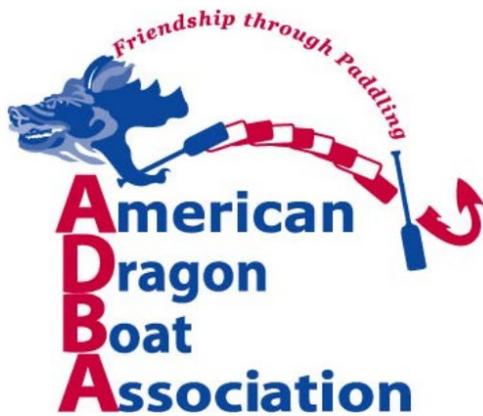


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NEWSLETTER
SPRING EDITION

GET EXCITED, Midwest Dragon Boat Teams!

The **American Dragon Boat Association** is proud to sponsor an elite dragon boat clinic led by world and national championship coaches **Josh Hwung and Tommy Leonardi** on **June 11 & 12** in **Fort Dodge, IA**.

This clinic is open to all skill levels. Do not miss this unique opportunity to learn from two of the most successful coaches in the sport. Josh and Tommy will share their methods and philosophies, many of which defy conventional wisdom.

At the 2025 U.S. National Championships, Josh's and Tommy's clubs achieved an extraordinary 75% gold-medal rate across multiple divisions. They are now eager to share their **cutting-edge expertise and winning strategies** with you.

These two days with Josh and Tommy will be fascinating, informative, and fun!

Watch for another email from ADBA with more info on how to sign up.

PADDLES UP!

Your ADBA Team

MIDWEST DRAGON BOAT FESTIVALS



**BADGER LAKE
DRAGON BOAT
BASH**
FORT DODGE, IA
JUN 12-13



**CHICAGO
INTERNATIONAL
DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL**
JUL 25



**GATEWAY DRAGON
BOAT FESTIVAL**
ST. LOUIS, MO
AUG 15



**DRAGON ON THE
LAKE**
LAKE ORION, MI
AUG 27-30



**DUBUQUE
DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL**
DUBUQUE, IA
SEP 11-13



**LET US FEATURE
YOUR
DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL HERE!!**
Join ADBA!

Click [HERE](#) for a full list of
festivals in the Midwest!

SAVE THE DATES
ADBA PADDLING CLINIC

June 11 & 12, 2026
Fort Dodge, IA

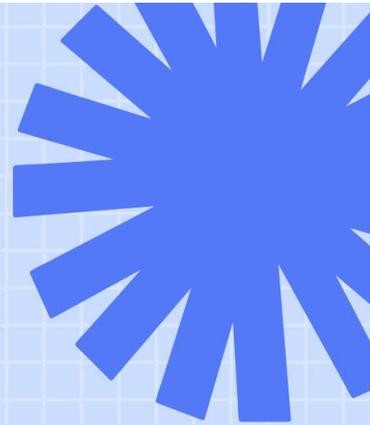


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TOMMY LEONARDI & JOSH HWUNG

Team USA Coaches

American
● Dragon Boat
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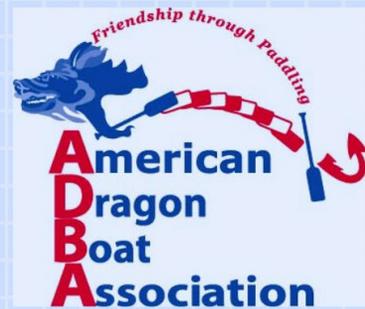


ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 19 2026 | 3-5PM CST

- All ADBA Members are invited
- Updates on ACP, BCP, Para & USDBF
- ADBA Programming for 2026
- Board Elections

*We welcome your
questions, comments
& suggestions!*



RSVP: secretary@americandragonboat.com

ZOOM WITH ADBA

A great opportunity to get new ideas and address your concerns with the wider ADBA community.

MAR 24
7:30pm CT
Fundraising

Discuss your biggest questions, share successful strategies, and brainstorm creative ideas for securing funds and supporting your club's activities.

JUN
Boat
Maintenance

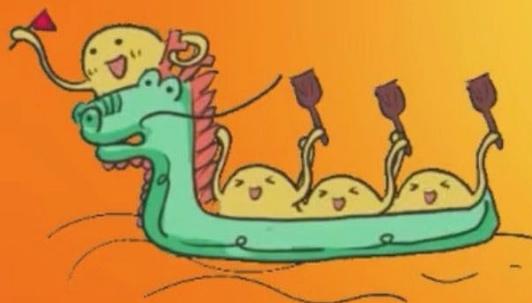
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ANYTHING
GOES!

**REGISTE
HERE!**

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**The newly-created
USDBF Youth Committee
is looking for members!**



If you are 24U, 18U, 16U, or coach youth paddlers and wish to inquire more, please click [HERE](#).
DEADLINE to apply is Thursday, March 5!

*The American Dragon Boat Association
(ADBA) proudly supports and connects
Dragon Boat teams, festivals, vendors, and
paddlers throughout the American Midwest.*

American Dragon Boat Association

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Board Positions:

- President
- Treasurer
- At-Large Board Members (5)

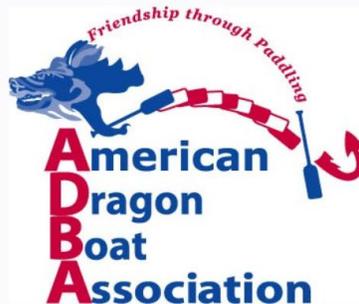


Elections: ADBA Annual Meeting Apr 19
Submit Nomination(s) or request more info: secretary@americandragonboat.com

JOB VACANCY

ADBA REP FOR

SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS



Serve as representative for Breast Cancer, All Cancer and Paradrragon Paddlers on the ADBA Board.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



UNITED STATES **DRAGON BOAT** FEDERATION

**United States
Dragon Boat
Federation
NEWS**

ANNUAL USDBF Meeting

Saturday, Mar
14
11am-3pm CST

*ALL are welcome to join in.
Watch the [USDBF website](#) &
[social media](#) for more
details.*

Congratulations,
CARRIGAIN SCADDEN (CO)
&
ANDREA PRYCE (OK)

for being awarded
**HYPE MATTINGLY
SCHOLARSHIPS!**

*Both paddlers will attend the renowned [Space Coast
Dragon Boat Camp](#) in Melbourne, FL in April.*

The banner features two logos at the top: the Montreal International Dragon Boat Challenge logo (a red dragon head) and the Can Am Club Crew Championships logo (a blue and red star). Below the logos is a photograph of dragon boat teams racing on water. A dark blue bar across the middle contains the text "MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT CHALLENGE | CAN AM CLUB CREW CHAMPIONS". At the bottom, a blue bar displays the dates "July 18-20, 2026" and the location "Olympic basin, Montreal". Three logos are at the bottom: Mission Dragon Boat, Dragon Boat Canada (Montreal-Dragon Canada), and the USDBF logo.

**The 2026 CAN AM Club Crew
Championship
is coming to Montreal
July 17-20, 2026.**

Click [HERE](#) for more info!

Become an
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Today

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Festival & Vendor
Memberships
are available

****ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE****



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