

SMI's World Beat Dragon Boat Club
PO Box 4611, Salem, OR 97302, 503-581-2004

Member Application & Boat Use Agreement

The following *Boat Use Guidelines and Boat Safety Rules* are to be followed by **ALL participants** when renting and using the WBDDBC boat and equipment. **Safety is the Priority!**

Caller & Tiller

- Team captains must confirm a **WBDDBC approved tiller and caller*** will be present and in position during practice **BEFORE** practices may be scheduled.
- The tiller reviews safety rules at the beginning of each practice.
- The caller directs the team during the practice, but defers to the tiller for safety.
- The caller and the tiller should be on the lookout for dangerous situations at all times.
- No more than two non paddlers (in addition to the caller and tiller) are allowed in the boat at anytime. eg. photographers or bench coaches.

Paddlers

- **ALL** paddlers in the boat must: 1) Be on the team roster; 2) Have a signed waiver on file with WBDDBC; 3) Be members of WBDDBC; or, if new, must be a member's guest, have signed a waiver, and pay the Open Practice fees.
- There must be at least 10 (and no more than 20) **trained**** paddlers, on the boat at any time.
- When individual paddlers are changing position on the boat, all other paddlers must obey the "Brace the Boat" command.

Equipment Care & Safety

- **NO** practices are to be held after dusk.
- Fenders, bumpers and lines should be securely fastened to the boat at all times.
- One extra paddle and personal flotation device (PFD) will be on the boat during all practices.
- All US Coast Guard rules (posted on www.uscgboating.org) must be followed at all times.
- Everyone on the boat must be wearing a US Coast Guard approved, adjusted, and fastened, personal flotation device (PFD) at all times. NO Exceptions.
- **In an emergency, stay with the boat.**
- Boat Rental sessions are 55 minutes.
- Boats must be returned on time and be ready for the next team.
- At the end of the practice all equipment must be NEATLY stowed in the locker.
- Care of equipment is the responsibility of ALL participants. Oars, life jackets, boats and any other equipment belonging to the club must be stored properly after each use.
- Damage to the boat or equipment is reported to SMI program coordinator immediately.

Fees for club membership are \$15 for a short season May/June, and \$25 for a long season, May 1 through September 15. Four practices are included. After the fourth practice, there is a \$2 per practice fee.

I agree to pay fees and abide by club rules as stated above.

Print Name: _____ Long Season _____ or Short Season _____

Signature: _____ Date _____ Team _____

* Caller and tiller approval requires 5 practices with an experienced trainer on board and written approval filed at the SMI/World Beat office by a WBDDBC race director. For more information call 503.581.2004.

** To ensure that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency, all paddlers, regardless of previous experience, must attend dry dock training by a qualified trainer before going out on the river. This can take place before a water practice.