



# 2017 Race Information Package

Date: Friday, August 18 to Sunday, August 20, 2017

Location: Ship Point, Victoria's Inner Harbour, Victoria, BC Race

Course: Approximately 470 meters

Race Categories: Mixed and Women's

Race Management: Fairway Gorge Paddling Club

Boats: Millennium Dragon Boats

## Challenge Races:

- Great Grand Dragon Challenge
- Corporate Challenge
- Open Challenge
- Guts & Glory

## Team Check-In:

- Registration (Information) Tent located near Paddlers Village
- 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, August 18
- 6:00 am to start of races on Saturday, August 19

## Friday, August 19

- Eye Dotting Ceremony -- 1:00 pm
- Forbidden City Open -- 2:00 pm
- Paddlers' Village Open for Tent Decorating and equipment drop off-- 5:00 pm
- Free live bands start -- 7:00 pm
  - Younger Than Yesterday -- 7:00 pm
  - Electric Sex Panther -- 8:30 pm
- Lighting of the Lights of Courage Lantern Display -- 9:00 pm

## Saturday, August 19 (First Day of Races)

- Stern/Managers' Meeting (Beer Garden) -- 7:30 am
- Paddlers Breakfast -- 7:00 am to 10:30 am (or until food runs out)
- First Race -- 8:00 am / First two races marshal at 7.45am
- Team Photos -- Canada 150 sign in Paddlers' Village

- Cultural performances -- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Tent Decorating Judging -- 4:30 pm
- Air Band Competition -- 6:30 pm
- Free live bands start -- 7:30pm
  - Backbeat -- 7:30pm
  - New Souls -- 8:45pm

## Sunday, August 20

- Paddlers Breakfast -- 7:00 am to 10:30am (or until food runs out)
- First Race -- 8:00 am
- Cultural performances -- 11:00 am - 3:00pm
- Breast Cancer Carnation ceremony -- Noon (approximately)
- Awards Ceremony -- Starting at 3:00 pm (approximately 45 minutes after each division Final race)

## Message from the FGPC Race Management Team

### Welcome Teams!

The current version (V1) of the Race Schedule has been provided to you as a separate attachment. Check the link on the homepage of [www.victoriadragonboat.com](http://www.victoriadragonboat.com) for any changes to the schedule. Results and schedules as the racing progresses will be posted at various locations on site during the festival to let you know how your team finishes and when you race next. Results will also be posted on Twitter (@VictoriaDragon) in real time. Every team (Mixed and Women's divisions) will have four races -- two heats on Saturday and a semi final and final on Sunday.

### Challenge Races—Corporate, Great Grand Dragon, Open, Breast Cancer, Guts and Glory

The **Corporate Challenge** will run directly following the Saturday morning mixed and women's heats. The top 5 corporate teams will advance to the Corporate Challenge.

The **Great Grand Dragon Challenge** will run immediately following the Corporate Challenge. The top 5 Great Grand Dragon teams (women's and mixed) from Saturday morning's races will advance to a Great Grand Dragon Challenge.

The **Open Challenge** will be the final race on Saturday. It will consist of the first five teams who provide a complete and fully waived roster to the Registration Tent on site on Saturday before 12 noon (rosters for this race will not be accepted before Saturday). All open crew members must be otherwise rostered on an existing Victoria Festival Mixed or Women's crew -- no outside paddlers are permitted.

The **Breast Cancer Carnation Ceremony** will be held immediately following the Semi

Final races on Sunday morning. There are not enough Breast Cancer Survivor teams to run a race, but there will still be a carnation ceremony on the dock around noon on Sunday. We are inviting all cancer survivors to the docks to raft together in support of our local Breast Cancer Survivor Team. Please join us in a show of respect for survivor paddlers (both present and past, as well as near and far away) by honoring them with a paddle arch as they disembark following the ceremony.

The **Guts & Glory Challenge** is the final race of the Festival. It will be crewed by up to 8 of the top crews. These will be selected using the top 8 teams (both women and mixed) based on the times from the Semi-Finals. Selected teams need to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after the advancements are posted if they do NOT wish to race. The next fastest teams will then be eligible. Original rosters must be used - no substitutions. The race is approx 1500M and involves a total of 5 buoy turns over two circuits of the course. Eight participating crews line up at and start from the Finish Line, and begin at 15 second intervals. Overlap rules will apply and be enforced by the Water Marshalls. Fastest time wins!

Please check the website, Twitter, and Facebook regularly for updates. Although every effort will be made to stay on schedule, the races can get ahead or behind schedule (i.e. we are dependent on the punctuality of the Coho, the Victoria Clipper, the new V to V Ferry, and the Harbour Ferry Ballet). Please be on site and prepared to race a minimum of one hour prior to scheduled race times.

A heads up to paddlers who are racing on any combination of Women's, Mixed, and Open teams: please note that you will need at least a one heat gap between races. It is not possible to jump from one heat directly into a boat in the next heat (aka "hot-swapping"), as that boat will already have left the dock and will not be held back to wait for you.

**Paddles Up!**

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## **Stern/Managers' Meeting & Stern Pool**

**Mandatory! Attendance will be taken.**

- Date: Saturday August 19
- Time: 7:30 am
- Location: Beer Garden

Sterns and managers are required to attend the stern/managers' meeting. Failing to attend may result in your team being disqualified from racing.

The Paddlers Breakfast will be served from 7:00 am until 10:30 am (or until food runs

out) so you are encouraged to enjoy a hearty breakfast while attending the meeting. Tickets may be bought on site.

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## **On Water Safety Message from the Festival Race Starter & Head Water Marshal**

Thank you for coming to the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival! Here is a quick review of some important on-water safety points for this weekend's festival.

- Listen to water marshals and follow their directions.
- The course to the start line may change from the north approach, or to the holding area across the harbour. Water marshals make this call based on current marine traffic. Listen and pay attention.
- The head water marshal / safety officer will hand the dragon boats over to the starter for your final approach to the start line. Do not cross over the demarcation buoys at the back of the start area! Transport Canada has set this as a NO-GO zone and teams may be penalized for crossing these buoys.
- Tide and traffic are taken into consideration when preparing to line you up for start. You may not appear perfectly in line in the area ahead of the start line, but boats will be aligned prior to calling the start.
- The 50m rule is in place. We will restart a race if we feel that the race has been compromised in the first 50 metres.
- The start commands will be: "All boats we have alignment. Attention. Horn." (or "GO" if the horn fails)
- Each race will be accompanied by two chase boats. They are there to provide guidance should they see lane encroachment or possible safety issues. Listen to and abide by their instructions please, but always remember: collision avoidance is the responsibility of the sterns.
- The referees will also be watching for wake-riding - they may ask you to increase spacing if they feel wake-riding is occurring. Keep a separation of at least 1.5 metres of clear water between paddles.
- PFDs must be worn by all paddlers, sterns and drummers; inflatable PFDs are permissible at all FGPC-managed races (both hydrostatic and manual, providing air cartridges are operational).
- Amplification (e.g. "cox boxes") or any extra noise making devices are not permitted in the boat during the races.

FGPC's water crew is trained and experienced - with your attention and cooperation, you, your paddlers and our race management team can ensure a safe, fun and successful weekend of racing.

**Paddles UP!**

**Erik Ages, Race Director; Jerry Berry, Head Water Marshal**

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## **Team Check In & Wristbands**

### **Team Check-in:**

- Friday August 18, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Saturday August 19, 6:00 am until the start of Race #1
- Location: Registration Tent near Paddlers Village

Only the Team Manager or Captain may check-in the team. Remember to bring confirmation of any outstanding online waivers (printout of email confirmation or electronic copy viewable on smart phone or tablet) for any additions to your roster made after August 10.

**Please Note: changes/additions to your roster will be only be accepted prior to your first race.**

### **Wristbands:**

Once your team is checked in (which means all waivers are signed and checked off) wristbands will be given out. It is very important that all team members understand that once it is fastened on, a wristband should not be removed at any time during the weekend.

Wristbands cannot be put back on and are not replaceable! They must be worn for the entire weekend. Without a wristband, team members will not be allowed access to Paddlers' Village or be allowed to compete in any race.

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## **Paddlers' Village:**

Opens **Friday August 18 at 5:00 pm** and will remain open until one hour after the Beer Garden closes on Sunday August 20.

Location: [Refer to Map below for location](#)

Teams will be assigned tent locations at check-in. The tents are set up on concrete, are

unfurnished, and do not have walls.

Please remember to look after your belongings as the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Every year, family members and friends arrive at Paddlers' Village and are disappointed to find they are not allowed to visit with teams inside. Please tell your friends and family ahead of time that **ONLY THOSE WITH WRISTBANDS CAN ACCESS PADDLERS' VILLAGE.**

Water will be available, as supplies last, in Paddlers' Village. Please bring a reusable water bottle!

## **Volunteer Stern and Drummer Pool:**

We will once again be keeping a list of experienced Sterns and Drummers to help out where requested. Sterns and Drummers **ON EXISTING REGISTERED TEAMS** who are willing to volunteer to steer or drum for other teams should come to the Race Information Tent to be added to the "pool" and be given a second wristband. It is understood that should a scheduling conflict arise, your home team will take priority. It is up to the teams/steers/drummers to connect and let the Race Registrar know which other team they will be steering/drumming for.

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## **Keep it Green! Help us attain our goal of being waste free:**

The Canada Dry Victoria Dragon Boat Festival is going green. Your team can help us divert waste from our landfills by following a few easy steps:

1. Deposit empty refundable beverage containers in the appropriate bins, including bins this year for soft foil and soft plastics
  2. Use the Compostable waste containers provided by reFUSE for all compostable waste (paper plates, food scraps, etc.)
  3. Bring your own reusable water bottles
  4. Pack out what you bring in. Teams often leave broken lawn chairs and non-recyclable garbage behind. We appreciate the efforts of teams to take these items with them at the end of the festival.
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## **Beer Garden:**

**Open**

- **Friday August 18 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

- **Saturday August 19 from 11:00 am to 10:00pm**
- **Sunday August 20 from 11:00 am to 7:00pm**

**Location: Refer to attached map for location**

Bring **2** pieces of Government Issued Identification --you must be 19 or older to enjoy alcohol. You will be given a 19+ wristband. Please take it as a compliment if our security, cashiers, and/or servers ask you to prove your age!

## **Parking:**

No onsite parking is available. Everyone is encouraged to use public transportation, bike, walk, or carpool as parking may be difficult to find near the festival site. Please bring your own bike lock. Bikes may be secured to the railing on Wharf Street above the Forbidden Village. A temporary loading zone to drop off equipment and supplies is set up on Wharf Street and at the turn-around in front of Harbour Air. Please work with your team to ensure vehicles are unloaded quickly and not left unattended as there is very limited space. Unattended vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

## **Awards:**

Trophies can be enjoyed at the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival, but can not be taken home. Please enjoy your trophy until the festival wraps up and turn them in at the Beer Garden.

## **Race Trophies:**

Mixed Platinum Division Trophy	Sponsored by Canada Dry, this trophy is awarded to the overall festival winner in the Mixed Division.
Womens' Platinum Division Trophy	Sponsored by Fairway Market, this trophy is awarded to the overall festival winner in the Women's Division
Great Grand Dragon Challenge Trophy	Sponsored by Island Tents & Events, the Great Grand Dragon challenge proves age is just a number in this exciting event.
Corporate Challenge	Sponsored by Coast Capital Savings, this trophy is awarded to the top Corporate crew.

Guts & Glory

Sponsored by Canada Dry, this trophy is awarded to the fastest of the brave and daring crews that enter this gruelling challenge.

## **Other Awards:**

Spirit Award

Points have been awarded to teams for the weeks leading up to the festival for competitions on social media. There are still chances for teams to earn points until Saturday at 2pm. Points will be awarded for tent decoration, costumes, and anything the spirit committee deems earns points. The team with the highest points will win a pizza and beer party on site Saturday night.

Air Band Contest

Teams shake, paddle and roll for your cheers in this audience judged annual favorite you will see at a Dragon Boat Festival. Register now by emailing [sarah@fgpaddle.com](mailto:sarah@fgpaddle.com)

## **Awards Ceremony:**

Championship round medals will be awarded on the main stage during our Sunday Afternoon awards ceremony. Expect to be called up on the main stage about 45 minutes after your final race. The Awards Ceremony will be staggered starting at 3:00 pm on Sunday. Consolation round prizing (1st, 2nd, and 3rd in B division) can be picked up from the Registration Tent near Paddlers Village.

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## **Retail Pre-order**

You can pre-order Victoria Dragon Boat retail online with Oddball. Order now and pick up at their tent at the festival: <https://www.obwsapparel.com/collections/victoria-dragon-boat-festival>

## **General Information**

The Paddling Registration Tent will be closed after 12 noon on Saturday afternoon. No changes to rosters can be made after racing and no additional wristbands will be given out.

General Festival information, City of Victoria attractions and events, downtown maps and more can be found at the Festival Information tent on site. Refer to site map attached. Festival Greeters will also be happy to help if you have any questions!



**Pick up a copy of our Festival Guide for more information about  
Festival activities**

AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> 2017 THE AWAKENING OF THE DRAGON - BLESSING CEREMONY  
AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> 2017 THE CANADA DRY DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

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**Festival Guide**  
**2017**

- Dragon Boat Races
- Free Entertainment Coast Capital Savings Entertainment Stage
- Retail Vendors • Food Trucks • Vancouver Island Brewery Beer Garden

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Festival Site Hours: Friday 1pm Awakening of the Dragon Festival Site opens 2pm - 10pm  
Saturday 8am - 10pm | Sunday 8am - 8pm

# Festival Site Map

Ship Point  
Site Map
2017

1. Paddler Village
2. Canada Dry Hot Dog Tent
3. Wellness Centre
4. Forbidden City
  - Coast Capital Savings Entertainment Stage
  - Vancouver Island Brewery Beer Garden
  - Food Vendors
  - Merchandise
  - Wellness Centre
  - Canada Dry Hot Dog tent
  - Coast Capital Savings Entertainment Tent
  - Vancouver Island Beer Garden

**Festival Site Hours**

**Friday:** 1pm Awakening of the Dragon  
2-10pm Canada Dry Victoria Dragon Boat

**Saturday:** 8am - 10pm

**Sunday:** 8am - 8pm

(Food Trucks open at 11am)

## Race Schedule (Subject to change):

<b>Saturday Morning</b>					
	1 Mixed	Heat 1	8:00 AM		Orbus Business Networks
	2 Mixed	Heat 1	8:11 AM		Palm Bay Beverages
	3 Mixed	Heat 1	8:22 AM		Deadhorse Consulting
	4 Mixed	Heat 1	8:33 AM		Old Dutch Foods
	5 Mixed	Heat 1	8:44 AM		Manhas Mars Lawyers
	6 Mixed	Heat 1	8:55 AM		Lee & Sharpe Accounting
	7 Mixed	Heat 1	9:06 AM		Victoria Mobile Radio
	8 Mixed	Heat 1	9:17 AM		Ken Yeo Accounting
	9 Mixed	Heat 1	9:28 AM		Hotel Grand Pacific
	10 Mixed	Heat 1	9:39 AM		Lilydale Poultry
		Coho Arrives	9:45 AM		
	11 Women	Heat 1	10:00 AM		2 Burley Men Moving
	12 Women	Heat 1	10:11 AM		Villages Pizza
	13 Women	Heat 1	10:22 AM		Maple Leaf Foods
		Coho Leaves	10:30 AM		
		Harbour Ferry Ballet	10:45 AM		
	14 Women	Heat 1	11:05 AM		Asian Family
	15 Women	Heat 1	11:16 AM		Sun Life Financials

16	Women	Heat 1	11:27 AM	Alley Kats Signs
17		Corporate Challenge	11:38 AM	Coast Capital Savings
18		Great Grand Dragon Challenge	11:49 AM	Island Tents & Events
<b>Saturday Afternoon</b>				
19	Mixed	Heat 2 - Winners	1:00 PM	Cfax 1070
20	Mixed	Heat 2 - Winners	1:11 PM	107.3 Kool FM
21	Mixed	Heat 2	1:22 PM	CTV
22	Mixed	Heat 2	1:33 PM	Times Colonist
23	Mixed	Heat 2	1:44 PM	Tim Hortons
24	Mixed	Heat 2	1:55 PM	Scimitar
25	Mixed	Heat 2	2:06 PM	Denny's Restuarant
		Coho Arrives	2:10 PM	
26	Mixed	Heat 2	2:25 PM	Saanich News
27	Mixed	Heat 2	2:36 PM	Victoria News
28	Mixed	Heat 2	2:47 PM	Oddball Work Shop
		Coho Leaves	3:00 PM	
29	Women	Heat 2 - Winners	3:10 PM	Island Tents & Events
30	Women	Heat 2 - Winners	3:21 PM	Coast Capital Savings
31	Women	Heat 2	3:32 PM	Island Farms

	32	Women	Heat 2	3:43 PM	Vancouver Island Brewery
	33	Women	Heat 2	3:54 PM	Coca Cola
	34	Women	Heat 2	4:05 PM	Fairway Market
	35	Open	Open Challenge	4:27 PM	Canada Dry
<b>Sunday Morning</b>					
	36	Mixed	Silver Semi 1	8:00 AM	Orbus Business Networks
	37	Mixed	Silver Semi 2	8:11 AM	Palm Bay Beverages
	38	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 1	8:22 AM	Deadhorse Consulting
	39	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 2	8:33 AM	Old Dutch Foods
	40	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 3	8:44 AM	Manhas Mars Lawyers
	41	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 4	8:55 AM	Lee & Sharpe Accounting
	42	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 1	9:06 AM	Victoria Mobile Radio
	43	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 2	9:17 AM	Ken Yeo Accounting
	44	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 3	9:28 AM	Hotel Grand Pacific
	45	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 4	9:39 AM	Lilydale Poultry
			Coho Arrives	9:45 AM	
	46	Women	Jade Semi 1	10:00 AM	2 Burley Men Moving

47	Women	Jade Semi 2	10:11 AM	Villages Pizza
48	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 1	10:22 AM	Maple Leaf Foods
		Coho Leaves	10:30 AM	
		Harbour Ferry Ballet	10:45 AM	
49	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 2	11:00 AM	Cfax 1070
50	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 3	11:11 AM	107.3 Kool FM
51	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 4	11:22 AM	CTV
		BCS Carnation Ceremony	11:45 AM	
<b>Sunday Afternoon</b>				
52	Mixed	Silver Final B	1:00 PM	Times Colonist
53	Mixed	Silver Final A	1:11 PM	Tim Hortons
54	Mixed	Gold Final B	1:22 PM	Scimitar
55	Mixed	Gold Final A	1:33 PM	Denny's Restuarant
56	Mixed	Jade Final B	1:44 PM	Saanich News/Victoria News
57	Mixed	Jade Final A	1:55 PM	Alley Kats Signs
58	Women	Jade Final B	2:06 PM	Oddball Workshop
		Coho Arrives	2:10 PM	

59	Women	Jade Final A	2:25 PM		Island Tents & Events
60	Women	Diamond Final B	2:36 PM		Island Farms
61	Women	Diamond Final A	2:47 PM		Coast Capital Savings
		Coho Leaves	3:00 PM		
62	Women	Platinum Final B	3:11 PM		Sun Life Financials
63	Women	Platinum Final A	3:22 PM		Fairway Market
64	Mixed	Diamond Final B	3:33 PM		Vancouver Island Brewery
65	Mixed	Diamond Final A	3:44 PM		Fairway Market
66	Mixed	Platinum Final B	3:55 PM		Coca Cola
67	Mixed	Platinum Final A	4:06 PM		Canada Dry
68		Guts and Glory	4:45 PM		Canada Dry