

## MEDIA RELEASE

KUCHING, August 1, 2008 – With its origins dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century when the European community in Sarawak organized an annual boat race along the Sarawak River, the Sarawak Regatta is today one of the most unique regattas in the world.

Traditional longboats and dragon boats, each with their own vibrant and varied colours and sails make it a truly spectacular water sport event that draws out interest from around the region. Side competitions such as grease pole climbs and duck catching have also through the years become an integral part of the regatta as noted by their growing popularity among local folk.

What was once the sports of Sarawak's colonial rulers in the past where its enthusiastic ruler, Rajah Charles Brooke used to ferry his distinguished guests from across the country for the event on his own yacht, the "Maimunah 1" to the event.

Then organized and funded collaboratively by the British Resident, the District Office and the Government, as well as public donations, the Sarawak Regatta has, thankfully weathered the changes in social and political tides to remain one of the state's most popular annual highlights.

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# **Sarawak Regatta Press Release**

## **Issued on 9th June 2008 at Baitulmakmur, Petra Jaya**

Event : The Sarawak Regatta 2007

Date : 1 – 3rd August 2008

Time : 8.00 am – 5.00 pm

Venue : Kuching Waterfront, Kuching

### **1. Guest of Honour**

Opening Ceremony - 2nd August 2008 at 10.00am  
The Right Honorable Chief Minister of Sarawak

Closing Ceremony - 3rd August 2008 at 2.00 pm  
His Excellency Tuan Yang Terutama Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak

### **2. Sarawak Regatta Organizing Committee**

Advisor : YBhg. Datuk Haji Mohd. Morshidi bin Abdul Ghani, Deputy State Secretary

Organizing Chairperson : Puan Rodziah Haji Morshidi, The Resident of Kuching Division

#### Sub-Committee

Kementerian Pembangunan Bandar dan Pelancongan

Lembaga Sungai - sungai Sarawak

Jabatan Laut Sarawak

Pejabat Polis Daerah Kuching

Polis Marin

Jurutera Bahagian, JKR

Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)

Kementerian Pembangunan Sosial dan Urbanisasi

Lembaga Pelancongan Sarawak (STB)

Lembaga Penggalakkan Pelancongan Malaysia (Tourism Malaysia)

Jabatan Kesihatan Bahagian

Jabatan Pertahanan Awam Sarawak (Rescue 911)

Jabatan Penyiaran Kuching (RTM)

Jabatan Penerangan Bahagian

Kuching Waterfront Management

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### **3. Categories of races**

- i) 7 paddlers (men)
- ii) 10 paddlers (women)
- iii) 15 paddlers mix (8 men + 7 women)
- iv) 15 paddlers (men)
- v) 20 paddlers (men)
- vi) 30 paddlers men (Trophy TYT Yang Di-pertua Negeri)
- vii) 20 paddlers Inter division (men)
- viii) 30 paddlers hotels & Tour Agencies (25 men + 5 women)
- ix) 20 paddlers VIP (men) A
- x) 20 paddlers VIP (men) B
- xi) 20 paddlers International

xii) 15 paddlers Tourist

**4. New categories**

i) 20 paddlers government and corporate agencies (men)

ii) 20 paddlers Inter State

iii) 20 paddlers Inter Varsity  
(Depending on participations)

**5. Sources of Fund**

Grant from:

i) Ministry of Tourism Malaysia

ii) Ministry of Urban Development and  
Tourism Sarawak

Sponsorship :

i) Shell Berhad RM100,000.00

ii) Petronas Malaysia Berhad RM 50,000.00

iii) Ta Ann Holding Sdn Bhd RM 30,000.00

iv) Global Upline Sdn Bhd RM 30,000.00

v) Murphy Sarawak Oil RM 30,000.00

**6. Open for registration**

Starting 9th June 2008 through the website of :

[sarawakregatta.com](http://sarawakregatta.com)

or

Sarawak Rivers Board  
Level 2, Electra House  
Power Street, 93000 Kuching

# Registration Fees

1.0	<b>BALOK BOAT 7 PADDLERS</b> <i>Perahu Balok 7 Pekayuh</i>	<b>RM 70.00</b>
2.0	<b>BIDAR BOAT</b> <i>Perahu Bidar</i>	
2.1	10 PADDLERS WOMEN <i>10 Pekayuh Wanita</i>	<b>RM 100.00</b>
2.2	15 PADDLERS MIX ( 8 MEN + 7 WOMEN ) <i>15 Pekayuh Campuran ( 8 Lelaki + 7 Wanita )</i>	<b>RM150.00</b>
2.3	15 PADDLERS MEN <i>15 Pekayuh Lelaki</i>	<b>RM150.00</b>
2.4	20 PADDLERS MEN <i>20 Pekayuh Lelaki</i>	<b>RM200.00</b>
2.5	30 PADDLERS MEN <i>30 Pekayuh Lelaki</i>	<b>RM300.00</b>
2.6	20 PADDLERS MEN INTER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES & CORPORATE <i>20 Pekayuh Lelaki Antara Agensi Kerajaan Dan Korporat</i>	<b>RM300.00</b>
2.7	20 PADDLERS MEN ( INTER-DIVISION ) <i>20 Pekayuh Antara Bahagian Lelaki</i>	<b>RM300.00</b>
2.8	20 PADDLERS MEN INTERNATIONAL (OPEN) <i>20 Pekayuh Lelaki Antarabangsa (Terbuka)</i>	<b>RM300.00</b>
2.9	20 PADDLERS MEN INTER IPTA/IPTS/IP <i>20 Pekayuh Lelaki Antara IPTA/IPTS/IP</i>	<b>RM300.00</b>
2.10	15 PADDLERS - TOURIST <i>15 Pekayuh Pelancong</i>	<b>RM225.00</b>
2.11	30 PADDLERS MEN VIP <i>30 Pekayuh VIP Lelaki</i>	<b>RM450.00</b>
2.12	30 PADDLERS MEN INTER STATE <i>30 Pekayuh Lelaki Antara Negeri</i>	<b>RM450.00</b>
2.13	30 PADDLERS HOTEL/TOUR AGENCY (OPEN) <i>30 Pekayuh Hotel/Agensi Pelancongan Terbuka</i>	<b>RM450.00</b>
3.0	<b>TAMBANG BOAT</b> <i>Perahu Tambang</i>	
3.1	TAMBANG BOAT- MOTORISED <i>Tambang Berenjin</i>	<b>RM10.00</b>
3.2	TAMBANG BOAT- NON-MOTORISED <i>Tambang Berdayung</i>	<b>RM10.00</b>

# Race Programmes

**August 1, 2008 (Friday)**

Time	Activities / Events	Event Code	Remarks
1430	Bidar 15 Paddlers Men	P04A	Heat A
1445	Bidar 15 Paddlers Men	P04B	Heat B
1500	Kayak Single Men	K01A	Heat 1
1515	Bidar 30 Paddlers Men	P06A	Heat A
1530	Bidar 30 Paddlers Men	P06B	Heat B
1545	Kayak Double Men	K03A	Heat 1
1600	Bidar 20 Paddlers Men	P05A	Heat A
1615	Bidar 20 Paddlers Men	P05B	Heat B
1630	Kayak Double Mixed	K05A	Heat 1
1645	Balok 7 Paddlers Men	P01A	Heat A
1700	Balok 7 Paddlers Men	P01B	Heat B
1715	Bidar 15 Paddlers Mixed (8 Men + 7 Women)	P03	Final

## August 2, 2008 (Saturday)

Time	Activities / Events	Event Code	Remarks
0800	Open Class Below 800cc	-	Moto 1
0825	Open Class Unlimited	-	Moto 1
0850	Open Class Below 800cc	-	Moto 2
0915	Open Class Unlimited	-	Moto 2
0940	Open Class Below 800cc	-	Final
1005	Open Class Unlimited	-	Final
<b>OPENING EVENT</b>			
1130	Bidar 20 Paddlers Men (Government Agency & Corporate)	P07	Final
<b>BREAK</b>			
1300-1345	Registration for Tourist Event		
1415	Bidar 15 Paddlers - Tourists	P11	Final
1430	Bidar 20 Paddlers Men	P05C	Heat C
1445	Bidar 20 Paddlers Men	P05D	Heat D
1500	Kayak Double Men	K03B	Heat 2
1515	Bidar 15 Paddlers Men	P04C	Heat C
1530	Bidar 15 Paddlers Men	P04D	Heat D
1545	Kayak Double Mixed	K05B	Heat 2
1600	Balok 7 Paddlers Men	P01C	Heat C
1615	Balok 7 Paddlers Men	P01D	Heat D
1630	Kayak Single Woman	K02	Final
1645	Bidar 20 Paddlers - International (Open)	P12	Final



## August 3, 2008 (Sunday)

Time	Activities / Events	Event Code	Remarks
0900	Bidar 10 Paddlers Women	P02	Final
0915	Kayak Single Men	K01F	Final
0930	Balok 7 Paddlers Men	P01F	Final
0945	Tambang Boat - Non-Motorised	T02	Final
1000	Bidar 15 Paddlers Men	PO4F	Final
1015	Bidar 30 Paddlers Men	P06C	Heat C
1030	Bidar 30 Paddlers Men	P06D	Heat D
1045	Tambang Boat - Motorised	T01	Final
1100	Kayak Double Women	K04	Final
1115	Bidar 20 Inter Division Paddlers	P08	Final
	<b>B R E A K</b>		
1430	Bidar 30 Paddlers - Hotel/Travel Agency (Open) (25 Men + 5 Women)	P09	Final
1445	Kayak Double Men	K03F	Final
1500	Bidar 20 Paddlers Men	P05F	Final
1515	Bidar 20 Paddlers Men (Inter IPTA/IPTS/IP)	P14	Final
1530	Bidar 30 Paddlers Men - VIP (Group A)	P10A	Final
1545	Kayak Double Mix	K05F	Final
1600	Bidar 30 Paddlers Men - VIP (Group B)	P10B	Final
1615	Bidar 30 Paddlers Men - Inter State	P13	Final
1630	Bidar 20 Paddlers Men (Raja Sungai)	P06F	Final