



17TH ANNUAL ORIENTAL DRAGON BOAT RACE & FESTIVAL 2026

Grace Harbor River Dunes
465 East Harborside Road, Oriental, NC

2026 Theme *"United We Paddle"*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2026

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Buses and Cars Arrive
8:00 am	Food Vendors Open
8:00 am – 8:15 am	Team Captains Meeting
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Military Color Guard National Anthem: Pledge of Allegiance Parade Line-up Oriental Drumming Dragons Oriental Dragon Leads Parade
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Parade & Judging of Team Camp and Costumes
9:20 am – 9:45 am	Welcome from River Dunes Sally Belangia, Oriental Town Mayor Senator Norm Sanderson
9:45 am – 9:50 am	Dotting the Eye of the Dragon
10:00 am – 10:15 am	First Teams Go to the Marshaling Area
10:25 am	First Timed Heats Begin
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch Break: Announcements & Music
1:00 pm	Dragon Boat Races Continue
3:00 pm	Dragon Boat Races Conclude
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Awards Ceremony & Thanks