# 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.
- ${\bf S}$  /  ${\bf Down}$  Arrow moves your boat vertically  ${\bf down}$  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!

## Tips

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