



2018 Race Information Package

Date: Friday, August 10 to Sunday, August 12, 2018

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

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
- Guts & Glory (Mixed and Women's categories)

Team Check-In:

- Registration (Information) Tent
- 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, August 10
- 6:00 am to start of races on Saturday, August 11

Friday, August 10

- Eye Dotting Ceremony -- 1:00 pm
- Site Opens -- 2:00 pm
- Paddlers' Village Open for Tent Decorating and equipment drop off-- 5:00 pm
- Free live bands start -- 2:00 pm
 - 2:00 pm - Claire Coupland
 - 4:00 pm - Younger Than Yesterday
 - 6:00 pm - New Souls
- Lighting of the Lights of Courage Lantern Display -- 8:30pm

Saturday, August 11 (First Day of Races)

- Stern/Managers' Meeting (Beer Garden) -- 7:00 am
- Marshalling for first races -- 7:30 am
- Denny's Paddlers Breakfast -- 7:00 am to 10:30 am (or until food runs out)

- First Race -- 8:00 am
- Cultural performances -- 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Free live bands start -- 2:00 pm
 - 2:00 pm - Author With Sunburn
 - 4:00 pm - Soul Shakers
 - 6:00 pm - OK Charlie

Sunday, August 12

- Denny's Paddlers Breakfast -- 7:00 am to 10:30 am (or until food runs out)
- Marshalling for first races -- 7:30 am
- First Race -- 8:00 am
- Cultural performances -- 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Breast Cancer Carnation ceremony -- Noon (approximately)
- Free live bands start -- 2:00 pm
 - 2:00 pm - Backbeat
 - 4:00 pm - Shaky Ground
 - 6:00 pm - TBA

Message from the FGPC Race Management Team

Welcome Teams!

The current version (V1) of the Race Schedule will be provided to you as a separate attachment as soon as it is ready. Check the link on the homepage 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. 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, Breast Cancer, Guts and Glory

The **Corporate Challenge** will run directly following the Saturday morning mixed and women's heats. The top 4 corporate teams will advance to the Corporate Challenge. If more than 4 teams register, the teams that do not make the cut will have their fee refunded.

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 **Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge** will be held prior to the Carnation Ceremony,

immediately following the Semi Final races on Sunday morning. 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.

There are women's and mixed **Guts & Glory Challenges** this year. These races are populated by the 8 fastest crews based on results from the first morning's races in each division. The women's race will be held at 4:30 pm on Saturday, and the mixed race will be held at 4:30 pm on Sunday (after the finals). The women's and mixed Guts & Glory Challenge races are approximately 1500M and involve a total of 5 buoy turns over two circuits of the course. Participating crews line up at and start from the finish line and begin the course in 15 second intervals. Overlap rules apply and be enforced by the water marshalls. The fastest time wins! Women's teams can opt in before 12 noon on Saturday and Mixed teams can opt in until 4pm Saturday. Women's and mixed teams must opt in at the information tent.

The race schedule and race times are subject to change. 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 V2V Ferry as well as 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 and Mixed 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 can not be held at the docks to wait for paddlers with scheduling conflicts.

Paddles Up!

Stern/Managers' Meeting & Stern Pool

Mandatory! Attendance will be taken.

- Date: Saturday August 11
- Time: 7:00 am
- Location: Main Stage

Sterns and managers are required to attend the stern/managers' meeting. Failing to attend may result in your team being disqualified from racing. Note that the first teams will begin marshalling at 7:30am for the first races of the morning.

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. Please see "Race Map" to orient yourself to the race course.
- 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. See race map for reference (back page).
- 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; Tristan Hayton, Head Water Marshal

Team Check In & Wristbands

Team Check-in:

- Friday August 10, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Saturday August 11, 6:00 am until the start of Race #1
- Location: Registration (Information) Tent

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 smartphone or tablet) for any additions to your roster made after 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday August 8.

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.

Wristbands must be worn for the entire weekend -- they cannot be put back on and are not replaceable! 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 10 at 5:00 pm** and will remain open until one hour after the Beer Garden closes on Sunday August 12.

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 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". 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, 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.

Beer Sales:

Open

- **Friday August 10 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
- **Saturday August 19 from 11:00 am to 9:00pm**
- **Sunday August 20 from 11:00 am to 9:00pm**

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!

This year the entire site, except for Paddlers Village, will be licensed. Which means you can take your beer or cider and enjoy it on the bleachers while you watch the races!

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 festival site. 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 CTV, this trophy is awarded to the overall festival winner in the Women's Division

Great Grand Dragon
Challenge Trophy

Sponsored by Fairway Markets, the Great Grand Dragon challenge proves age is just a number in this exciting event.

Corporate Challenge	Sponsored by Canada Dry, this trophy is awarded to the top Corporate crew.
Guts & Glory - Mixed	Sponsored by Canada Dry, this trophy is awarded to the fastest of the brave and daring crews that enter this gruelling challenge.
Guts & Glory - Womens	Sponsored by Canada Dry, this trophy is awarded to the fastest of the brave and daring crews that enter this gruelling challenge.

Other Awards:

VIB Spirit Award	Points have been awarded to teams for the weeks leading up 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 party on site Saturday night.
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Awards:

There will be gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded to the first, second, and third place teams respectively from the A finals. There will be pins for the first, second, and third place teams from the B consolation finals. Medals and pins can be picked up from the BC Cancer Foundation tent following the finals. Instead of an awards ceremony on stage, teams are invited to pick up their awards at their leisure and get their picture taken in front of our VDBF banner.

General Information

The Paddling Registration Tent will be closed after the first race Saturday morning. 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 below.](#) Festival Greeters will also be happy to help if you have any questions! The complete Festival Guide is available on the [VDBF web site.](#)

Entertainment Schedule

Entertainment Schedule & Info



**Saturday & Sunday
7 to 10:30am for the
Denny's Restaurant Paddlers'
Breakfast in the Paddlers'
Village! Public welcome!
\$5 Breakfast Deal!**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10TH

MAIN STAGE

1pm	Awakening of the Dragon
2pm	Canada Dry Victoria Dragon Boat Festival site opens
2-4pm	Claire Coupland
4-6pm	Younger Than Yesterday
6-8pm	The New Souls

Canada Dry Victoria Dragon Boat Festival Site Hours: Friday: 2pm – 9pm | Saturday: 8am – 9pm | Sunday: 8am – 9pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH

MAIN STAGE

9:30am – 10:30am	Victoria Filipino Canadian Association Sampaguita Dance Group
10:30am – 11:30pm	Salsa Caliente
11:30pm – 12:30pm	Wong Sheung Kung Fu Club
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Victoria Hand Drum Rhythm
2pm – 4pm	Author with Sunburn
4pm – 6pm	Soul Shakers
6pm – 8pm	OK Charlie

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH

9:30 am – 10:30am	TBA
10:30am – 11:30am	Uminari Taiko Drummers
11:30am – 12:30pm	Carnation Ceremony
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Axe Capoeira
2pm – 4pm	Backbeat
4pm – 6pm	Shaky Ground
6pm – 8pm	TBA

Canada Dry Victoria Dragon Boat Festival Site Hours Friday 2pm-9pm | Saturday 8am -9pm | Sunday 8am – 9pm

VFCA Sampaguita Dance Group In 1971, the VFCA established the Group, named after the national flower of the Philippines. The group performs Filipino folk dances at several cultural events. The group has had dancers ranging in age from as young as 3 years to over 65.

Axe Capoeira Victoria | Victoria's Premier Capoeira Academy offering instruction in all aspects of this beautiful Brazilian Art Form: Music, dance, acrobatics

Wong Sheung Kung Fu Club Hung Fut Style Kung Fu combines Hung Kuen (the hard southern style) with Fut Gar (the Budda open palm). We are the only club in Canada to teach this left-handed style of Kung Fu and it

is our goal to promote and ensure the continuity of this style of martial art in Canada.

Uminari Taiko Vancouver Island's first taiko drumming ensemble, sharing and promoting the art of Japanese taiko drumming through teaching and performance. They have performed and have taught many workshops and classes.

Salsa Caliente is an internationally touring dance group from Victoria featuring dance lessons and performing in different levels and styles. They also have a weekly Salsa radio show heard on CFUV in Victoria or online worldwide.



* The Victoria Dragon Boat Festival Society reserves the right to make changes to the race schedule.

Festival Site Map

Ship Point
Site Map
2018

**VICTORIA
DRAGONBOAT
FESTIVAL**

1. Paddler's Village
2. Forbidden City
 - Canada Dry Hot Dog Tent
 - Entertainment Stage
 - Vancouver Island Brewery Beer Garden
 - Festival Vendors
 - Canada Dry Snack Shack
 - Denny's Restaurant Grand Slam Breakfast 7am - 10:30am

FESTIVAL SITE HOURS

Friday
1pm - Awakening of the Dragon
2pm to 9pm - site open

Saturday
8am - 9pm - site open

Sunday
8am - 9pm - site open

Follow this link for the complete Festival Guide for 2018:
<https://victoriadragonboat.com/festival/guide-event-map/>

Race Schedule (Subject to change):

Race	Division	Race Type	Time	Sponsors
Saturday Morning				
1	Mixed	Heat 1	8:00 AM	Orbus Business Network
2	Mixed	Heat 1	8:11 AM	Wismettacusa Ltd
3	Mixed	Heat 1	8:22 AM	Victoria Mobile Radio
4	Mixed	Heat 1	8:33 AM	Lilydale Poultry
5	Mixed	Heat 1	8:44 AM	Mike's Hard Lemonade
6	Mixed	Heat 1	8:55 AM	Synq Technology
		V2V Leaves	9:00 AM	
7	Mixed	Heat 1	9:10 AM	Victoria Tents & Events
8	Mixed	Heat 1	9:21 AM	QLiving Furniture
9	Mixed	Heat 1	9:32 AM	Castle Building Centre
10	Mixed	Heat 1	9:43 AM	Canadian Springs
		Coho Arrives	9:45 AM	
11	Women	Heat 1	10:00 AM	Unilever
12	Women	Heat 1	10:11 AM	Lee & Sharpe Accounting
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	Saanich News/Victoria News
15	Women	Heat 1	11:16 AM	Out of The Blue Designs
16	Women	Heat 1	11:27 AM	Sunrype
17		Corporate Challenge	11:38 AM	Canada Dry

18		Great Grand Dragon Challenge	11:49 AM	Fairway Market
Saturday Afternoon				
19	Mixed	Heat 2 - Winners	1:00 PM	Greater Victoria Harbour Authorities
20	Mixed	Heat 2 - Winners	1:11 PM	City of Victoria
21	Mixed	Heat 2 - Winners	1:22 PM	CFB Esquimalt
22	Mixed	Heat 2	1:33 PM	Villages Pizza
23	Mixed	Heat 2	1:44 PM	Navy
24	Mixed	Heat 2	1:55 PM	Tim Hortons
25	Mixed	Heat 2	2:06 PM	Rotary International
		Coho Arrives	2:10 PM	
26	Mixed	Heat 2	2:25 PM	Vancouver Island Brewery
27	Mixed	Heat 2	2:36 PM	Denny's Restaurant
28	Mixed	Heat 2	2:47 PM	Heritage Canada
		Coho Leaves	3:00 PM	
29	Women	Heat 2 - Winners	3:10 PM	Island farms
30	Women	Heat 2 - Winners	3:21 PM	CTV
31	Women	Heat 2	3:32 PM	Times Colonist
32	Women	Heat 2	3:43 PM	CFax/Kool
33	Women	Heat 2	3:54 PM	Coca Cola
34	Women	Heat 2	4:05 PM	Fairway Markets
35	Women	Guts and Glory Challenge - Women	4:30 PM	Canada Dry
Sunday Morning				
36	Women	Jade Semi 1	8:00 AM	Unilever
37	Women	Jade Semi 2	8:11 AM	Lee & Sharpe Accounting
38	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 1	8:22 AM	Maple Leaf Foods
39	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 2	8:33 AM	Saanich News/Victoria News
40	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 3	8:44 AM	Out of The Blue Designs
41	Women	Platinum/Diamond Semi 4	8:55 AM	Sunrype
		V2V Leaves	9:00 AM	

42	Mixed	Silver Semi 1	9:10 AM	Orbus Business Network
43	Mixed	Silver Semi 2	9:21 AM	Wismettacusa Ltd
44	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 1	9:32 AM	Victoria Mobile Radio
45	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 2	9:43 AM	Lilydale Poultry
		Coho Arrives	9:45 AM	
46	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 3	10:00 AM	Mike's Hard Lemonade
47	Mixed	Jade/Gold Semi 4	10:11 AM	Synq Technology
48	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 1	10:22 AM	Victoria Tents & Events
		Coho Leaves	10:30 AM	
		Harbour Ferry Ballet	10:45 AM	
49	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 2	11:00 AM	QLiving Furniture
50	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 3	11:11 AM	Castle Building Centre
51	Mixed	Platinum/Diamond Semi 4	11:22 AM	Canadian Springs
52		Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge	11:44 AM	Times Colonist
		BCS Carnation Ceremony	12:00 PM	
Sunday Afternoon				
53	Women	Jade Final B	1:00 PM	Rotary International
54	Women	Jade Final A	1:11 PM	Vancouver Island Brewery
55	Women	Diamond Final B	1:22 PM	Denny's Restaurant
56	Women	Diamond Final A	1:33 PM	Heritage Canada
57	Women	Platinum Final B	1:44 PM	Island farms
58	Women	Platinum Final A	1:55 PM	CTV
59	Mixed	Silver Final B	2:06 PM	Greater Victoria Harbour Authorities

		Coho Arrives	2:10 PM	
60	Mixed	Silver Final A	2:25 PM	City of Victoria
61	Mixed	Gold Final B	2:36 PM	CFB Esquimalt
62	Mixed	Gold Final A	2:47 PM	Villages Pizza
		Coho Leaves	3:00 PM	
63	Mixed	Jade Final B	3:11 PM	Navy
64	Mixed	Jade Final A	3:22 PM	Tim Hortons
65	Mixed	Diamond Final B	3:33 PM	CFAX/Kool
66	Mixed	Diamond Final A	3:44 PM	Coca Cola
67	Mixed	Platinum Final B	3:55 PM	Fairway Market
68	Mixed	Platinum Final A	4:06 PM	Canada Dry
69	Mixed	Guts and Glory	4:30 PM	Canada Dry