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NEWSLETTER
FALL EDITION

September 1, 2025

Fall is almost here!

With successful Spring and Summer seasons of racing in the Midwest under our belts, we head into the Fall season with a lot of racing opportunities in front of us. Read below to see what's still to come in the 2025 dragon boat racing season!

PADDLES UP!!

Your ADBA Team

MIDWEST DRAGON BOAT FESTIVALS



**SOUTH HAVEN
HARBORFEST
JUN 14**



**BADGER LAKE
DB BASH - JUN 20-21
[SEE RESULTS HERE](#)**

**CHICAGO INT'L DB
FESTIVAL - JUL 26**

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**DRAGON ON THE
LAKE
AUG 21-24**



**DUBUQUE
DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**

SEP 5-7, 2025

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**KANSAS CITY
DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL**

SEP 27, 2025

**[TEAMS & SOLO PADDLERS
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***Congratulations to ADBA
President, Barbara Michaels, for
her induction to the International
Dragon Boat Hall of Fame!***

One of only two women inducted in 2025, Barb is recognized for her contribution to not only the Midwest dragon community, but also the national and international stages. Her devotion and passion for the sport have helped build the community for the last 28+ years and will forever be felt. CONGRATS, BARB!

**YOUR ADBA
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
ARE THINKING
AHEAD TO
2026
AND WOULD
LOVE TO HEAR
YOUR IDEAS!**

YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED
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ZOOM with ADBA

Join in for an informal roundtable discussion with the members of the American Dragon Boat Association!

UPCOMING: Monday, Sep 15, 2025 7:30-8:30 pm CDT

TOPIC: Blending as a Paddler/Paddling with other Teams

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

Have you ever joined another team to help fill out a roster? Are you a "promiscuous paddler?" Join us for an informal roundtable discussion with the members of the American Dragon Boat Association on the benefits and pitfalls of joining other teams besides your regular paddling group.

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



***Congratulations
to all of the Midwestern
athletes who competed at
the 17th IDBF World Dragon
Boat Racing
Championships!***



Betty Welch (KS), Bogdan Jancewicz (IL),
Charles Koller (CO), Elizabeth Olivares (TX),
Eva Buskas (TX), John Jamerlan (TX),

Hsiao-Chin Ally Chiang (CO), Ionel Averian (CO), Jessica Chen (TX), Julien Jay Delariman (WI), Kim Li Carlson (TX), Jacek Wasilewski (IL), Joanie Morgan (WI), Joel Castaneda (TX), John Jamerlan (TX), Leszek Wasilewski (IL), Lisa Zinnecker (KS), Matt Norfleet (CO, Matt Norfleet (CO), Maya Vesovic (IL), Melissa Koenig (IL), Molly Davidson (TX), Peter Romanowski (IL), Phillip Salvador (CO), Rosa Abdala (IL), Rozenn Heathcote (IL), Sanja Stojakovic (IL), Scott Baltisberger (TX), Simon Shum (IL), Taffie Lynn Butters (TX), Tess Woods (IN), Vicki Gascho (CO), Wojciech Wasilewski (IL)

**Names generated from USDBF social media posts.
Apologies for any names overlooked.**

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ADBA Member
Today**

Team, Individual,
Festival & Vendor
Memberships are
available



Sister Gertrude (Trudy) Keefe, a

former paddling teammate of the Fighting Angels Abreast BCS Team in Fort Dodge, Iowa, celebrated her 75th Anniversary on Aug 15 and a group celebration with her fellow Sisters on Sep 7, 2025. Presently at 93 years of age, Sr. Trudy is in good health, has many stories to tell and still has that beaming smile and glow about her! ADBA family is invited to join in on a "Card Shower" to help celebrate Sr. Trudy! Cards may be sent to her at:

**Sr. Gertrude Keefe, RSM, 6801 N. 67th Plaza, Apt.
10, Omaha, NE 68152**

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