TBD
- Times CST

**Become an
ADBA Member
Today**

Team, Individual,
Festival & Vendor
Memberships are
available