



Welcome to the 13th Annual Okanagan Super Sprints

55+ Teams only Sprints on Friday, June 10, 2022

all others Saturday, June 11, 2022

at the Penticton Paddling Centre, Skaha Lake Park

Welcome back to the Okanagan Super Sprints – this Friday and Saturday, June 10 & 11 on Skaha Lake. There are 15 teams for the Sprints on Saturday, and 7 teams racing in our fifth annual 55+ Sprint Challenge on Friday! We are so happy to get back to racing, and we thank you for your continued support and participation.

The 250m sprint format means fierce racing, with little room for error, but the atmosphere is less strict and more laid back. We've heard from many of you, and understand teams are in a re-building mode after the forced 2-year hiatus thanks to Covid 19, and we know there are teams struggling to fill their rosters. To level the playing field and ensure every team has a full boat, this year we are allowing you to take paddlers from other teams without having them on your roster – if needed. We hope this relaxing of the rules will be used in the spirit in which it is intended, and not used to stack teams to an unfair advantage. Mixed teams are still limited to 10 men.

The Okanagan Super Sprints has always been a fundraiser and continues this year. In years past we have raised a total of \$35,000 for Muscular Dystrophy. This year we are raising money for a new boathouse on Skaha Lake. Please bring cash so you can take part in a 50/50 draw.

We have the same great race format this year which guarantees every team races at least 3 times. Racing starts at 9:00 am on Friday and 8:30 am on Saturday.

CHALLENGE RACE!

After the official racing ends, we will finish off with our fun race division:

THE MANLY MENS FINAL!

If the men can get themselves organized, we are going to put together as many men's teams as possible and run a Final, so stick around. All men, from all teams, are encouraged to take part. If there's not enough men, we'll fill the remainder of the seats with brave women who aren't afraid to race with that many males.... We ask that all paddlers start gathering at the beach immediately following the Mixed A Final (Approx. 12:45 pm).

PRIZES FOR TOP TEAMS

We still have the best prizes EVER for first place!

I'm sure we've all got our fair share of ribbons, so we are offering prizes that won't languish in a drawer somewhere. Thanks to a local winery and a local beer store, we have drinkable prizes for the overall winners

of our Mixed & Women's divisions on Saturday. The Friday Senior Sprint Challenge will offer many local draw prizes awarded randomly to paddlers.

STEERPERSON'S MEETINGS

Friday at 8:30 am; Saturday at 8:00 am in front of the Boathouse.

In the event that wind or weather is forecast, we will do our best to get all the races done. This may mean racing ahead of schedule. Stay close, keep in contact with race volunteers, and everything will run smoothly.

TENT SET UP

Please remember that Skaha Park does not allow tent spikes. We recommend you secure your tent with weights or sandbags. Tent set up is anytime on Friday morning. There will be NO security overnight so you will need to take your tent down Friday night.

50/50 DRAW & WINE FUNDRAISER

You may be going home with more money in your wallet than you arrived with! Please support our fundraising efforts for a new boathouse by buying some tickets to win half the pot. Or, purchase a draw ticket to win a 6-bottle wine portfolio from Gold Hill Winery's new Charisma label. Valorie, your happy crew marshal will never let you hear the end of it if you don't 😊

Thanks for joining us. We'll see you on the water.

Don Mulhall | Race Director
Okanagan Super Sprints
www.pentictondragonboat.com