

District collector requested that everybody should take NTBR with sportsman spirit. Everyone should understand and observe the rules and regulation of the boat race.

INSTRUCTION FOR THE PARTICIPATING BOATS

- Every boat should practice for atleast 5 days.
- ***The participating boats violating the instructions of starters will be disqualified***
- The competing boats should park at the spot north to the starting point as instructed by the race committee
- Every boat should have the registration number fixed on it
- The name of the boat should be displayed properly
- Captains should wear their identity cards
- All rowers should be in uniform
- Minimum number of rowers in each category of boat :

<u>Category</u>	<u>No. of rowers (min.)</u>
○ Snake boats	- 75-95
○ veppu 'A' grade	- 45
○ Veppu 'B' grade	- 25
○ Churulan	- 25
○ Iruttukuthy 'B' Grade	- 25
○ Thekkanody	- 30

- Only 5 males are allowed in women's boats and they should not row the boat
- **Mass Drill :**
 - All boats should participate in mass drill with decorative umbrellas
 - The boats should be ready by 1:20 PM in the race course in front of the 'Kurishadi'
 - They should row towards the finishing point following the pilot boat
 - The boats participating in the mass drill should avoid outer tracks
 - The captain of the previous year's runner up snake boat will lead the mass drill
 - The women's boat should be in the first row to the north of the snake boats and churulan boat to be in the second row."Veppu" B grade , "Iruttukuthy" B grade,

Iruttukuthy A grade, Veppu A grade boats should follow it in the order. All boats should face the VIPs.

- Then the captains will be introduced to the chief guest. The oath will be taken by the captain of the winning boat of the previous year representing all the comptents. Then the mass drill will start.
 - The rowers should raise the paddle upwards during the flag hoisting ceremony
 - The rowers should turn about and row towards starting point as per the instruction of the chief.
- Every boat should keep the allotted track
 - Only the captains of the winning boats are allowed to enter the pavilion
 - After the race every boat should immediately be removed from the finishing point
 - Boats shouldn't park nearer to the VIP pavilion during the prize distribution ceremony

The boats which are not adhering to these instructions will be given less bonus