



NANAIMO, BC, CANADA

RACE INFORMATION PACKAGE

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2012 Save on Foods Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival - Race Information Package

Date: July 6 to 8, 2012 (Racing only July 7 & 8)

Location: Nanaimo, BC, Canada - Nanaimo Harbour, Maffeo Sutton Park

Race Course: Approximately 500 metres

Race Categories: Mixed and Womens.

Race Management: GO Rowing & Paddling Association of Canada (GO)

Boats: Millennium Dragon Boats from GO.

Special Races: Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge and 50+ Challenge.

Maximum Number of Teams Accepted: A maximum of **100** teams will be accepted. Registration is accepted on a first-come-first-served basis and may sell out before the deadlines. We encourage teams to register as soon as possible in order to secure a spot.

Race Fees & Deadlines

**Early Bird Deadlines & Fees:*

- Early Bird Deadline: **NEW!** May 1, 2012
- +Local Teams: \$1075+HST
- Visiting Teams: \$913.75+HST

**Regular Deadlines & Fees:*

- Regular Deadline: June 15, 2012
- +Local Teams: \$1200+HST
- Visiting Teams: \$1020+HST

Late Registration: Subject to available space.

**Junior Teams:* Half price

***Festival Cancellation/Refund Policy**

There will be 15% administrative fee for all withdrawals. The final date to withdraw a team from the festival is **June 15, 2012**. There will be no refunds of any type after this date, including if the festival is cancelled due to safety reasons.

+Local Team Fee applies to teams on Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands.

Payment Options: Visa, Mastercard or Cheque. Cheques payable to **Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival Society**.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Step 1: Make your payment to reserve your spot in the festival and submit your Team Information form.

- **Phone:** Call GO at 1-866-658-6333 (9am-4pm, Mon. to Fri.) with VISA or MasterCard payment. Mail in Team Information Form
- **Mail:** Mail team information form and cheque payment to:
 - GO Rowing & Paddling Association of Canada
Suite 115, 2940 Jutland Road
Victoria, BC, V8T 5K6

Step 2: Submit your COMPLETE team registration by June 15, 2012.

- Team Information form
- Adult Group Waiver and Roster forms **Fill, Print, and Sign** forms.
- Junior Group Acknowledgement of Risk and Roster forms (for paddlers under 19 years of age) – **Fill, Print, and Sign** forms.
- All forms must be mailed. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT FAXED COPIES

Please ensure all forms are complete and typed. Any names or addresses that cannot be easily read will be discarded and that individual or team will be prevented from racing. Team Managers MUST provide an email contact.

***Privacy Statement:** All personal information given by participants will only be used for administration and regular communication with respect to the festival and related programs and events. Your information will not be sold or given to anyone else with commercial intentions or otherwise.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Race Format:

A. The sequence for advancing is:

QUALIFYING HEATS (Round 1 & 2), SEMI-FINALS and FINALS.

All teams will race in four races.

B. To the best of our ability, race organizers will seed and randomly place teams in Round 1. Placement in Round 2 will be based on a predetermined formula. Advancement into the Series Semi-Final round will be based on the total points accumulated in the first two races. All teams are guaranteed a Final race. Which Final race a team participates in is based on the teams finishing position in the Series Semi-final round.

Points

1st place - 10 points, 2nd place - 7 points, 3rd place - 5 points, 4th place - 3 points, 5th place - 1 point

C. In the event that two or more teams finish the qualifying heats with the same number of points, the total cumulative race times of the tying teams will determine placement in the next round.

D. Each team will race in 4 races (**weather permitting**), 2 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Every team will race in a Final. (e.g. If we have 60 entries in the Festival we will have 15 - 5 boat finals.). The qualifying rounds will provide a ranking of the teams so that based on the 60 team example Final #12 will see the 56th through the 60th ranked teams race and Final #1 will see the 1st through the 5th ranked teams race. This format eliminates the ever-present questions about Team Category eligibility. There will be no Novice, Recreational or Competitive Divisions. Teams will not enter a specific event but will participate in a final race based on that teams performance in the qualifying rounds.

***Race format is subject to change.**

***Please view the Race Rules & Regulations on the website.**

***We recommend that you have at least 6 practice sessions and a competent steersperson in order to safely compete in the festival.**

***MIXED CATEGORY: There must be a minimum of eight women paddlers in the boat at all times.**

***WOMEN'S CATEGORY: Minimum of 16 registered teams required to run category.**

If insufficient registration, women's crews will race in the mixed category.

*** CHALLENGE RACES: Breast Cancer Survivor**

LOCAL PRACTICES AND TRAINING INFORMATION

Train for the Save on Foods Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival! All local teams in the Nanaimo area wishing to enter a team in the Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival must participate in a Dragon Boat Program. **The Nanaimo Paddling Centre** (A GO Centre) is the official local training centre for the Festival and offers a wide variety of program options for all ages and abilities.

Nanaimo Paddling Centre

Email: info@gorowandpaddle.org Web: www.nanaimopaddling.com Phone: 250-754-1991

VISITING TEAM TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

For visiting Team Accommodation and Nanaimo City information, please call Tourism Nanaimo at 1-800-663-7337 or visit their website at www.tourismnanaimo.com.