



2022 Comox Dragon Boat Festival Saturday 11 June

Race and Site Information

Race Date / Times and Location:

Saturday 11 June, 2022
9am check in / 9.30 steers meeting / 10am race start

Comox Marina Park
127 Port Augusta St, Comox, BC V9M 3N8

The 2022 Comox Dragon Boat Festival is part of FGPC's 2022 Vancouver Island Race Series. This unique race starts and finishes along a 350m pier at Comox Marina, providing spectators with stroke-by-stroke viewing and paddlers with the unusual experience of having audiences watch from above, with eyes on every move as teams reach the finish line. Not only does the 350m course provide a perfect day of June racing, the race distance is positioned exactly in between May's 200m races (FGPC SuperSprints) and the series' 500m races (FGPC's Nanaimo festival in July and the Vancouver Island festival hosted by FGPC at its Selkirk training and race facility in Victoria in August).

Through the Vancouver Island Dragon Boat Race Series' **"Make Every Second Count BC Cancer Campaign"**, teams can "add speed" by shaving off one-second from their total time in special championship heats for every \$1,000 raised. [Click here for more information.](#)

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING

WAIVERS AND ROSTERS

All paddlers must complete valid FGPC waivers before participating in the Comox Dragon Boat Festival. Team check-ins begin at 9:00 am. All rosters must be submitted prior to race day on line, but if necessary team captains can bring any last-minute changes to their rosters at the event's 9am check-in tent (located at the Comox Marina *Twin Sail* pavilion near the water).

DRUMMER/STEEERS MEETING

The Drummer and Sterns' Meeting will be held at 9:30 am sharp at Comox Marina Twin Sail pavilion. All sterns and drummers are required to attend. Races, as per the accompanying Race Schedule, begin at 10 am sharp and conclude with medal and award ceremonies at 3:00 pm.

RACE SCHEDULE, MEDALS AND AWARDS

The 2022 Comox Dragon Boat Festival RACE SCHEDULE is attached to this email. All teams will be racing **THREE times** throughout the day: a placement heat, followed by a semi final and then a final. There will be platinum and diamond championship (medal) races for mixed crews and two champion (medal) races for women's crews. The top mixed and top women's teams will win the inaugural 2022 Comox Dragon Boat Festival VICTOR SIMONSON trophies (note that these trophies will be presented for media and photographs, but will be retained for engraving and safe-keeping by FGPC).

PADDLERS' VILLAGE

A map of the site is attached to this document. Note the location of paddlers' village. Teams are expected to bring their own 10x10 tents, along with chairs and other comforts (rain or shine) to keep paddlers warm, dry and/or protected over the day of racing.

PARKING

PARKING IS VERY LIMITED at Comox Marina Park. Paddlers may drop off tents, chairs and other items in the round-about as marked, but should recognize that parking is shared by three busy marinas adjacent to the park area. Teams should expect to park further inland and carpool from inland street and surface parking and/or walk to the Comox Marina Park as required. Drop-off vehicles must not block or occupy marina spaces that are reserved for trailers, trucks and other marina traffic.

WASHROOMS

The Comox Dragon Boat Festival has arranged for portable washrooms in addition to municipal washrooms located at and around the Twin Sails Pavilion.

SITE MAP



FOOD VENDORS

Local Courtenay/Comox food vendors are on-site adjacent to Comox Marina Park ready to serve paddlers throughout the day. Please help us support local area businesses by adding a food truck snack or meal to your plan for the day. Here are our three food trucks for this event:

- Surfside Fish'n Chips - Come enjoy fresh, local fish and chips, fish tacos, Fanny bay oysters and more.
- Comexi Cantina - Fresh and delicious Mexican food
- Dragon Bowl - Bowl of rice topped veggies, greens or chicken and a delicious dressing.

RETAIL VENDORS

Scimitar Sports and **FGPC Waterfront Outfitters** will both have pop-up retail tents on site, offering paddles, apparel and paddle gear throughout the day. Pick up a paddle, shirt, leggings, hoodies, croakies, travel mugs, life-jackets, and other items at these two Vancouver Island businesses that are dedicated to the island paddling community.

Island artists:

Art by Sharon Lam, an artist based out of Victoria, will be coming to the Dragon Boat festival with a special selection of art prints, greeting cards, bookmarks and stickers! You can check her out @artbysharonlam on Instagram/Facebook or at www.artbysharonlam.com.

Art by Jasmine

I grew up in Cumberland and have lived here for the last 25 years, and I have always had a passion for the history and buildings in the Valley, as well as a love of art. When the pandemic hit, I started to create postcards and more recently coloring books of all of the incredible scenes and historical places in the Valley.

My Instagram is @dodgecityart

ENTERTAINMENT

Onsite entertainment is being provided throughout the day by local MC and musician, David Stevenson. Entertainers throughout the day will be performing from the Twin Sail pavilion adjacent to the paddlers' village, food trucks and information and retail tents. Please enjoy and applaud local area performers between your races. Performing artists include:

- **Coast to Coast** is a trio of Lainie Laughlin, Corey Francis and Scott Lyle. Three different tastes in music mashed into an eclectic set of tunes honed with great enthusiasm after five years together.
- **Anela Kahiamoe** - Anela Kahiamoe has been a professional musician since the age of 17, and has appeared at Vancouver Island Musicfest as both a solo artist and with Sue Medley and the Backroad Band. His latest CD, entitled "Through the Years" is a solo compilation of songs recorded over the past twenty years. Anela's music brings a tropical feel-good vibe, so sit back, relax hang loose and enjoy the ride.

- **Ralph Barrat** - Ralph is a very busy pianist/vocalist from the Comox Valley and plays up and down Vancouver Island, in Vancouver, on cruise ships and abroad, crooning Sinatra style with a 6 piece, or Nat King Cole style behind a piano. Ralph is currently involved with numerous jazz groups as well as 50's rock, and country swing groups.
- **Tightrope_** - Tightrope does a tribute to electric blues artists such as: Stevie Ray Vaughan and ZZTOP. The band comprises Dave Stevenson, Greg Hill, and Lorne Fugle.
- **Oscar and Britt** - With influences from Spain and Latin-America, this versatile duo's timeless repertoire wields a power to transport audiences. **Brittany Christina** (aka: 'Britt de la Luna') from Vancouver Island, and **Oscar Robles Diaz** from Mexico, met in 2007 in Mexico City, fell in love, and have been collaborating musically ever since.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Fairway Gorge Paddling Club (FGPC) is producing the Comox Dragon Boat Festival with the support and assistance of the Town of Comox. FGPC would like to thank the staff and community leadership of the Town of Comox for their assistance in producing this dynamic community event.

FGPC will also be paying tribute to veteran coach and one of the founders of dragon boat training and racing in the Courtenay/Comox area, Victor Simonson. The Comox Dragon Boat Festival's Platinum A winners (mixed and women's) will be presented with inaugural Victor Simonson trophies immediately during the post-race medal and award ceremony.

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About the Fairway Gorge Paddling Club Society (FGPC)

Fairway Gorge Paddling Club is a non-profit society dedicated to sharing the benefits of paddle sports and fitness programs with people of all ages and abilities. With a focus on paddling sports and fitness programming, FGPC strives to encourage participation, personal challenge and the pursuit of excellence both on the water and in the gym. FGPC broadens access to sport by offering a range of recreational and performance training programs and dynamic community events.