

**2017 PENTICTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL  
Race Information Package**

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual**



**SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
PENTICTON, BC, CANADA**

**RACE INFORMATION PACKAGE**

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## 2017 PENTICTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL Race Information Package

**Date:** September 8, 9 and 10, 2017

**Location:** Penticton Paddling Centre - Skaha Lake

**Race Course:** Approximately 500 metres

**Race Categories:** Mixed and Women's

**Boats:** Millennium dragon boats

**Maximum Number of Teams Accepted:** 80 teams. 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.

**Specialty Race:** Dale Charles Memorial Breast Cancer Challenge

### Race Fees & Deadlines

*Early Bird Deadlines & Fees:*

- Early Bird Deadline: Monday, July 31, 2017
- Early Bird Fees: \$1015.00 + 5% GST

*Regular Deadlines & Fees:*

- Regular Deadline: Friday, August 25, 2017
- Regular Fees: \$1212.00 + 5% GST

*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 **August 18, 2017**. There will be no refunds of any type after this date, including if the festival is cancelled due to safety reasons and weather.

### REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

**Step 1: Register online at [www.pentictondragonboat.com/events/](http://www.pentictondragonboat.com/events/)**

This step cannot be omitted – mailing form and a cheque does not get your team registered!

**Step 2: Make your payment – either online or by cheque**

- **Online via PayPal** (accepts all major credit cards). Payment link on the event website [www.pentictondragonboat.com](http://www.pentictondragonboat.com)
- **OR Mail cheque payable to “Penticton Dragon Boat Festival Society” to:**  
Penticton Dragon Boat Festival c/o  
860 Argyle Street  
Penticton, BC, Canada, V2A 5N7

**Step 3: Mail your COMPLETE team registration by September 1, 2017:**

- Completed “*Team Bio*” form
- Individually signed “*Adult Group Waiver / Team Roster*” form.
- Junior Group Acknowledgement of Risk and Roster forms (for paddlers under 19 years of age)
- All forms must be mailed. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT FAXED OR SCANNED COPIES.** Mail to Penticton Dragon Boat Festival, 860 Argyle Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5N7.
- We understand that some teams may not have a completed roster by September 1. Finalized rosters or any additions and deletions can be submitted to Registration on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Please ensure all forms are complete and that all fields are typed and/or signed. Team Managers MUST provide a contact email address. All forms must be sent to Penticton Dragon Boat Festival.**

**\*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.

## 2017 PENTICTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL Race Information Package

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Race Format:** Approximately 500 metre races in an Open format. Each team will be guaranteed three to four races (**weather permitting**). *Full race grid will be sent 3-4 days prior to the event.*

- 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 ten women paddlers in the boat at all times (NEW - changed to reflect 10 men, 10 women).
- **WOMEN'S CATEGORY:** All paddlers must be female, but steersperson and drummer can be any gender.
- Paddlers may only be on one team roster. The exception is that Women may be on both a Women's and a Mixed roster.
- Registered Drummers and steerspeople with appropriate wristbands may sub for other teams without being on the roster. Paddlers may not – they **MUST** be rostered with a specific team to paddle on that team.

### WIND AND/OR WEATHER-RELATED SAFETY

The Penticton Dragon Boat Festival is an outdoor event and as such is subject to changing weather. Race officials, as always, will monitor conditions to ensure a safe event for all participants. In the event that racing is cancelled by unsafe conditions before the majority of races have been held, the Race Committee reserves the right to reconvene racing in the evening or early the following morning in order to complete the racing (**weather permitting**).

### LOCAL PRACTICES AND TRAINING INFORMATION

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

Friday afternoon/evening practice sessions are available to out of town teams attending the event. Email [info@pentictondragonboat.com](mailto:info@pentictondragonboat.com) to book your practice session.

#### **Penticton Paddling Centre**

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### ABOUT THE PENTICTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

The Penticton Dragon Boat Festival has been held since the year 2000 with the same race management, the same great boats and amazing volunteers. Proceeds from the Penticton Dragon Boat Festival go towards supporting local Okanagan paddling initiatives.