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PDRM Wins Dragon Boat International Race Amidst Some Drama



The steady and strong PDRM Dragon Boat 'E' team members with their team manager Inspector Khalid Mansur holding the trophy after receiving it from Datuk Baharum Majid and Wong Soo Sang.

MELAKA CITY—A minor sculling accident marred the finals of the Melaka Open International Dragon Boat Race here at the mouth of the Melaka River on Sunday.

A hot dispute between the Penang Forward 'B' and the defending champions PDRM 'E' teams in the finals, led to a re-run of the final race. "It was alleged that one of the other finalists, accidentally brushed aside another boat at the start of the finals, leaving them behind. This led

to a protest. The joy of appeal led by Ooi Yee Khun, Lee Thiam Siew and Datuk Lim Puan Long as Chairman decided that the best way to solve the issue was to let the final race re-run with the benefit of the doubt over the minor accident despite resistance from the Penang team which had emerged champion in the first race.

Defending champions, PDRM 'E' made amends and went all out and won the re-run race with a time of 1:06:06 sec with the Penang Forward 'B' team, timed at 1:08:01 sec, in second spot. MPPG Johor 'E' took third spot with a time of 1:08:33 sec, while Yusef 135, Padang Indonesia team took fourth spot with a time of 1:09:37 sec.

The PDRM team took home a cheque of RM2,000 with the medals while Johor and the Indonesian team received RM600 and RM400 respectively along with the medals too.

It was an unforgettable outing for the Multi-Media University (MMU) at the 29th edition of the Melaka Open and Melaka Closed Dragon Boat Race in conjunction with the Melaka River Festival.

In the Corporate category, MMU 'E' emerged Champions, winning the Corporate Cup donated by Casa Del Rio Boutique Hotel.

Strive Dragons from Kuala Lumpur came in second while KL Bar-Buzz and Casa Del Rio 'A' were placed at third and fourth spot respectively. Casa Del Rio Boutique Hotel General Manager Andrew Drummond presented the medals to all the four team members.

In the Melaka Closed category, merit for teams in Melaka only, MMU 'E' emerged the overall winners, winning a cash prize of RM1,000 and medals while MMU 'A' was the first runner-up winning a cash prize of RM500 and medals. ALAM 'A' and ALAM 'C' occupied the third and fourth spot, winning a cash prize of RM300 and RM200 respectively.



Melaka Chief Minister Muhyi Al-Razali with the Casa Del Rio Boutique Hotel Dragon Boat Race members earlier in the morning.

The Penang Forward



The combined victorious MMU Dragon Boat Race team members



MMU Dragon Boat team 'E' captain, Ooi Yee Khun receiving the Corporate Cup from Andrew Drummond.



MMU Dragon Boat 'E' team captain receiving the check cheque from Wong Soo Sang.

Wong Soo Sang presided over the presentation of prizes to the Melaka Closed category winners while the Melaka River and Coastal Corporation General Manager Datuk Baharum Majid gave away the mock cheques and medals to the open category winners.