



Welcome Paddlers!

Welcome to the **18th Annual Penticton Dragon Boat Festival September 8 and 9, 2018**. With close to 80 teams registered, we are looking forward to a full weekend of racing and fun at Skaha Lake.

The following is now posted on our website

<https://pentictondragonboat.com/festivals/2018-penticton-dragon-boat-festival/>

- **RACE SCHEDULE AND ROUND 1 DRAW**
We've got the first round of racing scheduled, plus the race grid for the remainder of the weekend (schedule and race draw subject to change).
- **RACE SITE MAP**
Parking will be at a premium. Please carpool if you can. There will be some extra parking available in the boat trailer parking lot.
- **SKAHA BEACH SITE INFO**
- **RULES & REGULATIONS** (with update regarding ISO-certified lifejackets!)
- **RACE FORMAT AND ADVANCEMENTS**

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS (times subject to change)

- Mandatory Steersperson meeting Saturday at 7:15 am at the boathouse
- Racing starts 8:00 am both days* Racing ends approx. 4:00 pm on Saturday; approx. 4:30 pm on Sunday*
- Second round of races starts approx noon on Saturday* - Finals start approx. 12:30 pm on Sunday*
- Breast Cancer Survivor Races/Ceremony start approx. 12:00 pm on Sunday*
- Vendors open before 8:00 am
- Beer Garden closes at 6:00 pm

* As environmental conditions may vary, race management reserves the right to run races ahead or behind schedule to ensure that all races are completed safely. It is important for teams to check in early and regularly with marshalling. Teams are responsible for knowing when they are racing (listen to announcements). Team tent areas on the map should allow for teams to hear announcements. We tend to run ahead of schedule. There will be no opportunity to re-race missed races.

REGISTRATION

ALL TEAMS MUST CHECK IN BEFORE THEIR FIRST RACE. Please send one person per team.

Registration will be open at Skaha Lake park on:

Friday, September 7 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the big wooden gazebo

Saturday, September 8 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am at the Sundial on the sand, next to the Announcer

Once your paperwork is complete, you'll be given your team's wristbands (one colour for the the team's paddlers, a separate colour for drummer and steerer). Rosters are final as of your registration and there can be *no additions after that*. **Team members must wear their wristband for all of their races. It must last the entire weekend – do not remove.**

Only women paddling on a MIXED and a WOMEN'S team should have 2 paddler wristbands. It is against the rules to race on 2 teams in one division. In the interest of fair and equitable racing for all teams, paddlers without proper wristbands won't be allowed to race. With safety in mind, drummers and steers-people can steer for any team, as long as they are on a roster/waiver, but must check with the Race Mgt. beforehand.

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DIVISIONAL TROPHIES

As always, we have trophies for top Overall team, top Okanagan Team, top Women's team and top Breast Cancer Survivor Team. Trophies will be awarded to the highest placing teams in the highest division final.

We would love you to stay and enjoy the medal ceremony but understand some teams have long travel times. Teams can pick up their medals from the Announcer Tent or in the Beverage Garden shortly after the last race. Teams not wanting to wait for the awards ceremony must pick up their medals **before the award ceremony starts**. We can not interrupt the presentations to hand out medals once the ceremony is underway as this causes delays for all paddlers. Organizers will do everything possible to present the medals and trophies in a timely manner.

Medals will be handed out to first, second and third place teams in the Women's and Mixed A finals, as well as in the Breast Cancer Challenge final. All other finals will receive ribbons for first, second and third.

THE GREATEST STEERSPERSON IN THE WORLD RACE CONTINUES

This team-favourite challenge is back again after official racing wraps up on Saturday (weather permitting). Have your steersperson steer the fastest 500m slalom course they can for the right to put their name on the much sought-after trophy. **You can sign up at Registration or at the Announcer's Tent.**

SECURITY

Teams are reminded to secure valuables, or better yet lock them in your car. The festival cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen property. For your enjoyment, please ensure that your belongings are safely secured at all times. Please designate one of your groupies to monitor your belongings, and teams please look out for other team's valuables as well. There will be limited security for the tents in the designated team tent area overnight SATURDAY night. Still, don't leave your gold-embossed paddle shorts, but you can leave your tent (properly secured to withstand weather conditions overnight).

TENTS

Please put your tents in the designated areas only. As per the City of Penticton's regulations **NO TENT SPIKES PLEASE!** To ensure an excellent view of the entire race course for all participants and spectators, we're asking teams to not place their tents on the beach unless the tent is less than 4 feet high. You may set up your tent on Friday night, but be aware that Security is only available for patrols on Saturday night.

PDBF FIRST CANADIAN DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL TO ALLOW ISO-CERTIFIED PFD'S

Check our rules regarding certain ISO-certified PFD's now being allowed!

LET'S LIMIT SINGLE USE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

STAY HYDRATED! - We are excited to announce that we will have a portable water station on site for this year's event! Please join us in our efforts to reduce our environmental impact, by remembering to bring your own reusable water bottles.

Have fun, and we will see you on the water!

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