



# COMMON DRAGON BOAT RACING MYTHS

***One lane races faster than the others.***

To give the finish line camera the best possible angle. The fastest boats are set in a specific lane and thus it can seem that that lane has faster race times.

***Race times slow down or speed up as the day goes on.***

Race times will be impacted by wind, tide and current as the day moves along. However conditions will be comparable for boats in each division by the end of the day.

**Our Boat finished ahead of the other boat but we came in second.**

The start and finish lines are set on an angle because the shore lines are not parallel. The course is verified by a surveyor and the finish line camera is set on the GPS points from the surveyor. Also note that the buoy markers will drift off the finish line as the tide changes. They are a general marking guide but you should paddle well past the finish line buoys to make sure you have crossed the actual finish line.

**The Charleston Dragon Boat Festival is the Best Dragon Boat Festival in the World.**

This is actually true. But only because we have so many wonderful teams and volunteers who make this day fun and inspiring.

**You can only get your dragon boat fix during the annual festival.**

Dragon Boat Charleston welcomes all interested paddlers to join our team and paddle here on the Ashley River. We offer practices on Mon- Thursday and Sat mornings. [WWW.DragonBoatCharleston.org](http://WWW.DragonBoatCharleston.org)