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Dragon boat festival 24

July 20 & 21

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Welcome to Dragons!



Thank you so much for getting on board our wonderful flagship event – your support means the world to us. While you and your crew are having fun, you will be raising thousands of pounds for our care.

We have been running this event for more than 20 years, and it's thanks to you that it's such a success.

Action stations

The racing takes place on the section of river between the Kingsland bridge and the Pengwern Boat Club.

Your team will have its own tent set up ready for you on the riverside opposite The Quarry, overlooking the raceway.

Parking and vehicle access to the teams' area is restricted so only one vehicle permit per team is allowed.

Vehicles with a permit can access the site to drop off any bulky or heavy items at the team tent before parking up as directed by our volunteer marshals. Please follow their instructions. No vehicle movements are allowed on site once the event has started. Captains will allocate the team's parking permit.

Vehicle access to the teams' area is from the Kingsland Bridge end only, at the entrance to the Shrewsbury School

Boat Club. Use this postcode for sat nav and then follow the signs and marshals at the end of the bridge: SY3 7AQ

Other members of your team and spectators are advised to use town centre car parks and walk to the venue. We have provided free parking nearby at Burrs Field (**what3words - fend.aware.rate**), which is on the river side of Kingsland Road, Shrewsbury. Please note that if it is very wet in the run-up to the festival, or on the day, we might not be able to use Burrs Field or allow parking on the festival site. Please keep an eye on your inbox and our socials as we get nearer the event for updates.

Pay and display car parks are available in the town centre. The nearest and largest is Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, and there are others at Barker Street, St Austin's Street and Abbey Foregate.

At a glance...

Captains' drop-off: 7.45am – 8.30am – vehicle permit holders can access the site

Registration: 8.00am – 9.15am **Safety briefings: 9.30am**

Qualifying heats: 9.45am – 3.25pm **Final: 3.30pm** **Medals: 4pm**

Please note: timings of heats, the final and presentations are approximate

Your team MUST attend the safety briefing.
No briefing: No entry to the boats

General information

- Captains will need to sign a waiver form for their team. This will be sent by us before the event.
- Don't walk on the pontoons or slipway unless directed to by the Dragon Boats UK team.
- You will get wet – so bring warm clothes to change in to.
- Don't use body/face paint where it may rub off on to the buoyancy aid. And remember to wear a T-shirt to protect your skin from chafing on the life jacket.
- Gas BBQs are allowed – but don't use one in your tent and no coal.
- Alcohol is allowed – but drink too much and you will not be permitted to race.

Tag us in!

Share your photos with us on social media – we'd love to see photos of your adventure!



Facebook: @Severn Hospice
Instagram: @severn_hospice

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On the day...

8.00am – 9.15am Registration

- Team captains must register their teams with event HQ – outside Pengwern Boat Club (**what3words - visit.smug.alien**). This boat club is only accessible on foot.
- You will be allocated your own team tent for the day. Your tent will be labelled with your team name. Please look after the area around your tent and keep it clean and tidy by placing all rubbish in the bin bags and bins provided. Family, friends and dogs are welcome to join you.

9.30am Safety briefings start

- All members of your team must attend a safety briefing which will take place at Pengwern Boat Club (**what3words - visit.smug.alien**). Once you have taken part in a briefing you will be issued with a wristband. Anyone without this wristband will be unable to race.

9.45am – 3.25pm Qualifying heats

- Listen out for your team to be called over the PA system. We aim to run three rounds of heats with the fastest four boats going on to compete for the title of Dragon Boat Champion 2024!

3.30pm Final

4.00pm Medal and fancy dress presentation

Directions for parking permit holders

Shrewsbury School Boat Club SY3 7AQ,
what3words - coffee.hops.bench

From Kennedy Road

Drive towards Kingsland Bridge. Just before the bridge, take a left. Go over the cattle grid and follow the Captains' parking signs.

From Shrewsbury town centre

Go over Kingsland Bridge (this is a toll bridge and costs 20p). Take the first right after the bridge, go over the cattle grid and follow the Captains' parking signs.



FAQS...



Do I have to raise sponsorship?

Teams should raise a minimum of £1,000 – it all makes a big difference. Our fundraising team are on hand to support you: Just give them a call on 01952 221351 or take a look at our fantastic fundraising pack for inspiration!

How many boats will be in each qualifying heat?

You will compete in heats of up to three boats to progress to the final. Competition is fierce, so be prepared for a bit of splashing and healthy rivalry.

I'm under 16, can I still be part of the boat crew?

The minimum age for participants is 12 and any team members under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. A disclaimer form must have been signed, these will be sent to captains in advance.

What safety measures are there?

Dragon Boats UK are the industry leaders and count amongst their crew Commonwealth and world ranked rowers. They have a manned rescue boat and know their dragon boats inside out. There are registered first aiders on site. If you need help, go to event HQ directly or speak with one of our volunteer marshals, who are all equipped with walkie talkies. We'll have a lost property tent too.

Will there be food available to purchase?

Oh yes! Our Refresh pop-up café will be serving all day from 8.30am. Breakfast baps, burgers, hot dogs, veggie and vegan versions will be available, along with hot and cold drinks and cakes. The Pengwern Boat Club has a licensed bar. Gas BBQs are allowed on site.

Will I be notified if the event is postponed due to bad weather or flooding?

Our fundraising team will get in touch with captains before the event to let them know if the event is postponed, don't worry!

And don't forget: there will be a prize for the crew with the best fancy dress outfit – so think BIG!

We're here to help you!

If you want to pick our brains about any fundraising ideas, our friendly team can help you.

You can contact us at any time if you have any questions too – simply email fundraising@severnhospice.org.uk or call 01952 221 351.

If you need to withdraw from the event at any time, you **must** contact us.





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Last year we cared for 3,000 families facing heartbreak

Our nurses, doctors, therapists, consultants and social workers provide care and support to local people living with incurable illness – as well as to their families, friends and carers.



87p of every £1 donated to us is spent on caring.
We use the remaining 13p to raise the next £1.

Supporting Severn Hospice

Raising sponsorship as part of your challenge is a fantastic way to ignite excitement and support from your family, friends, and colleagues.

Stuck for ideas? Why not take a look at our fantastic fundraising guide.

If you are raising money offline and have not received a paper sponsorship form, please contact the fundraising team – you're a star!

Please don't forget to get your sponsorship money to us by Friday 20 September 2024.

- You can drop your money in to one of our hospices or shops.
- If you prefer to do it online visit website at severnospice.org.uk. Click on the 'pay in' button and then follow the 'one-off donation' route.
- Or send your sponsor form and donations, with cheques payable to Severn Hospice, to: **Income Generation, Severn Hospice, Apley Castle, Telford TF1 6RH.** Please do not send cash in the post.

**YOU'VE BEEN WITH
US FOR 35 YEARS!**
Thank you for your support,
it's because you care that we can

