

User Manual

Read on to learn about how to play The Dragon Boat Race.

Aim and mechanics

You must beat the other boats in the boat race! Win each leg by crossing the **finish line** in the fastest time. There are three legs, then a **final**!

But be careful: if you stray out of your lane, a **time penalty** will be applied!

There are **obstacles** you must avoid. Hitting one reduces your **health-bar** (displayed in the top-left of the screen). Run out of health and it's *Game Over*.

A **fatigue** bar is also displayed in the top-left of the screen. Press W / Up Arrow for a **burst of speed** - your rowers won't be able to maintain this pace for long, and will need time to recover!

Controls

You can use either the **Arrow keys** or **W, A, S, and D keys** to move your boat.

- **W / Up Arrow** moves your boat vertically **up** the screen (forwards).
- **A / Left Arrow** moves your boat horizontally **left** on the screen.
- **D / Right Arrow** moves your boat horizontally **right** on the screen.
- **S / Down Arrow** moves your boat vertically **down** the screen (backwards).

Boat Selection

There are various boats you can choose from - all with different stats!

Some boats are faster (higher top **Speed**), others accelerate more quickly (**Acceleration**).

A faster boat will have a lower **robustness**. There's also **manoeuvrability** to consider - useful when trying to avoid obstacles!

Power Ups

Pick up power ups to help you win the race.

Power ups can restore **health** and **fatigue**, with 2 different strengths of each, as well as increasing your **speed** for the rest of the leg.

Difficulty

There are three different difficulties available, **Easy**, **Medium** and **Hard**.

With an increase in difficulty the number of **obstacles** increases along with the AI getting harder.

Saving and Loading

To **save** press space to pause the game and click on the save button. Select a file to save in. When saving a file will be black if it is empty and green if it contains a save file.

To **load** the game press the load button on the main menu and click on the file you want to load. When loading a loadable file will be green and it will be red when there is no save file.

Tips

Look as far forward as you can to give yourself as much time as possible to avoid obstacles! *Good luck!*