



February 2020

Dear Barcelona Joy Boaters,

Housekeeping Issues: Roommates, Paddling Status, BCS Status

Set forth below are two sections of names. The first list is under the heading “Single Accommodations.” The second list is under the heading “Barcelona Roommates.” If you are listed under the “Single Accommodations” section, but would like a roommate, please drop a line to Linda at LDyer7@gmail.com. We’ll do our best to match you up with someone. The “Barcelona Roommates” section is arranged in descending order: find your name and your roommate should be listed directly above or directly below your name. If you are not paired correctly, please email Linda asap at the email address above.

We have described each of our Joy Boat paddlers as either “BCS” (breast cancer survivor) or “SUP” (supporter). The Barcelona Festival will have a special set of races for BCS crews and we believe we will have enough BCS paddlers to enter those races. Presently we are looking at registering both a women’s crew and a mixed crew. We’ll make the decision as to whether or not to register a third crew for our BCS paddlers a few weeks from now, after registration closes. For now, we are looking at all options. As we did in Amsterdam, quite a few of our women will likely have the opportunity to paddle with two crews.

Finally, the table indicates whether you intend to paddle (“Yes”) or not (“No”). If you are listed incorrectly, please email Linda asap so we can get a good handle on our roster possibilities.

This Festival has both standard boats and small boats. This expands our possible roster combinations. Ideally, we’d like to add two more men to the mix to enhance our mixed crew options.

Please look over this information and help me fill in missing information or correct any mistakes. Thanks.

Singles	Single Accommodations	BCS or Supporter	Paddler
1	Debra Mattar	BCS	Yes
1	Rick D'Errico	Sup	Yes
1	Linda Gionvinco	BCS	Yes

1	Ellen Postlewaite	SUP	Yes
1	Diana Pofahl	SUP	Yes

Doubles Barcelona Room Mates

2	John Dyer	SUP	Yes/Steer
	Linda Dyer	BCS	Yes/Steer
2	Casimir Casmielnicki	SUP	Yes
	Sharon Kane	SUP	Yes
2	Lisa Durbin	SUP	Yes
	Courtney Siebrecht		Yes
2	Nancy Spies	BCS	Yes
	Raymond Martin	SUP	No
2	Rene Pachuta	BCS	Yes
	Stephen Pachuta	SUP	No
2	Anna Symington	BCS	Yes
	Alan Symington	SUP	Yes
2	Grace Jenchura	BCS	Yes
	Kristi Talley	BCS	Yes
2	Fern Millman	BCS	Yes
	Raymond Millman	SUP	Yes
2	Martin Silverman	SUP	Yes
	Eva Kunkel		No
2	Gary Young	SUP	Yes
	Cynthia Young		No
2	Nancy Mings		Yes
	Judy Dramstad		Yes
2	Bonnie-Jo Hakala		Yes
	Judy Gidus		Yes
2	Radica Madhosingh	BCS	Yes
	Sarah Dionne		Yes
2	Jean Auger		Yes
	Christine Tatreau		Yes
2	Sue Motto	SUP	Yes
	Ada Ayala-Reyes		Yes
2	Peaches Diamond		Yes
	Denise Hazel-Whithers		Yes

Barcelona Plus

One of our Joy Boaters inquired whether anyone wanted to stay over in Barcelona after the end of the Joy Boat trip to continue to explore the city and/or surrounding areas. The thought was that, if the numbers worked out, hotel costs could be shared. Are there any interested people? Please let me know and I will pair you up. Contact Linda at Ldyer7@gmail.com

Barcelona Dragon Boat Festival

The Barcelona Dragon Boat Festival is in its third year. It has grown each year since the inaugural event. Last year the Festival welcomed twenty-five club crews from all over the world. So far, for 2020, there are twenty club crews and the field is building. Registrations have been received from the UK, Germany, Hungary, France, Israel, Emirates, Sweden, Canada, China and, of course, Spain.

This is a great venue --built for the 1992 Olympics. The Olympic Channel is located in Castelldefels, which is 15 minutes away from Barcelona City Center.

Gary Young advised that he knows of a two teams from California that are also planning to take part this year's Barcelona event as well. Fun! Here is video from the 2019 event: <https://youtu.be/OBWSrrGqtWU> I also found these festival links if you want to check them out: <https://barcelonadragonboatfest.com/>

BCS Decision —Saturday vs Sunday or Both

One of the things that makes the Joy Boat experience such an adventure is that we won't have much experience paddling together as a competitive crew. Smiles tend to replace racing anxiety. We will have the chance to practice on the course for the two days prior to the event. Then it is on the start line!

We are remaining in close contact with the race organizers as the race schedule is being developed. Near as we can tell, the club teams race on Saturday. There will be 200m races and 500m races in each division. It is just unclear as to how many of each. I will keep pressing for an answer. I think we can assume it will be from 3-6 races?? A Women's Division and Mixed Division is planned, as is a "Senior" Division for paddlers over forty. All racing divisions will compete in both small boat and standard boat. On Saturday, the BCS teams can race as BCS but there is not a separate division and BCS crews can only compete in the small boat division.

Last year, to attract more BCS teams, a Sunday event was added. The BCS teams raced along with some community teams. There was a flower ceremony, entertainment and a talk. They had six teams last year and expect at least that number this year. Here was last year's schedule.

2nd BARCELONA INTERNATIONAL
DRAGON BOAT FEST

TIMING FRIDAY 17th MAY		TIMING SATURDAY 18th MAY		TIMING SUNDAY 19th MAY			
HOUR	PROGRAM	HOUR	PROGRAM	HOUR	PROGRAM	HOUR	STAGE PROGRAM
16:00h 19:00h	FRIDAY TRAINING	9:30h	CAPTAINS MEETING	9:30h	CAPTAINS MEETING	10:40h	ARTISTALIA
19:30h	TEAM REGISTRATION + CEREMONY + CONCERT	10:00h	1st ROUND REGATTAS	10:00h	ROW AGAINST CANCER WELCOME CEREMONY	11:00h	KANGOO JUMPS
		12:00h	1st LUNCH SHIFT	10:30h	1st ROUND BCS REGATTAS	11:40h	ARTISTALIA
		12:45h	2nd LUNCH SHIFT	11:00h	1st ROUND COCKTAIL REGATTAS	12:40h	ARTISTALIA
		13:00h	2nd ROUND REGATTAS	11:30h	2nd ROUND COCKTAIL REGATTAS	15:00h	FLAMENCO
		16:00h	FINALS	12:00h	1st LUNCH SHIFT		
		18:00h	WINNERS CEREMONY	12:10h	2nd ROUND BCS REGATTAS		
		20:00h	BEACH RESTAURANT DINNER	12:45h	2nd LUNCH SHIFT		
				14:00h	BCS FINALS		
				14:30h	FLOWER CEREMONY		
				15:30h	COCKTAIL REGATTA'S FINALS		
				16:00h	WINNERS CEREMONY		

* Included in inscription's price

** Not included in inscription's price Further information and reservations in the TEAM RESERVATION formulaire

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Here is what we would like you to consider. Our time in Barcelona is short and packed with a number of great activities. We practice at the race site on both Thursday and Friday. We return on Saturday for the club crew racing. On Sunday, we were planning a trip to Montserrat (see below) as an added feature to our adventure. The Sunday racing is just for BCS and community teams. It is certain to be a fun day for the seven breast cancer teams, but it is a second full day at the venue. We wanted to get input from our BCS Joy Boaters to determine if we should plan on the BCS paddlers attending Sunday as well. Please go to the Doodle Poll below and cast your vote. We suspect that, if the consensus is to compete on Saturday only, those that want to participate on Sunday might be able to find a seat on one of the participating crews. In order to make that happen, a little advance work will be necessary.

Doodle Poll -Saturday only or Saturday and Sunday. All bcsers please cast a vote@
<https://doodle.com/poll/x3p98mudhyi5h7sa>

Montserrat

Located about 30 miles (50 km) northwest of Barcelona is Montserrat Mountain, the '*Serrated Mountain*.' This unique rock formation has been, sawed and sculpted by thousands of years of wind and rain. It is home to a Benedictine monastery, an important Catholic pilgrimage spot thanks to a 12th-century wooden statue of *La Moreneta* (The Black Madonna), Catalonia's patron saint. Aside from its religious and cultural importance, the mountain also boasts magnificent views from its peaks. The photo takes your breath away. Can you imagine seeing it in person? Lucky us!



Here is a video view of Montserrat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2RBblwpVBM> and some background of the Monastery from Rick Steves <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZS1yVH2FC4>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us: Linda 802-238-7625 / Ldyer7@gmail.com and/or John 802-598-7192 / jgdyer3@gmail.com.

Learning Some Common Spanish Phrases

The region of Catalonia has two official languages. Spanish and Catalan Both languages are spoken. In offices and schools, Catalan is the dominant language. Road signs and labels are usually bilingual. Visitors to Barcelona manage well with Spanish; although the locals are happy when greeted in Catalan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnSg7AHOI1Q>

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With joy and friendship,
Linda and John