10th IDBF WORLD DRAGON BOAT RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st Pan American Club Crew Championships and 1st Indoor World Dragon Boat & Canoe Championships

Tampa, Florida, USA, 3-7 August 2011

OFFICIAL INVITATION

To: All International Dragon Boat Federation Members and National Canoe Federations

On behalf of the IDBF Council, we cordially invite you to participate in the 10th IDBF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (WDBRC) in Tampa, Florida, USA from 3 – 7 August 2011.

IDBF Members are also invited to send delegates to the **13th IDBF Member's Congress**, which will be held after the World Championships, **on Monday 8th August 2011**.

In addition, the **1st Pan American Club Crew Championships** are planned for the weekend 30/31 July 11, and **the 1st Indoor World Dragon Boat Championships** (IWDBC) for individual paddlers, with an optional Team event, will be held during the week commencing 31 July 2011, leading up to the WDBRC.

These combined events, known as ***TAMPA 2011,*** will be organized by the 2011 World Championships LLC, Organizing Committee, in conjunction with the United States Dragon Boat Federation (USDBF) and the IDBF.

National Canoe Federations' located in a Country where there is not an existing IDBF Member may enter the World Championships directly, subject to becoming an IDBF Associate Member and to the conditions shown in Information Bulletin No.1. Canoe Federations in Countries where there is an IDBF Member may take part, at that Member's discretion and conditions and via the selection process of the IDBF Member concerned.

The Competition Classes and outline World Championship's Week programme are shown in Information Bulletin No.1 attached to this invitation. IDBF Members may unconditionally enter one crew in each Standard Boat World Championships Competition Class shown in the Bulletin but **entry to the Small Boat Championships is restricted as shown in Information Bulletin No.1 entry conditions .**

All other Entry Conditions, Entry Forms and the details of all fees will be notified by the IDBF in conjunction with Tampa 2011, through further World Championship Information Bulletins, between now and August 2011. You should note the following important deadline dates for the Championships:

a. **Provisional Entries by - Monday 28 February 2011**
b. **Confirmed Entries by - Monday 25 April 2011**
c. **Named Entries by - Monday 27 June 2011**

You are reminded that entry to the WDBRC is restricted to Representative Teams selected by IDBF Members but ICF Members may compete subject to the terms of this invitation and those in Information Bulletin No.1.

All competitors must be citizens of the country or region they represent, by birth or marriage or through having been a current resident for a period of three or more years. Further information on qualifications, entries and fees will be circulated through the World Championships' Information Bulletins.

The IDBF Council encourages your association to enter *TAMPA 2011* and together with the USDBF and Tampa 2011, we wait to welcome all the participating teams and Congress Delegates to Tampa, Florida, USA, next August.

Sincerely,

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