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**USDBF CLUB CREW  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Nathan Benderson Park • Sarasota, Florida  
JULY 21-23, 2023

# USDBF Club Crew National Championships

**Nathan Benderson Park, Sarasota, FL  
July 21<sup>st</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**Invitation and Informational**

## **Bulletin #2**

**Note:** Bulletin #2 is a supplement to Bulletin #1. Please refer to both Bulletins when researching answers to your questions.



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The United States Dragon Boat Federation invites you to attend the 14th USDBF Club Crew National Championships (2023 CCNC) that will be held at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida. In addition to the opportunity to win the National Championship, National Champions will also earn a berth to the IDBF World Club Crew Championships to be held in Ravenna, Italy September 5-8 2024.

The USDBF Club Crew National Championships are for all club teams to compete in a National Championship. We will be hosting all divisions and urge all teams to participate. The event will take place at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota, Florida from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2023. Teams should plan on three full days of racing and make plans accordingly for departure. Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> are available as practice days.

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### CONTACTS

For any questions please contact [competition@usdbf.org](mailto:competition@usdbf.org)

Paula Humphries, USDBF Competition and Technical Officer  
Barb Michaels, USDBF Competition and Technical Committee Chair  
Bob Ricks, USDBF VP2

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### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All competing athletes, coaches, and team managers at 2023 Club Crew National Championships will be required to register with our membership system. **Crews entering the USDBF Club Crew National Championships must be current Members of the USDBF. Club Crew participants must be prepared to show proof of membership in the USDBF. Payment for your membership must be received by the USDBF no later than May 30, 2023. (new date - deadline extended)** Crews entering the USDBF Club Crew National Championship must also be members in good standing of their respective regions.

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### BERTH AWARDS

Competing at the USDBF Club Crew National Championships will be the only way for adult US crews to be awarded berths for the IDBF Club Crew World Championships that will be held in Ravenna, Italy September 5-8, 2024.

For each racing class, up to five standard and two small boat berths for CCWC 2024 will be awarded.

**Petitions will not be accepted for adult division berths.** However, if your crew competed at CCNC for 2023, your crew will be allowed to petition for an open berth in your division. For example, a Senior B crew that won a standard boat berth can petition for a Senior B small boat berth instead (if a small boat berth is available). Likewise, a Senior B small boat crew can petition for an open Senior B standard boat



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berth. (in this example the crew would have to pay the additional CCNC entry fee in order to move from a small boat berth to a standard boat berth). The order of placement in the CCNC determines which crew gets the first opportunity to petition. Standard boat switching to a small boat will be considered first.

All crews earning a berth to CCWC in Ravenna, Italy in 2024 must commit to that berth by August 31, 2023. Crews that competed at CCNC, but did not earn a berth should consider if they would accept a berth, should one become available. If a berth is declined by a crew that earned it at CCNC, the next crew on the waiting list must be ready to accept or decline the berth as it becomes available (around August 31<sup>st</sup>).

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### BERTH AWARDS FOR YOUTH

Berth awards for U16, U18, U24 and University divisions **will be** awarded by petition. Clubs petitioning for a berth must submit a resume to the Competition and Technical Committee no later than August 1, 2023. Resumes must include a brief synopsis of club history, competition history, physical address of club practice site and a list of club members which must include date member joined, address, birthdate and practice history. **Only clubs prepared to attend CCWC in Italy in 2024 should submit resumes.** Resumes will need to be submitted to [competition@usdbf.org](mailto:competition@usdbf.org). Crews must meet the IDBF guidelines regarding club membership as outlined in the IDBF regulations. (See Bulletin #1, page 8 for wording).

In addition, all crews submitting a resume to be considered for a berth to CCWC 2024 must be members in good standing of their regional organization. If a crew is awarded a berth for CCWC 2024, they must be prepared to show evidence that all competitors on their roster are true members of their club, and all members will be expected to be members of the USDBF.

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### COMPETITION FORMAT

The USDBF Club Crew National Championships will be conducted according to the USDBF Competition Regulations and Racing rules which align with the IDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing. The racing will be conducted by appointed USDBF Race Officials. Officials will be assisted by appointed volunteers.

The Championship will use the IDBF Race Plans to determine the racing program. The race program will be released mid to late June, 2023.

Teams will be awarded points based on performance in each competition class at all three distances. See the Points Table found in Appendix A for more details.

The USDBF Competition Regulations and Racing rules can be found by clicking [here](#).

The Paradrone Rules can be found by clicking [here](#).



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## CURRENT ENTRIES

Standard Boat entries:				Small Boat entries:			
	<u>Open</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Mixed</u>		<u>Open</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Mixed</u>
<b>Premier</b>					<b>Premier</b>		
Boston BBB Dragon Boat Club			√		Catch 22	√	√
Boston Taiwanese DB Club			√		DC Dragon Boat Club		√
Dragonheart Vermont	√	√	√		Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club		√
Mekong Dragons			√		Lone Star Dragons		√
Northwind Dragonboat	√		√		Ohana		√
PASCO Fighting Dragons			√		Pennsylvania Dragon Boat Club	√	√
Ripple Effect Dragon Boat Club			√		UEAA Dragon Boat NYC		√
San Francisco Dragon Warriors	√	√	√		Wasabi Paddling Club		√
San Francisco Dragon Warriors			√		<b>Senior A</b>		
Southbreeze DBC	√	√	√		Bucks County Dragon Boat Assn	√	√
<b>Senior A</b>					DC Dragon Boat Club	√	√
Bucks County Dragon Boat Assn		√			DCH OPA/DCH Dragon Boat Club		√
Florida Tarpons		√	√		Florida Tarpons	√	
Lone Star Dragons			√		Island City Dragon Boat Club		√
San Francisco Dragon Warriors		√	√		Orlando Dragon Boat Club		√
San Francisco Dragon Warriors			√		Philadelphia Dragon Boat Assoc		√
Southbreeze DBC			√		San Francisco Dragon Warriors	√	
Windy City Dragons			√		Seattle SAKE Paddling Club		√
					Southbreeze DBC	√	√
					Tampa River Dragon Boat		√
					WAM Dragon Boat Club	√	√
					Windy City Dragons	√	√
<b>Senior B</b>					<b>Senior B</b>		
Dragonheart Vermont		√			Bucks County Dragon Boat Assn		√
NBP Paddling		√			Charleston Paddle Club	√	
Philadelphia Dragon Boat Assoc	√		√		Charlotte Harbor Dragons		√
Wasabi Paddling Club		√			HEAT		√
Wun Fun Cru			√				



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Standard Boat entries:				Small Boat entries:			
	<u>Open</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Mixed</u>		<u>Open</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Mixed</u>
<b>Senior C</b>				<b>Senior B</b>			
Dragonheart Vermont			√	Island City Dragon Boat Club		√	
DragonMax			√	Jacksonville Dragon Boat Club			√
Grand Masters DB Club of The Villages			√	NBP Paddling			√
HEAT	√	√	√	Philadelphia Dragon Boat Assn		√	
Philadelphia Dragon Boat Assn			√	San Diego Dragon Boat Team		√	
Philadelphia Flying Phoenix		√		Tampa River Dragon Boat		√	√
Wasabi Paddling Club		√		Windy City Dragons	√		√
				<b>Senior C</b>			
				Dragonheart Vermont		√	
				DragonMax	√	√	
				HEAT		√	
				NBP Paddling			√
				Philadelphia Dragon Boat Assn	√	√	
				Schuylkill Dragons		√	
				Seattle SAKE Paddling Club		√	
<b>BCP</b>				<b>BCP</b>			
Dragon Dream Team		√		Dragonheart Vermont		√	
Empire Dragon Boat Team		√		Jacksonville Dragon Boat Club		√	
NBP Paddling		√		Philadelphia Flying Phoenix		√	
Pink Phoenix Dragon Boat Tm		√		<b>PD1</b>			
				DC Dragon Boat Club	√		
<b>PD2</b>				<b>PD2</b>			
Adaptive Fusion DB Club	√			Adaptive Fusion Dragon Boat Club	√		
DC Dragon Boat Club	√			<b>ACP</b>			
				Central Coast Dragon Boat Assn	√		
				DragonMax	√		
				NBP Paddling	√		
				Wellness Warriors	√		



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## NAMED ENTRIES

Team entries must be made on the IDBF registration system at <https://nats.idbfchamps.org>. All entry details will be made on this system. Since the registration deadline has now passed, the crew manager (or designated person) should have already received a login code to access the IDBF system along with directions to enter Provisional Entry details. These details include race distances, boat sizes and their individual crew member details. Keep in mind that all crews will race 200, 500 and 2000 meter distances.

Clubs are required to submit their Named Entries no later than **May 30, 2023. (new date, deadline extended)** Named entries include team member details and photographs.

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## MULTIPLE AND CROSS ROSTERING

Participants may race with only one club at the 2023 CNCC, with an exception made for paddlers whose primary club is single-gender. Those paddlers may compete in Mixed races only, with one other club. An exception is also made for athletes who compete with a Paradrakon crew, whose athletes may compete with another crew. A participant may race with more than one crew within a club, but in no case will racing be held up to allow the transfer of a participant from one crew to another. Shared helms and drummers between crews in the same club will be allowed based on the race program.

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## TRANSPORTATION



The USDBF is proud to partner with Dolphin Transportation (SRQ) to meet crew needs for transportation services in the Sarasota area. Dolphin Transportation has a dedicated team of professionals committed to delivering a comprehensive level of service including airport transfer and local area transportation. Dolphin Transportation's fleet includes a variety of vehicles including Sedan, SUV, Executive Vans, Mini Bus, Mini Coach, and Motor Coach.

**To make Reservations with Dolphin Transportation use the link:**

<https://scwebext-c.groundwidgets.com/US.FL.KEY/DefaultV2DT>

Click "login"

Enter the following credentials:

Login: [dragonusa@dragonboat.com](mailto:dragonusa@dragonboat.com)

Password: dragon

Enter your reservations

If you have any questions please call directly at 239-610-1279



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### MERCHANDISE

Regatta Sport has a great line of merchandise available for the USDBF Club Crew National Championships.

**Preorder** your selections today for delivery in Sarasota. Visit the Regatta Sport website at:

<https://regattasport.com/shop/110-usdbf>

Be sure to check back at the website often! More USDBF merchandise will be added as the July event approaches!

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### TRAVEL INFORMATION

For information on direct flights and airlines serving the Sarasota area, visit [SRQ-Airport.com](http://SRQ-Airport.com) or [TampaAirport.com](http://TampaAirport.com).

For destination information, visit [VisitSarasota.com](http://VisitSarasota.com) and [BradentonGulfIslands.com](http://BradentonGulfIslands.com)

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### ACCOMMODATION

The USDBF has partnered with Pellucid Travel to organize accommodation options for the 2023 US National Championships. Pellucid Travel is a full-service sports housing agency with a staff that has years of experience in the industry known for their customer service and for simplifying the travel process. Click on the link below to see a variety of hotel options offered at special discounted group rates.

Teams who registered for 2023 CCNC using the Full Entry Fee link will be eligible for the Housing Discount (\$500 per entry Standard Boat, \$250 per entry Small Boat) if reservations are made through our Housing partner Pellucid travel no later than June 15, 2023. 75% of the crew must block rooms through Pellucid Travel to be eligible for the refund. All refunds will be issued onsite at CCNC. Teams switching from Full Entry Fee to Housing Discount Fee must notify the Competition Committee via email no later than June 15, 2023 at [competition@usdbf.org](mailto:competition@usdbf.org).

For details on the booking process and to review the hotel options please go to this link:  
[2023 US National Championships Hotel Link](https://h.pellucidtravel.com/secure/?pageID=notice&eid=1066&hx=43dd49b4fdb9bede653e94468ff8df1e)  
(<https://h.pellucidtravel.com/secure/?pageID=notice&eid=1066&hx=43dd49b4fdb9bede653e94468ff8df1e> )

The Pellucid Travel team is here to help! Please contact Ashley at [ashley@pellucidtravel.com](mailto:ashley@pellucidtravel.com) or 414.212.5144 with any questions or requests you may have. To reach our customer service team after hours please email [info@pellucidtravel.com](mailto:info@pellucidtravel.com).



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## SCHEDULE

May 30, 2023	Named Entries Close on the IDBF Site	
May 30, 2023	Last day to pay your USDBF individual membership dues	
Wednesday, July 19, 2023	Arrival of Teams Practice 11:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration 8:00 am– 5:00 pm Race Officials Meeting – 9:00 am	NBP Boat Marshalling NBP tower Ground Floor NBP tower
Thursday, July 20, 2023	Arrival of Teams Practice 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration 8:00 am– 5:00 pm USDBF Merchandise tent opens Team Manager meeting 2:00 pm Opening Ceremony – 5:00 pm Parade of Teams – 6:00 pm Awakening to follow	NBP Boat Marshalling NBP tower Ground Floor Vendor Tent area Nathan Benderson Park Nathan Benderson Park
Friday, July 21, 2023	Race Administration 7:00 am – 5:00 pm 200 M all Classes 8:00 am - Both Standard and small Boat	NBP tower Ground Floor Nathan Benderson Park
Saturday, July 22, 2023	Race Administration 7:00 am – 5:00 pm 500 M Classes 8:00 am - Both Standard and small Boat	NBP tower Ground Floor Nathan Benderson Park
Sunday, July 23, 2023	Race Administration 7:00 am – 5:00 pm 2000 M Helms Meeting 8:00 am 2000 M all Classes 9:00 am – Both Standard and small Boat Awards and Berth announced following racing Farwell Celebration	NBP tower Ground Floor Nathan Benderson tower Nathan Benderson Park  Nathan Benderson Grandstands Beer Garden
Monday, July 24, 2023	Teams Departure	





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### OPENING / CLOSING CEREMONY

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The Opening Ceremony will begin with a “Parade of Teams” on Thursday, July 20, 2023. The festivities will begin at 5 pm with music, food trucks and a beer garden on site. Clubs will be asked to gather with their crews for the Parade of Teams at 5:30 in the parking lot above the tower. There will be a photo op and an ice cream truck in the lot. The Parade of Teams will begin at 6 pm. Crews are asked to wear their race jerseys and bring a club sign or banner.

The Awakening of the Dragon ceremony will take place immediately following the Parade of Teams.

There will be a Closing Celebration at the race site on Sunday, July 23rd. The celebration will begin after all racing is completed, and all awards are presented. There will be food and beverages as well as a cash bar available. There is no cost for the Closing Celebration.

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### PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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**Each crew’s registration fees will include one practice which will be held at the event site, on Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 and Thursday, July 20th, 2023.** Registration fees must be received in full and confirmed before the practices may be booked.

Sign up for practices by clicking on this [link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e48a4a928a7f49-usdbf1) and following the instructions.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e48a4a928a7f49-usdbf1>

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### BOATS

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Dragon Boats will be supplied by Pan Am Dragon Boat, located in nearby Tampa, FL. Pan Am will provide 13 standard (20-paddler) boats – BuK Model 1222. Additionally, Nathan Benderson Park will supply 13 small (10-paddler) boats – Champion 912HP. All boats will be conditioned and weighed prior to race day which will contribute to fair racing conditions.

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### COMPETITORS PADDLES

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Only IDBF Licensed Paddles showing the Spec 202a Manufacturers Mark will be permitted at the 2023 Club Crew Championships. There is a sticker placed on every paddle which proves that it is manufactured based on the IDBF standard. The sticker has to be clearly visible on the paddle. The maximum length for all paddles is 51 inches. Adjustable paddles must be taped and signed in the marshalling area by the Chief Boat Marshall.



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### PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES/AIDS (PFD/PFAs)

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Under the IDBF Competition Regulations participants are not normally required to wear PFDs when racing. At the Chief Official's discretion PFDs may be required for the Junior Racing Classes or in inclement weather. However, approved PFDs may be worn by participants who may wish to use them.

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### SEAT PADS

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**IDBF Competition Regulation 13.4 Seat Pads.** *Dragon Boat Seat Pads (cushions) as described in (Regulation 13.1) shall be made of a soft material, such as neoprene, of an approximate thickness of 15mm that will compress easily when squeezed between finger and thumb. The width of the seat pad may vary in size and shape but shall approximate to the width of a paddling seat in the IDBF Standard International Racing Boat and should ideally not exceed 20 cm in width and 40 cm in length. Simple fastenings such as Velcro to attach to the seat are permissible.*

We will not be measuring seat pads to the exact cm, but obviously the round seat pads (IKEA type, for example) will not be accepted, unless they are 'cut to size'.

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### SITE RENTALS

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Nathan Benderson Park is offering the rental of such items as tents, chairs, and tables. Information on reserving these items by going here:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/b49d1142f06140e3bffc47b189f0cb12>

Teams are permitted to bring their own 10x10 tents to the site. **No other tent size is permitted.**

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### FOOD AND BEVERAGE VENDORS

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Nathan Benderson Park will be providing a variety of food and beverage vendors for your enjoyment throughout the days of competition. Coffee, Smoothies, water, sports drinks, fresh squeezed lemonade and soda will be sold. There will also be food vendors on site offering a variety of menu items. Most food and beverage vendors accept cash or credit and there will be an ATM on site for your use.

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### PARKING

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Participant and spectator parking will be located on Regatta Island at Nathan Benderson Park. There is a \$10.00/vehicle per day parking charge, cash only. Gates will open 1 hour and 40 minutes before the first race of each day. The venue address is 5851 Nathan Benderson Circle; Sarasota, Florida 34235.



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## Appendix A

The winner of each racing class is decided based on the results of all three racing distances. Points are assigned after each day of racing to each racing class. On Sunday evening the crew with the greatest number of points wins that racing class.

This is the points table that will be used. It has the number of crews per racing class across the top of the grid and the placings within the racing class are down the side.

	Number of crews / Points																					
Place	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	7	6	5	3	1
2	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	1	x
3	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x
4	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x
5	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x
6	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x
7	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x
8	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
9	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
10	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
11	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
13	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
14	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
15	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
16	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
17	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
18	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
19	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
20	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
21	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
22	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
23	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
24	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
25	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
26	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	257	235	214	194	175	157	140	124	109	95	82	70	59	49	40	32	25	18	13	9	4	1



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Using this example is how you use the table:

- The Senior B Women small boat racing class has 5 crews racing.
- First step is to look across the top of the table to find the column for 5 crews.
- It shows that points are awarded as follows:
  - First place gets 7 points
  - Second place gets 5 points
  - Third place get 3 points
  - Fourth place gets 2 points
  - Fifth place gets 1 point.

Points will be awarded for the finish order of the 200m, the 500m, and the 2km races. The maximum points any team can earn is 21 points, which would be being in first place in each of the race distances (3x7 points)

If two crews are tied with the same points the crew with the highest points for the 500 races wins the tie break.

Medals are awarded each day for the top three crews in each race distance. The crew with the highest points at the end of all racing for each racing class is awarded a trophy.