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**Canada 150 Original Wooden Dragon Boat Festival
Race Package
Saturday July 15 and Sunday July 16
Canoe Beach, Salmon Arm, BC**

Dear Paddler:

The **Canada 150 Original Wooden Dragon Boat Festival** race package includes information that will help teams plan for the 2 day event and answer any questions regarding the event.

CHECK-IN - from 7:15 to 7:45 am on Saturday and Sunday morning. Only one team member is responsible for this. Changes to team roster may be made at check-in.

STEERS & CAPTAIN'S MEETING - All Steers and Captains are required to be present for this meeting at 7:30 am sharp to be held near the entry to the Paddler's Village.

COURSE - The race course is 500m. There is a red buoy for the Start line, white buoy at 50m, red buoys at 200m, 250m and at the Finish line. The white buoy marks the limit of the false start zone. A false start can be called by the steers person, the starter or the timers in case of malfunction.

DO NOT CROSS INTO THE PUBLIC SWIMMING AREA AT ANY TIME.

Lane #1 is closest to the shore. After the finish line, all 3 boats will hold immediately. Boat #1 will paddle to the left immediately, followed by Boat #2 and Boat #3 in orderly fashion and following each other to return to the marshalling dock.

RACE SCHEDULE - The race schedule included in this package will be followed but changes to event times may be made during the day due to weather. Teams will be kept posted as to changes but should be prepared for races to be ahead or behind of the posted schedule.

EQUIPMENT - Teak Hong Kong boats will be used. 3 lane heats will be run.

RESULTS - Results will be posted throughout the event and announced from the timers booth.

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Race Information

Registration Details

1. The last day for registration will be April 30, 2017. The registration fee of \$750 together with the completed registration form must be received by SARP by 5 pm April 30. After April 30 registration will be closed. Incomplete registration forms will be returned with no race place held.
2. Registration is on a first come basis and to be valid must be accompanied by payment of the fee, payable to SARP.
3. Registrar must receive notice of withdrawal at least forty-five (45) days prior to day of event. No refund will be paid unless a replacement team is confirmed by the race organizers.
4. A deduction of one hundred dollars (\$100) will be charged for all withdrawals regardless of withdrawal date.
5. An email contact for your team is essential. Confirmation of successful registration will be sent by email, as will any updates or changes that occur. A written receipt will be available in your racing package.
6. Completed team waivers and team rosters are to be received by June 1, 2017. Final team waivers/rosters are due before racing commences on July 14, 2017.
7. NOTE: Please include a brief team bio with your team waivers and roster registration.

Award Presentations

Awards presented at the grassy area near the timers viewing stand as soon as possible following the final race on Sunday July 16.

Frequently Misunderstood Rules and Regulations

Equipment:

- Racing fleet will be provided by Festival organizers
- Only dragon boat paddles not exceeding the IDBF PS202a specifications may be used (carbon fiber paddles will be allowed). The Grey Owl dragon boat paddle meets the IDBF PS202a size specification.
- Friction tape and wax may be used on your own personal paddles only
- PFD's will be provided. If you wish to use your own PFD's, they must be Department of Transport/Canadian Coast Guard Approved (except self-inflating jackets)
- Dock personnel before each race will inspect them. It is up to the dock manager to determine if the Personal Flotation Device will be allowed.

Race Rules - Condensed Version

NOTE: Races will be conducted according to the rules document that will be available on the SARP website.

Team Composition

Mixed Team

Women's Team

Race Course

- Each race will be approximately 500 m
- Lanes will be numbered 1,2,3
- There will be lane markers
- Races will begin at 8:00 AM sharp
- Race course map will be included in the race package

The Start

- The Officials at the start will signal the crews to line up in their respective lanes in the pre-start area before the start of the race. The race will commence without your team if you choose to ignore line-up instructions.

- The Starter will start the race when boats are prepared (lined up) for a “standing start” (in the starter’s opinion, under best possible conditions for a fair start)

The Start Commands will be:

1. “PADDLES UP”
2. “ATTENTION”
3. An air horn blast or similar signal will occur, 1-5 seconds after “attention”

Re-Race Rules

At the Official’s discretion, a re-start may be ordered when:

- There is a false start called by the Starter; or,
- There is clearly a collision within the first 50 metres of the race; or,
- There is an equipment breakage, other than paddle, within the first 50 metres of the race.

There will absolutely be no grounds for the re-races once boats have passed the 50 metre mark, except one that is initiated by Officials under extraordinary circumstances.

Conduct

Responsible behaviour and abiding by the values of good sportsmanship is expected.

Waivers and Team Rosters

The waiver and team roster is required to be submitted, according to the date on the registration details, **June 1, 2017**, before you participate in the Canada 150 Original Wooden Dragon Boat Festival. If changes are required to your roster due to changes in the composition of your team, you are required to present these changes accompanied by the signed waiver by 5 pm on Friday July 14, 2017.

Race Package

A race package will be emailed to team contacts one week prior to the race day including welcome letter, race grid, course map, and site map. Rules and regulations will be available on SARP web site.