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Dragon Boat Commission**

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1. Visits and Meetings since last ICF Congress

- (a) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 27-29 April 2023, Budapest, Hungary.
- (b) Technical meeting and site visit on 19-22 May 2023 to Zigui, Yichang, China for preparation of the 2023 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup.
- (c) Meeting with ICF President and CCA on 4-6 July 2023 at Beijing re: preparation of dragon boat demonstration in Paris2024 and 2024 Hangzhou Super Cup.
- (d) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 26 August 2023, Duisburg, Germany.
- (e) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 14 November 2023, On-line.
- (f) ICF Dragon Boat Commission e-meeting in December 2023 to discuss the changes of ICF Dragon Boat Competition Rules.
- (g) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 10 January 2024, On-line.
- (h) Technical meeting and site visit on 5-9 March 2024 at Puerto Princesa, the venue of 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships.
- (i) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 3-7 April 2024, London, United Kingdom.
- (j) Technical meeting and site visit on 25-27 April 2024 at Xinglong Lake, the venue of dragon boat and canoe marathon events of the 2025 Chengdu World Games (TWG2025).
- (k) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 2 July 2024, On-line
- (l) ICF Board of Director Meeting on 2 October 2024, On-line.
- (m) Competition Managers Meeting of 2025 Chengdu World Games on 23-24 October 2024, Chengdu, China.
- (n) ICF Dragon Boat Commission Meeting on 30 October 2024, Puerto Princesa, Philippines.

2. Tasks undertaken for this period

- (a) The Chinese Canoe Association informed ICFDBC in March 2023 the returning of hosting right for 2023 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Hangzhou, China. ICFDBC started the process for replacement, but replacement was not secured.
- (b) The Chinese Canoe Association informed ICFDBC in May 2023 the returning of hosting right for 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Ningbo, China. A process for replacement was started.
- (c) Thanks for the support of Philippine Canoe Kayak & Dragon Boat Federation, the 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships was reallocated to take place at Puerto Princesa, Baywalk in Palawan, Philippines from 30 October to 3 November 2024.
- (a) ICF Dragon Boat World Cup, Zigui, Yichang, China on 20-23 June 2023.
- (b) The ICFDBC finalized the update version of ICF Dragon Boat Competition Rules Art. 3.1. and Technical Specification Sheet of Dragon Boat (Appendix 2) and Dragon Paddle (Appendix 3).
- (c) The American Canoe Association informed ICFDBC in December 2023 the returning of hosting right for 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup, Sarasota, USA. A process for replacement was started.
- (d) Thanks for the support of Chinese Canoe Association, the 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup was reallocated to take place at Zigui, Yichang, China on 23-27 October 2024.
- (e) A Dragon Boat Level 2 Coach Course was held on 17-19 November 2023 in Hong Kong with 61 participants.
- (f) A Dragon Boat Competition Rules seminar was held on 5-8 June 2024 in Ruse, Bulgaria for national officials.
- (g) Paris2024- Three days dragon boat demonstration races (8-seater dragon boat) were organized at the Varès-sur-Marne Nautical Stadium, Paris2024 canoe sprint course on 8-10 August 2024.
- (h) Hangzhou Super Cup- Dragon Boat demonstration races were organized on 12 October 2024.
- (i) The TWG2025 Test Event for Dragon Boat was successfully held on 21-22 October 2024 at Xinglong Lake, Chengdu.
- (j) The layout plan of TWG2025 Dragon Boat / Canoe Marathon venue has been finalized at the end of October 2024. Dragon Boat and Canoe Marathon competitions will be held together on 9-10 August 2025 at Xinglong Lake, Chengdu.

3. Issues and Main Points of Report

- (a) Dragon Boat is an event of the World Games 2025, Chengdu, China. A total of six medals for dragon boat including 10-seater Mixed 200m, 500m, 2000m; 8-seater Open 200m, 500m and 2000m events. Twelve (12) NF Teams of 12 athletes each will participate the TWG2025. The qualifiers were held at Yichang2024 World Cup (2 quotas) and 2024 Puerto Princesa World Championships (10 quotas).
- (b) ICFDBC proposed to include 8-seater boat into the 2025 ICF Dragon Boat Competition Rules.
- (c) The dragon boat demonstration races were successful organized during the Paris were took part by club members, invited guests and breast cancer survivors. The three 8-seater dragon boats brought by BYD from China to Paris were presented to ICF, CCA and FFCK afterwards.
- (d) The 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup was organized in Zigui, Yichang, China on 23-27 October 2024.
- (e) The 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships was organized in Puerto Princesa, Philippines from 30 October to 3 November 2024.

4. Future Initiatives and Tasks

- (a) Keep close contact with Organizing Committee on preparation of the 2025 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Ruse, Bulgaria.
- (b) Keep close contact with TWG2025 Organizing Committee on technical requirements for the 2025 World Games, Chengdu, China.
- (c) Dragon Boat Level 2 Coach Course in December 2024 at UPSI University Lake in Perak, Malaysia.
- (d) Future ICF Dragon Boat Competitions:
 - (i) 2025 ICF Dragon Boat Club Crew World Championships, Ruse, Bulgaria. 18-21 September 2025.
 - (ii) SEA Games, Thailand. 9-20 December 2025
 - (iii) 2026 ICF Dragon Boat World Championships, Regina, Canada. September 2026.
- (e) Looking for potential hosts for ICF Dragon Boat World Cup and World Championships from 2027 onwards.