

SUMMER 2025

Dragon Tales

NEWS FROM DRAGON BOAT CHARLESTON
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CHARLESTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2025

More than 35 community teams took to the waters of the Ashley River on May 3 to paddle it out and support Dragon Boat Charleston's cancer survivorship programs. We were joined by sailors, pirates, hula and disco dancers! There was even a beauty school drop-out in our midst- all in the name of FUN for cancer survivors! Sandra Linn of **Sandra Linn Photography, LLC**, graciously captured all the excitement- be sure to order your prints directly from her. Her email is: slinnphotography@gmail.com.

The annual Charleston Dragon Boat Festival is Dragon Boat Charleston's way of giving thanks to the communities raising funds to support our mission programs. Over 120 volunteers, most of whom are cancer survivors and members of DBC, wrangled, steered, marshaled, sold merchandise, fed the masses, coordinated, and celebrated the festival teams' successes.

We're always trying new things and this year was no different! The inaugural Festival Online Auction raised over \$6,000 for our festival teams. Prizes were given away weekly to top fundraisers and included chances to win dinners at **Texas Roadhouse** and family four-packs from **The RiverDogs**. Festival goers were treated to entertainment by the **Chinese Academy** and the **Chinese Association of Greater Charleston**. **Karon Boatwright, Pound Pro Tour Crew** and **Kris Franzen, Pound Pro**, showcased POUND's high-energy workout. And the children's dragon parade was a blast!!

The big question is how much was raised? Donations exceeded \$117,000 this year, just shy of our goal of \$120,000. A special shout-out goes to the **BOEING teams**, who raised more than \$10,000 collectively! Donations are always accepted and the festival is our largest annual fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who jumped on board to share their precious time and talent to have some fun with Dragon Boat Charleston!

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 FESTIVAL SPONSORS



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EVENT PARTNERS



REDEFINING CANCER SURVIVORSHIP SINCE 2003

Dragon Boat Charleston promotes the physical and mental wellness of cancer survivors and their community through dragon boating.

DRAGON BOATING ISN'T JUST A ONCE-A-YEAR THING!

Dragon Boat Charleston members paddle year-round, thanks to your support. And you're always welcome to jump in the boat! Practices are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m.



DBC OFFERS TEAM BUILDING EXPERIENCES FOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Whether you and your co-workers are in need of some fun or a team-building challenge, DBC will tailor an experience that won't be forgotten.

**EMAIL LUCY@DRAGONBOATCHARLESTON.ORG
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PADDLING OPPORTUNITIES**



P.AT.H.

Paddle. Achieve. Transform. Heal.

You can join us any time but PATH is a unique experience. Andi and Betty have done it again! Their latest group of paddlers raced in the festival, graduated from PATH, and were celebrated with Snacks on the Dock. PATH is truly a pathway to DBC. Participants learn the basics of dragon boating over the course of six sessions, while experiencing the camaraderie of the DBC family. And it's **FREE** for everyone!

2025 CHARLESTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL PHOTOS



SHORT LINK: [HTTP://BIT.LY/4KZWJTH](http://bit.ly/4KZWJTH)

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Bubbles and Buoys raised over \$24,000!





Crew Notes

THE 2025 SEASON

PADDLING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING!

2025 Practice Schedule*

- Mon (6 PM): Technique
- Wed. (6 PM): Cardio and Race Teams
- Sat. (8 AM): Open

* subject to change based on weather and availability of volunteers

IT'S RACE SEASON!

Beaufort Dragon Boat Festival

DBC's Awakened Dragons were thrilled to return to the Beaufort Dragon Boat Festival on June 29 for a day of fun and festivities. This was the first official race for many of our new paddlers!



Atlanta Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival

DBC is excited to be participating in the Atlanta festival on Sept. 6. Dragon Boat Atlanta is one of DBC's sister teams. Inspired by one of our founders, Sterling "Mom" Hannah, Beverly Booth started Dragon Boat Atlanta in 2005.

Festival Awards

Top Fundraisers

Jennie Ridgeway
Tanya Berg
Mark Petty

Top Fundraising Teams

Bubbles & Buoys
Poplar Grove Paddlers
CRANAndersen

Team Awards

Best Team Spirit- Flying Dragon
Best Drummer Costume- Hope Floats
Best T-shirt Design- Poplar Grove Paddlers
Best Tent Decor- Smart Assets

Championship Race Results

WOMENS DIVISION

Ashley Hall Miels Ahead
Hope Floats
Dragon Our Tail

MIXED DIVISION

Puddle Pirates
BOEING Chris "Crittter" Williams
Rifters

CANCER SURVIVORS DIVISION

Dragon Boat at the Beach
Dragon Boat Beaufort
Dragons in Flight

Post-Festival Awards

Top Fundraisers

James Jurey
Evan Cizler
Pina Arrington

Top Fundraising Teams

CRANAndersen
SAIC:Return of the War Fighters
Victory Vibes

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