



Devon Air
Ambulance

Dragon Boat Festival

Participant's pack

Saving lives.
Together



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Thank you

for entering the Devon Air Ambulance Dragon Boat Festival 2025

By taking part in this exhilarating challenge, you are making an enormous difference to the people of Devon, impacting lives now and in the future.

The exciting and rivalrous Devon Air Ambulance Dragon Boat Festival provides a great opportunity for your team to exercise your enthusiasm and unity as you work together to paddle your boat to victory.

By signing up to fundraise for your place on this challenge, you are helping our crews to save lives across Devon and beyond.

The £65 fundraising target set for everyone is not just a token amount. This money will help with the purchase of new equipment and keep our crews responding.

Your fundraising makes a huge impact and reminds us that as a local charity and with the support of our Devon community we are...

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About the event

The ever popular Devon Air Ambulance Dragon Boat Festival takes place at Exeter's historic quay. This year participants can enjoy our Dragon Boat Event village on the piazza between racing on the beautiful river Exe.



Teams

Each team requires a minimum of 17 rowers, with a maximum of 20, to fill 1 boat.



Cost

£360* per boat to be paid when completing your entry form.

*The £360 secures your boat and is non-refundable.



Sponsorship

Each rower commits to raising a minimum £65 in sponsorship (or a total of £1105 for a team of 17).



Play

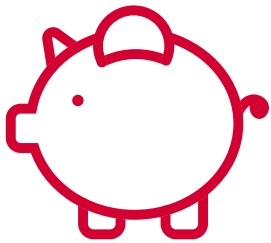
Teams will race in heats, with 3 or 4 teams racing against each other. Each team will take part in at least 3 races.



Prizes

Each member of the top three winning teams will be presented with a gold, silver or bronze medal on the day of the event, in addition the winning team will also be presented with a trophy.

Raising your sponsorship



Fundraising via Give Tap couldn't be easier!

Once you've entered your team via Give Tap your team fundraising page will automatically be created along with a unique QR code.

You and all of your team can share your page far and wide, via email and social media, to encourage sponsorship. You will also have access to a poster that you can download, add your team name and QR code to, and print to further promote your fundraising.

Each team member is required to raise a minimum of £65.

All funds must be received by 31 August 2025.





CrossFit ISCA

2023 Winner

“We are incredibly proud to have emerged as the champions of the 2023 Devon Air Ambulance Dragon Boat Festival. Having not had one member of the team been in a Dragon Boat before, the team had to adapt and overcame just as CrossFit teaches us to do.

At CrossFit Isca, we are no strangers to pushing our limits and achieving greatness, and this victory is exactly what we are all about with our teamwork and effort, and over all else FUN!

Participating in the event was not only a thrilling experience but also a great opportunity to support the vital work of Devon Air Ambulance.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the organisers, volunteers, and fellow participants for making this event unforgettable. We look forward to continuing our support for Devon Air Ambulance in the future.”

Dan Mugford - Owner, CrossFit ISCA



Your fundraising ensures we're there for people like Samantha

In September 2023, Samantha Ungi dropped her son, Curtis, off at school and returned home. Samantha began feeling unwell and started being sick so decided to stay home with her other sons, John-Paul and Vinny, and took herself back to bed.

Not long after, Vinny recalls being called by his mum, but when he entered her bedroom he could see that she was unconscious and not breathing. Vinny immediately called 999 and with John-Paul's help, lowered Samantha to the floor. Vinny then began performing CPR on his mum, which he continually did for 14 minutes until the land ambulance arrived. During this time, Vinny had also called his dad, John, to return from work.

Shortly after the land ambulance arrived, our critical care crew were also on the scene. Our Doctor was able to take over Samantha's breathing by conducting an intervention called intubation. Once this delicate and highly specialised procedure was complete, Samantha was prepared to be transferred to Torbay Hospital by land ambulance, accompanied by our crew, where she was rushed into surgery.

Samantha said: 'I would like to thank the Devon Air Ambulance crew; without their dedication and hard work I would not be here to tell my story. I am extremely grateful that they flew to me so quickly that morning... the expertise of the crew kept me going until I could get to hospital. I will forever be indebted to them.'

Following surgery, where Samantha had a stent fitted, she was placed into an induced coma. After several failed attempts to wake her, Samantha was up and about with minimal lasting damage 1 week later.

Throughout her week in the Intensive Care Unit, Samantha's family never left her side. Samantha's partner John had even made a promise to her family that as soon as he could, he would marry her: 'Since receiving the news that I am incredibly lucky to be alive, as a family there was only one thing left to do...on the 13th of January we got married...Without Devon Air Ambulance, we would not have had this wonderful occasion.'

Recently, the family were invited to DAA's Eaglescott Airbase to visit our Patient and Family Support Team, and see the air ambulance up close. Samantha said: 'It was an honour to meet all the staff at the Airbase. I will forever be grateful for all the hard work they do, they all hold a special place in my heart.' Curtis added: 'It was important to meet the people who didn't just save my mums life but saved all of us.'

Important information



What happens after the event

Your online funds will automatically transfer to us, so there's nothing you need to do. If you've collected any funds offline please contact our fundraising team via fundraising@daat.org to discuss ways you can donate this. **Please ensure all funds are donated by 31 August 2025.**

Following the event you can expect to receive a letter of huge thanks from us for all the hard work you've put in and the funds you've raised, along with a team certificate for you to proudly display. We'll also email you a survey so you can tell us all about your experience of the event and supporting Devon Air Ambulance. Please do take the time to complete this so that we can make our future events even bigger and better.

Once all funds are received, the winning team will be announced via our social media.



Bad weather cancellation

Bad weather cancellations: The only time we cannot run the event is in the case of thunder and lightening or exceptionally strong wind. At this stage we have to wait until 20 minutes after the last flash of lightening before we can continue the event.

TEAM INFORMATION & WAIVER



TERMS & CONDITIONS: Dragon Boat Events Ltd hereafter referred to as 'the Company' stages events for and on behalf of its clients throughout the UK and Europe. This event is classed as a charitable event and falls within the terms and conditions agreed with and accepted by the client. A copy of these terms and conditions is available on request by emailing enquiries@dragonboatevents.com

INSURANCE: The Company complies with all industry standards and is covered for insurance purposes whilst staging its events and activities by Navigators and General (106), Policy Y10051472Q, or a similar Policy on annual renewal. Cover is as follows – Public Liability at least £10 million, Employers Liability £10 million. Cover is reviewed continually and conforms to the industry standard for the events and activities undertaken by the Company. The Company is also accredited by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) for the provision of Dragon Boat Racing to persons under the age of 18. Copies of the certificates and schedules of cover are available on request by emailing enquiries@dragonboatevents.com

TEAM CONTRACT & WAIVER. In signing this 'team contract' the team captain of the crew listed here agrees on behalf of the team to the conditions of entry as listed in the company's client contract.

RULES OF PARTICIPATION. The crew certifies that:

- (a) All crew members are comfortable in deep water whilst wearing a personal flotation device (buoyancy aid supplied by the 'Company').
- (b) Crew members with disabilities have signed a separate waiver, and have satisfied the Company, that they are able to sit unaided in the boat, be capable of communicating with and or obeying instructions given by the Company's representatives or via an interpreter both on and off the water and are confident in water whilst wearing a personal flotation device. In all cases a person with disabilities must be escorted by an able-bodied helper (buddy) who will be briefed as to their duties whilst on the water. An additional charge may be levied for the supply of a trained member of the event team to act as a personal buddy if no-one in their crew can so act.
- (c) The crew accepts that in the interests of safety, the Company has the absolute right to remove a whole crew or individuals within that crew from a race or races, if he/she or they are deemed to be unfit to race, or if weather conditions or other safety factors affecting the water conditions warrant such action.
- (d) There will be no reduction or reimbursement of fees for teams of less than 16 plus a drummer, or in the case of a crew member being removed from a race or races for any reason(s).
- (e) The crew undertakes to abide by all instructions given by the Company's representative(s).
- (f) **DECLARATION OF FITNESS TO COMPETE** – Crew members are required to declare to the Company (prior to the commencement of the event) if they: (a) suffer from chest pains or shortness of breath (b) if they have been told by their Doctor that they have heart trouble (c) they have been told that their blood pressure is too high or too low (d) they have had fainting or dizzy spells (e) they have undergone a recent operation (f) they suffer from bone or joint problems i.e. arthritis, spinal injury etc. (g) any other reason why they should not participate in an exercise programme which in the case of Dragon Boat Racing should not exceed 5 minutes of active aerobic exercise per race. This list is not exhaustive. If you are in any doubt about your fitness to compete, you must ask the Company's representative prior to undertaking the training and race programme.

Privacy Statement: it is a legal requirement by our insurers for names and contact details to be registered for all crew members. Unless otherwise requested, these details will be used as outlined in our privacy policy attached.



EVENT:

TEAM NAME:

COMPANY NAME: (if applicable)

TEAM CAPTAIN: EMAIL:

CONTACT ADDRESS:

..... Post Code:

Tel Tel (alternative)

List of Other CREW NAMES and Contact details: a maximum of 20 crew members may be registered. A maximum of 16 plus a drummer will be permitted to race at any one time. The numbers in each crew in each race will be at the absolute discretion of the Chief Official whose decision shall be final. All registered crew members will receive winner's medals if successful.

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I declare and sign on behalf of the crew listed above that we accept and fulfil the conditions of entry and understand that we take part entirely at our own risk. We waive any legal recourse for injury or damage to ourselves or property ensuing from our participation. We understand this does not affect the crew's statutory rights. We accept that in the course of the day an official photographer may take photographs of the crew for promotional and not commercial purposes by the organisers/promoters and Dragon Boat Events Ltd.

Signed by Team Captain Date



Privacy Notice for Participants

Dragon Boat Events Limited are required in some circumstances to collect, retain, process and sometimes share participant information with various parties including clients of Dragon Boat Events Limited, local authorities and our insurance brokers. Please read the following privacy notice and direct and further queries to Chris Dodimead (chrisdodimead@dragonboatevents.com).

Categories of information include:

- Personal information (including name, address, date of birth, email address, telephone numbers)
- Bank details if participants are paying any fees directly to Dragon Boat Events Ltd

We collect, store and share this information:

- To ensure we have a record of those participating and in agreement with our terms and conditions in our team waiver sheet.
- To comply with our Risk Assessment.
- To comply with our Health and Safety Procedures.
- To process payment for team entry.
- To send out further information about following events.

Collecting personal information:

We collect personal information via team waiver and team entry forms, email and mobile messaging.

Storing personal information:

We hold data securely on our password protected private network and limited to users who need access to this information.

Who we share this information with:

We take your privacy very seriously and will only share information where necessary to the 3rd parties listed below:

- Local Authorities including the emergency services in response to any incident.
- Allan Boswell Insurance Brokers.

Requesting access to your personal data:

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to information about you that we hold. To make a request for your personal information, contact Chris Dodimead (chrisdodimead@dragonboatevents.com)

You also have the right to:

- to ask us for access to information about you that we hold.
- to have your personal data rectified, if it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- to request the deletion or removal of personal data where there is no compelling reason for its continued processing.
- to restrict our processing of your personal data (i.e. permitting its storage but no further processing).

Withdrawal of consent:

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting Chris Dodimead (chrisdodimead@dragonboatevents.com)



DISABILITY WAIVER

EVENT:

CREW/TEAM NAME:

PARTICIPANT NAME:

DISABILITIES:

HELPER NAME AND QUALIFICATIONS (IF APPROPRIATE)

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ACTIVITY TO BE UNDERTAKEN: DRAGON BOAT CREW MEMBER

DECLARATION: I declare that I have read the rules of participation and confirm that I am able to communicate, receive, understand and respond to instructions which may be given to me by an event staff member whether directly or through an interpreting Helper over the age of 18. I also confirm that I am able to sit unaided in the boat and am confident and competent in water and can (in the event of a capsize) remain in an upright position with my head above water unaided whilst wearing light clothing and an approved personal floatation device (buoyancy aid). I further acknowledge that I or my Helper must satisfy myself/himself/herself that a personal flotation device of the correct size is available and securely fitted to me before I present myself to the loading marshalls / helm for checking prior to embarkation.

(If own personal flotation device is to be used this must be presented for inspection by the Chief Official prior to permission being given for its use, such permission when given will be deemed to be in operation for the whole of the above named event). I declare that in all other respects (other than my declared disabilities) that I conform to the rules of participation including the declaration of medical conditions, which might prohibit my participation. I also confirm that I participate completely at my own risk. I also acknowledge that (for physical disabilities only) the above named Helper will have to be briefed and approved before being permitted to act as my Buddy and will be required to be seated next to me at all times during the races in which I participate. I accept that failure to comply with any of the foregoing will result in my being refused access to the competition on the grounds of safety. This declaration will apply to every race entered within the above named competition.

SIGNED: **PARTICIPANT (OR HELPER IF APPROPRIATE)**

DATE: **APPROVED BY (CHIEF OFFICIAL)**



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Contact us

For any further details, please contact Tracy,
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t.hepper@daat.org or call 07494 292384.