



The Greatest Steers-Person In The World! Challenge

When a team wins, who gets the credit? – The Coach, of course! When a team loses, who gets the blame? – 100% of the time it's the steers-person's fault!

WE'RE GIVING STEERSPEOPLE THEIR "MOMENT TO SHINE"

Saturday afternoon, beginning immediately after the final race we'll be challenging the steers-people to navigate a slalom down the 500 m race course. ***The "Greatest Steer-Person in the World!"*** Challenge is open to 24 teams. In the event there is more demand than space, we will draw names and the start order will be posted. Your team needs to be ready to go on time! Teams that sign up and then chicken out will again be soundly ridiculed in the beer garden.

THE RULES:

Teams will start, one boat at a time, at the start line. You will race the length of the dragon boat race course, steering your boat, slalom style, in and out of the swim buoys along the inside edge of the course. Time will end when you cross the finish line.

Your team will be assessed a 5 second time penalty for each buoy you miss.

If the steers-person falls out, you have 1 minute (from the time you hit the water) to get back underway. Longer than one minute, or if you ask for assistance from the safety crew, and your team will be asked to leave the course in shame.

HOW DO WE DETERMINE THE WINNER?

Each team's slalom time will be compared to their fastest race time (during regular racing) on the day. The team with the slalom time closest to, or faster than, their fastest race time will be declared the winner. Example: If my teams fastest race time is 2:47, and we slalom in 4:47. Our time difference is 2 minutes. This highly technical handicapping process focuses on the steers-person's steering skill.

THERE WILL BE A TROPHY PRESENTATION AT THE AWARDS!

Sign up for the ***"Greatest Steers-person in the World!"*** Challenge will be at the registration desk or at the announcer tent.