



2016 Race Information Package

Date: Friday, August 12 to Sunday, August 14, 2016

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
- Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge
- Open Challenge
- Guts & Glory

Team Check-In:

- Registration Tent located near Paddlers Village
- 1:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, August 12
- 6:00am to start of races on Saturday, August 13

Friday, August 12

- Eye Dotting Ceremony -- 1:00 pm
- Paddlers' Village Open for Tent Decorating -- 5:00 pm

Saturday, August 13 (First Day of Races)

- Stern/Managers' Meeting (Beer Garden) -- 7:00 am
- First Race -- 8:00 am
- Team Photos -- At Homecoming Statue on Wharf Street
- Paddlers Breakfast -- 7:00 am to 10:30 am (or until food runs out)
- Tent Decorating Judging -- 4:30 pm
- Air Band Competition -- 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Lighting of the Lights of Courage Lantern Display -- 9:00 pm

Sunday, August 14

- Paddlers Breakfast -- 7:00 am to 10:30am (or until food runs out)
 - Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge & Carnation ceremony -- Noon (approximately)
 - Awards Ceremony -- Staggered between 2:30 pm & 5:00 pm (approximately 45 minutes after each division Final race)
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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 home page of 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. 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-waivered roster to the Registration Tent on site on Saturday before 2 pm (rosters for this race will not be accepted before Saturday). All open crew members must be otherwise rostered on a Mixed or Women's crew -- no outside paddlers are permitted.

The **Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge** will be held prior to the Carnation Ceremony, immediately following the Semi Final races on Sunday morning. Survivors not paddling in the Challenge are invited to take part in this ceremony when all the boats raft together at the dock, which will happen at or around noon on Sunday. Please join us in a show of respect for our Survivor teams 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 10 of the top finishing crews. 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. Crews line up at and start from the Finish Line, and begin at 10 to 15 second intervals.

Overlap rules will apply and be enforced by the Water Marshalls. Fastest times win!

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, and the Harbour Ferry Ballet). Please be on site and prepared to race a minimum of one hour prior to the scheduled race time.

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!

Stern/Managers' Meeting & Stern Pool

Mandatory! Attendance will be taken.

- Date: Saturday August 13
- Time: 7:00 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.

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 me, 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. There is a 50 metre buoy marking this point; but note that currents and tides mean that this is an estimation of the 50m mark and the call will be at my discretion.
- The start commands will be: “All boats we have alignment. Attention Please. Horn.” (or “GO” if the horn fails)
- During the race there will be 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 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).

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 Starter; Jerry Berry, Head Water Marshal

Team Check In & Wristbands

Team Check-in:

- Friday August 12, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Saturday August 13, 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 9.

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.

Paddlers' Village:

Opens **Friday August 12 at 5:00 pm** and will remain open until one hour after the Beer Garden closes on Sunday August 14.

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

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

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 who are willing to volunteer to steer or drum for

another team 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.

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
 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

- **Saturday August 13 from 11:00am to 10:00pm**
- **Sunday August 14 from 11:00pm 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. 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 just above Paddlers 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 no longer 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 Villages Pizza, the Great Grand Dragon challenge proves age is just a number in this exciting event.
Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge Trophy	Sponsored by the Island BreastStrokers, this challenge commemorates the true spirit of strength and camaraderie.
Corporate Challenge	Sponsored by Lilydale Poultry, this trophy is awarded to the top Corporate crew.
Guts & Glory	Sponsored by Canada Dry, this trophy is awarded to the brave and daring crew which wins this gruelling challenge.

Other Awards:

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.
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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 takes place between 2:30 pm and 5:00 pm on Sunday. Consolation round prizing can be picked up from the Registration

Tent near Paddlers Village.

General Information

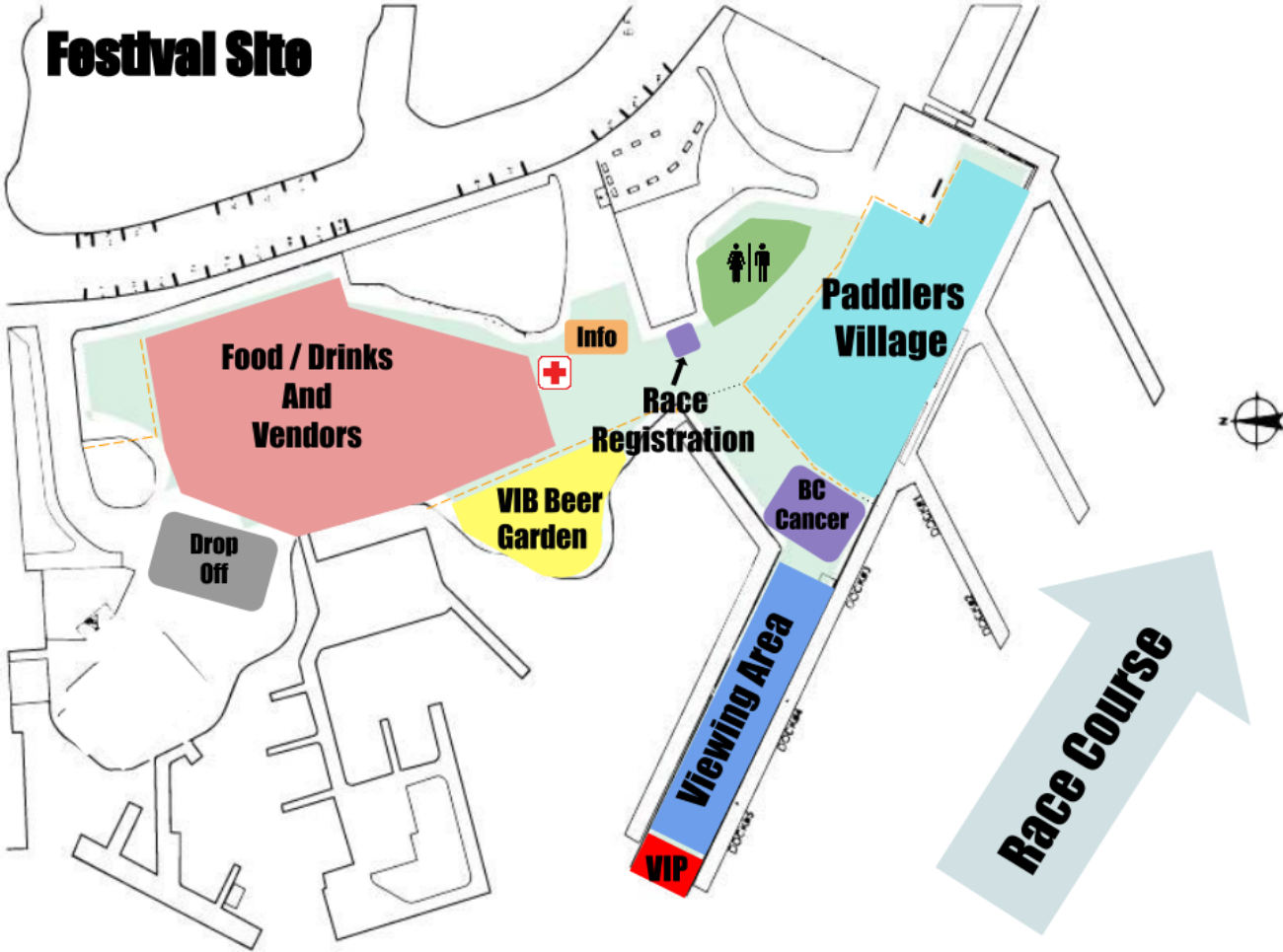
Race Related questions, over the course of the festival, should be brought to the Registration Tent located near Paddlers' Village. Refer to site map below.

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



Festival Site Map



Race Schedule (Subject to change):

Saturday Morning August 13				
Race	Division	Race Name	Time	Sponsor
1	Mixed	Heat 1	8:00 AM	Kelloggs
2	Mixed	Heat 2	8:11 AM	Quaker
3	Mixed	Heat 3	8:22 AM	Dr. Thiessen
4	Mixed	Heat 4	8:33 AM	Orbus Business Network
5	Mixed	Heat 5	8:44 AM	Palm Bay Beverages
6	Mixed	Heat 6	8:55 AM	Dan D Foods
7	Mixed	Heat 7	9:06 AM	Dead Horse Consulting
8	Mixed	Heat 8	9:17 AM	Canadian Springs Water
9	Mixed	Heat 9	9:28 AM	Lee & Sharpe Accounting
10	Mixed	Heat 10	9:39 AM	Victoria Mobility
		Coho Arrives	9:45 AM	
11	Women	Heat 1	10:00 AM	Manhas Mars
12	Women	Heat 2	10:11 AM	Sunrype
13	Women	Heat 3	10:22 AM	Footprints Security
		Coho Leaves	10:30 AM	
14	Women	Heat 4	10:40 AM	Adams Storage
15	Women	Heat 5	10:51 AM	2 Burley Men Moving Ltd
16	Women	Heat 6	11:02 AM	Hotel Grand Pacific
17	Women	Heat 7	11:13 AM	Asian Family
18	Women	Heat 10	11:24 AM	Canada Bread
19		Corporate Challenge	11:35 AM	Lilydale Poultry
20		Great Grand Dragon Challenge	11:46 AM	Villages Pizza

Saturday Afternoon August 13				
21	Mixed	Heat 2	1:00 PM	BMO
22	Mixed	Heat 2	1:11 PM	Maple Leaf Foods
23	Mixed	Heat 2	1:22 PM	Times Colonist
24	Mixed	Heat 2	1:33 PM	107.3 Kool FM
25	Mixed	Heat 2	1:44 PM	CTV
26	Mixed	Heat 2	1:55 PM	Saanich News
27	Mixed	Heat 2	2:06 PM	CFAX 1070
		Coho Arrives	2:10 PM	
28	Mixed	Heat 2	2:25 PM	Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
29	Mixed	Heat 2	2:36 PM	City of Victoria
30	Mixed	Heat 2	2:47 PM	Design Strategy Research Inc
		Coho Leaves	3:00 PM	
31	Women	Heat 2	3:10 PM	Denny's Restaurant
32	Women	Heat 2	3:21 PM	Absolute Therapy
33	Women	Heat 2	3:32 PM	GoodLife Fitness
34	Women	Heat 2	3:43 PM	Tim Horton's
35	Women	Heat 2	3:54 PM	Island Farms
36	Women	Heat 2	4:05 PM	Vancouver Island Brewery
37	Women	Heat 2	4:16 PM	Coca Cola
38	Women	Heat 2	4:27 PM	Fairway Market
39		Open Challenge	4:38 PM	Advance Collision

Sunday Morning August 14				
40	Mixed	Silver Semi 1	8:00 AM	Orbus Business Network
41	Mixed	Silver Semi 2	8:11 AM	Palm Bay Beverages
42	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 1	8:22 AM	Lee & Sharpe Accounting

43	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 2	8:33 AM	Victoria Mobility
44	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 3	8:44 AM	Manhas Mars
45	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 4	8:55 AM	Sunrype
46	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 1	9:06 AM	Footprints Security
47	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 2	9:17 AM	Adams Storage
48	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 3	9:28 AM	2 Burley Men Moving Ltd
49	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 4	9:39 AM	Hotel Grand Pacific
		Coho Arrives	9:45 AM	
50	Women	Jade/Gold Semi 1	10:00 AM	Asian Family
51	Women	Jade/Gold Semi 2	10:11 AM	Canada Bread
52	Women	Jade/Gold Semi 3	10:22 AM	Lilydale Poultry
		Coho Leaves	10:30 AM	
		Harbour Ferry Ballet	10:45 AM	
53	Women	Jade/Gold Semi 4	11:05 AM	Villages Pizza
54	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 1	11:16 AM	Advance Collision
55	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 2	11:27 AM	Pacific Audio Works
56	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 3	11:38 AM	Island Tents
57	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 4	11:49 AM	Super Save
58	BCS	Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge B	12:00 PM	Sun Life Financial
59	BCS	Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge A	12:11 PM	Sun Life Financial
		Breast Cancer	12:15 PM	

		Ceremony		
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Sunday Afternoon August 14				
60	Mixed	Silver Final B	1:00 PM	Absolute Therapy
61	Mixed	Silver Final A	1:11 PM	Times Colonist
62	Mixed	Gold Final B	1:22 PM	Saanich News
63	Mixed	Gold Final A	1:33 PM	Victoria News
64	Mixed	Jade Final B	1:44 PM	CFAX 1070
65	Mixed	Jade Final A	1:55 PM	CTV
66	Women	Gold Final B	2:06 PM	Denny's Restaurant
		Coho Arrives	2:10 PM	
67	Women	Gold Final A	2:25 PM	Vancouver Island Brewery
68	Women	Jade Final B	2:36 PM	Tim Horton's
69	Women	Jade Final A	2:47 PM	Island Farms
70	Women	Diamond Final B	2:58 PM	GoodLife Fitness
		Coho Leaves	3:00 PM	
71	Women	Diamond Final A	3:10 PM	Sun Life Financial
72	Women	Platinum Final B	3:21 PM	Times Colonist
73	Women	Platinum Final A	3:32 PM	Fairway Market
74	Mixed	Diamond Final B	3:43 PM	Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
75	Mixed	Diamond Final A	3:54 PM	Coca Cola
76	Mixed	Platinum Final B	4:05 PM	City of Victoria
77	Mixed	Platinum Final A	4:16 PM	Canada Dry
78		Guts & Glory	4:45 PM	Canada Dry