Whale Boat Race (April 27th)

FAQ

When is the Festival? The Whale Boat Festival is on April 27th. The Ulsan Whale Festival starts from April 25th till 28th.

Where is the Festival? The Ulsan Whale Festival and Boat Race is held at Taewha River. Taewha River is located across from Taewha Hotel. Near Taewha Rotary.

Is there a registration fee to participate? Yes!

How much is the registration fee? The registration fee is 500 thousand won per team.

How many members per team? You need 20 members on your team 18 paddlers 1 drummer, 1 steersperson.

What does the registration fee cover? Each team will compete in minimum 3 races. Each participant will receive a medal. All participants will get a wrist band giving them access to beer at 1 thousand won each and a coupon for 1 hot dog at 1 thousand won.

Where does the registration fee go? The registration fee and all money raised during the Whale Boat race goes towards building a women’s shelter in Ulsan. Which will be call the T-HOPE Women’s Shelter.

Will each team have a tent for the weekend? No! There will be a limited amount of tents till 4pm after that you must take your personal possessions with you when you leave.

Will there be other awards? Definitely! There will be Special Awards for:

- The fastest Race Time of the Event Cup- awarded to the team with the fastest 400m race time
- Best T-shirt Design- awarded to the team with the most creative t-shirt.
- Team Spirit Award- awarded to the team with the best Team Spirit and enthusiastic
- Scavengers Hunt

Is there a fee to attend the festival? No, there is no site admission fee and it is open to the public.

Is there entertainment? Yes! There will be 2 DJs from 2pm till midnight.

Is this a family event? Yes! There are activities for children at the Whale festival.

Is there somewhere I can put my stuff during the day? Yes! There will be a tent supervised by a volunteer. We recommend leaving all valuables at home.

When does the racing start? The race begins at 9:30 am on Saturday.
What happens if it starts raining? The festival and racing will go ahead if it is raining. Generally, the only time the racing is postponed is if lightning or high winds occur.

Where is the best view of the races? Along the river bank area and near the finish line to allow spectators an opportunity to view the entire race from start to finish.

When is the Opening Ceremony? To be determined later

When are the Award Ceremonies? The awards for will be given out throughout the day on Saturday and final awards will be given out on Saturday around 5pm.

Will there be food and refreshments available on site? Yes, numerous food vendors offer a variety of food and beverages throughout the weekend from breakfast to dinner.

For the participants the price of beer is only 1 thousand won and for 1 hot dog the same price. At T-HOPE Beer & BBQ Tent. Only participant wearing their wrist band will be able to receive this price.

Where can I buy tickets? At the Info Tent or Beer Tent.

Can anybody buy a beer or a Hotdog? Yes, but at the regular price.

Is there an ATM available on site? No, but there are some available 10 minutes’ walk from venue.

Is there a lost and found on site? All lost and found items should be taken to the Info Tent on site.

How can I start a team? Just contact your friends by posting it on Facebook, tweeters etc… Once you have a minimum of 16 members fill out the online registration with registration Fee and we will contact you.

I don’t have a team. How can I participate and join a team? The festival office staff will attempt to place any paddlers who are without a team by referring them to teams in need or by starting some teams for those individuals. If you are a paddler interested in joining a team please contact us by email with the information provided below at thope06@gmail.com

- Name
- Gender (interest in paddling with a mixed and/or men women’s team)
- Phone # and e-mail
- Skill level (beginner, experienced)
- Age range of team

When will I know about our race schedule? The Saturday morning race schedule will be available online approximately one week before the event. The Race schedule will show the time of your Saturday morning race. Your second race will be posted in the Race Results Tent after the Saturday races are complete. Your manager will contact you for your first race.

For more information visit the Rules and Regulations
Practices

When do practices take place and what are the standard days and times? Practices are on April 6th-7th-13th-14th-20th-21st from 10:00am till 5:00pm. Team manager must contact T-HOPE to book a time for practice at thope06@gmail.com

How long are practices? Practices are 50 minutes in length. We ask that you arrive about 15 minutes before your practice start time so that we are able to get you on the water on time. In case where members of the team are late, the practice will still end at the scheduled time.

Where do the practices take place? The location of the practices is at the Taewha River. Across from Taewha Hotel and Taewha Rotary. Beside Taewha bridge.

Are practices mandatory before race? No!

How much do practices cost? Practice Fee for both races are free of charge (max 2 practices per race event)

What is your cancellation policy? If a team cancels a practice without prior notice, then they shall forfeit all practices privilege. 72 hours (3 days’ notice must be given to reschedule practice/s)

When should my team arrive at the practice site? Teams should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start time of their practice. Make sure to allow yourself enough time to assemble your team.

What should I wear to practices? When attending practices you should make sure to dress appropriately. You will get wet during practices so try to choose clothes which are quick to dry. T-shirts and shorts typically work best.

Where do we park? There is available parking underneath and beside the bridge.

Do I need to bring anything to practices? Paddles and life jackets are provided but you may bring your own life jacket if you prefer. Due to the nature of the sport we also recommend teams bring water with them to drink during the practice, particularly on very hot days.

If it is raining are practices cancelled? No! Practices are not cancelled if there is rain. The only situation where a practice may be cancelled is in the case of lightning. Typically these decisions are made on site and last year only 2 practices in total have been re-schedule due to weather.

Do we need a steersperson? Every team must provide a steersperson for the practice and race. Steering is not an easy task and we recommend that you appoint someone who has some canoeing or sailing experience (if possible)

You can reach us at thope06@gmail.com

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