



Vancouver Island International Dragon Boat Festival

2022 Race Information Package

Date: Main event Saturday 6 August and Sunday, 7 August 2022

(Optional early check-in Friday, 5 August)

Location: Fairway Gorge Paddling Club, 2940 Jutland Road, Victoria V8T 5K6

Course: 500 meters + 100 meters knockouts + 250 meter relay course

Race Categories: mixed and women's

Race Management: Fairway Gorge Paddling Club

Boats: Millennium dragon boats

Standard Races:

- 500M start to finish with advancements from seeded heats, semifinals and finals

Specialty Races:

- 100M knockout races
- 500M flag relay championships (each relay team races 250M for a 500m combined time)

Team Check-In:

- Registration Tent (115-2940 Jutland, upper deck)
- 4:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, 5 August
- 7:00am to 8:00am Saturday, 6 August

Saturday, August 6 (First Day of Races)

- Stern/Managers' Meeting (top of middle dock) -- 8:30am
- Marshaling for races (main breezeway) -- 8:45am
- First race -- 9:00am
- Retail and craft vendor tents open -- 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Cultural performances and entertainment -- 9am - 4pm
 - Free live bands start -- 1:00pm
 - 1:00pm to 2:30pm Back Beat
 - 3:00pm to 4:00pm Prowl
- Food vendors open -- 9am - 4:00pm
- Sol Foods beer sales -- 11:00am - 4:00pm
- Carnation ceremony -- 12:30am- 1:00pm
 - Carnations will be sold-by-donation at Waterfront Outfitters while supplies last
 - \$2 suggested donation per carnation (proceeds go to BC Cancer Foundation)
- 100M Knockout Rounds - 1:30pm

Sunday, August 7 (Second Day of Races)

- Marshaling for final 500s -- 9:00am
- 500m Medal Finals start -- 9:30am
- 500m Awards Presentation -- 12:00pm
- Retail and craft vendor tents open -- 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Food vendors open -- 9am - 4:00pm
- Cultural performances and entertainment -- 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Sol Foods beer sales -- 11:00am - 4:00pm
- 500m Flag Relay Championships - 1:00-3:00pm
- Relay Awards Presentation - 3:15pm

Message from FGPC's Race Management Team

Welcome Teams

The current version of the Race Schedule (v1) is attached via link to this package. Results and race advancements will be posted at two locations (main dock bay doors and the main marshaling area) to let you know how your teams finish and when you race next. Every team in both mixed and women's divisions will have a minimum of five races, including 3 x 500m racing (qualifying heats, semi-finals and finals) and at least 2 specialty races:

- 100-meter knockout races (2-heat multi-round qualifiers for all teams, followed by finals for the top 6 mixed and women's crews) on Saturday afternoon
- 500-meter flag relay championships (1-heat qualifying rounds for all teams; 1

final heat for the top 6 mixed and women's crews) on Sunday afternoon

Notes for 100m Knockout races

- 6 boat heats will start at the 100m mark (100m south of the main dock finish line) and race in back-to-back rounds; the four fastest of the six boats remain to race each other immediately after the first heat to determine the fastest remaining 2 or 3 finishers.
- The fastest 2 or 3 from each set will advance to a final set of knockouts in each division (mixed and women's).
- The six fastest 100m mixed and women's teams advance to mixed and women's final knockouts until the fastest mixed and women's teams are determined overall.

Note for the 500m Flag Relay Championships

- All mixed and women's teams will be paired with corresponding opposites to form relay pairs (e.g. fastest mixed with slowest mixed, second fastest with second slowest...and so on).
- Each slower relay pair will start the heat each race heading southbound from the finish line in an assigned lane (lanes 1 through 3) and race south in their lane to meet their faster relay partner who will be waiting in a held position at the 250m mark.
- Each of the 3 race lanes will have an 48" orange buoy placed in the middle of the 250 mark.
- After meeting each relay team's partnering team at the 250 mark and handing the relay flag from the arriving drummer to the departing drummer, the southbound team is deemed to have completed their leg of the race; they must remain in place until all northbound finishing teams have left the 250m mark before returning to the docks.
- The flag for each relay pair must be exchanged from port to port (e.g. from the right hand of the arriving drummer to the right hand of the departing drummer), and both boats must hold in place as their flag is exchanged, with the 250m buoy positioned between the drummer of each boat. Time penalties will be incurred if relay paired teams do not exchange their flag in this format.
- As soon as the arriving flag has changed hands, the northbound team can begin the final leg of their race, heading north through the finish line.
- There are no turns in this race: each team in the relay pair starts at one end and finishes at the opposite end of the 250m race course, amounting to 500m of racing shared by each relay pair.
- The official relay finish time for each relay pair is recorded when the northbound team crosses the north finish line.

- For the purposes of consistent racing, the fastest of the two teams in each pairing (as determined through weekend advancements) will always start at the south (250m) start line.

The race schedule and race times are subject to change. Please check www.vidbf.com regularly for updates. Although every effort will be made to stay on schedule, the races may run ahead or behind schedule. Please be on site and prepared to race a minimum of one hour prior to scheduled race times.

A heads up to paddlers who are racing on any combination of women's and mixed teams: provision for "hot-swapping" during division changeovers is built into the race schedule between mixed and women's division. However, no hot-swapping or cross-rostering is permitted within the same division unless the affected team has been rated as "exhibition"; teams deemed to be cross-rostering within mixed or women's divisions will be disqualified unless at least one of the affected teams is racing is an exhibition team.

Team Check In & Wristbands

Team Check-in:

- Optional Early Check-in: Friday August 5, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Saturday August 6, 7 am to 8 am
- Location: Registration / Information Tent

Only the team manager or captain may check in the team. Remember to bring confirmation of any outstanding online waivers (printout of email confirmation or electronic copy viewable on smartphone or tablet) for any additions to your roster made after 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday August 3.

Please Note: changes/additions to your roster will only be accepted prior to your first race.

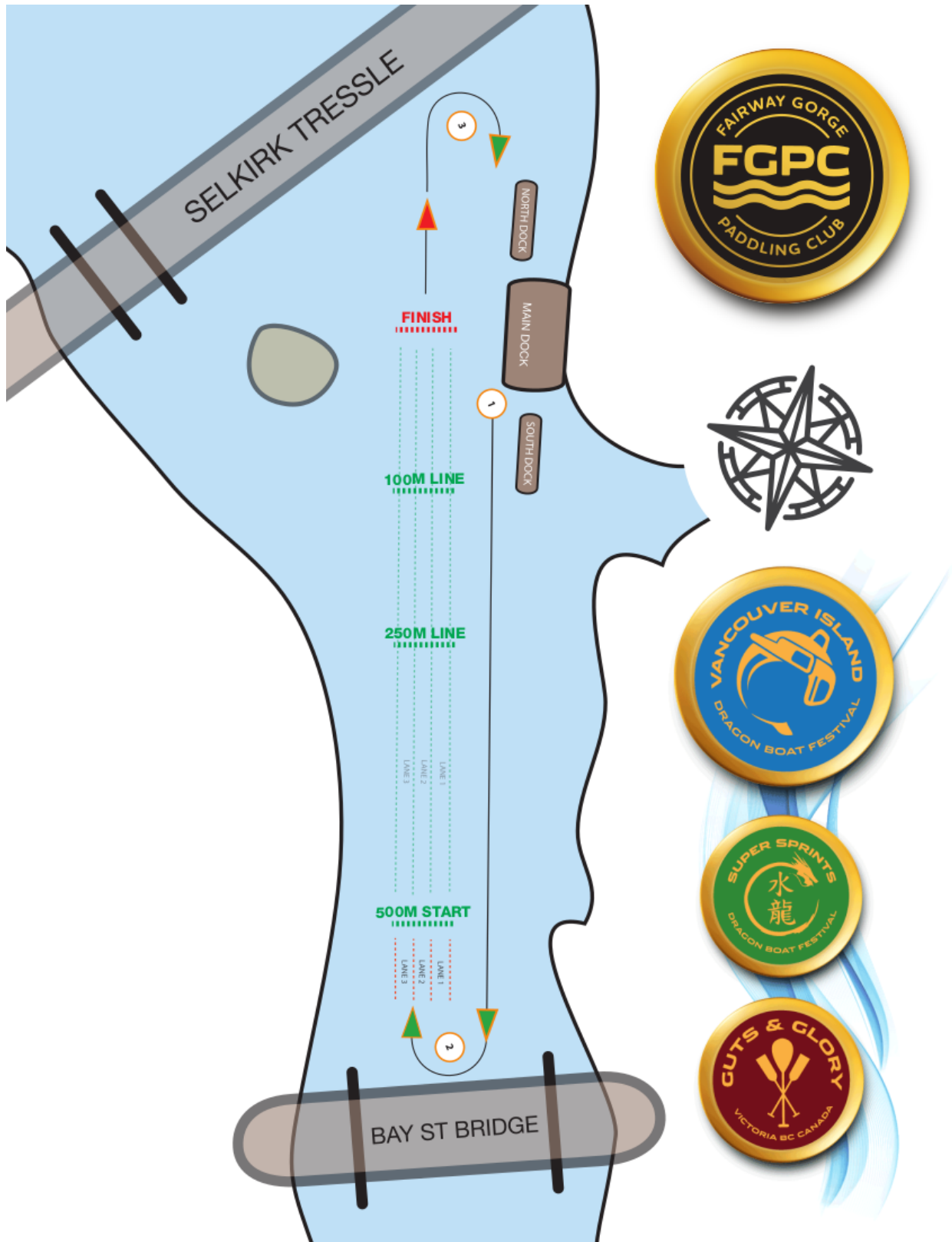
Wristbands:

Once your team is checked in (which means all roster entries and associated waivers are verified) wristbands will be given out.

Wristbands must be worn for the entire weekend -- they cannot be put back on and are not replaceable. Without a wristband, team members will not be allowed to compete in any race.

Race Map





Stern/Managers' Meetings

Stern Meeting 1: Mandatory (attendance will be taken)

- Date: Saturday August 6
- Time: 8:30am
- Location: Upper platform, middle dock (immediately below finish line HQ)

Sterns and managers are required to attend the stern/managers' meeting. Note that the first teams will begin marshaling at 8:45 am for the first races of the morning.

Stern Meeting 2: Mandatory (attendance will be taken) FOR FLAG RELAY RACE

- Date: Sunday August 7
- Time: 12:30pm
- Location: Upper platform, middle dock (immediately below finish line HQ)

On Water Safety

Here is a review of some important on-water safety points for FGPC-managed festivals.

- Listen to water marshals and follow their directions.
- The head water marshal / safety officer will hand the dragon boats over to the starter for your final approach to the start line.
- Tide and traffic are taken into consideration when preparing to line you up to start.
- Race officials will only recall a race if they feel the race has been substantively compromised in the first 50-meters; otherwise time penalties and time credits will be applied to ensure continuous racing on schedule
- The start commands will be: "all boats hold; all boats we have alignment; attention..." followed by the sound of a digital horn. The digital horn will start the race between 1 and 3 seconds following the call for attention. Start times will deliberately vary.
- Each race will be accompanied by one or more chase boats. These are there to provide guidance should they see lane encroachment or safety issues. Steerspeople must listen to and abide by safety instructions as directed by water

officials. Please remember that collision avoidance is the primary responsibility of every stern.

- Safety / chase boat referees will watch for wash-riding and may ask you to increase spacing if they feel wash-riding is occurring. Maintain a separation of at least 5 meters between boats for open-lane straight-shot races.
- PFDs must be worn by all paddlers, sterns and drummers; Transport Canada-certified PFDs as well as ISO-certified PFDs are permissible at FGPC-managed dragon boat races (including both hydrostatic and manual inflatables providing air cartridges are installed and operational).
- Amplification (e.g. “cox boxes”) or any extra noise making devices are not permitted in the boat during the races without prior permission from the race director.
- Protests: if a team or teams wish to protest or contest the finish order or circumstances of a race, the stern or drummer must communicate with the head dock marshal and request, complete and submit an official protest form to the head dock marshal before they leave the dock, and they must pledge a \$50 protest fee.

With your attention and cooperation, you and your paddlers along with our race management team can ensure safe, fun and successful racing for everyone.

Paddlers’ Village:

VIDBF’s paddlers’ village will run on either side of Jutland Road adjacent to FGPC’s facility at 2940 Jutland Road. Tents are pre-assigned and tent numbers will be provided to team captains when they check in. Teams must locate themselves at their assigned tent number and location for the purposes of marshaling and safety. Note that security staff will patrol the race site and Paddlers’ Village after-hours, but the tent area is not fenced or secure. Paddlers should not leave valuables and personal items unattended. FGPC is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

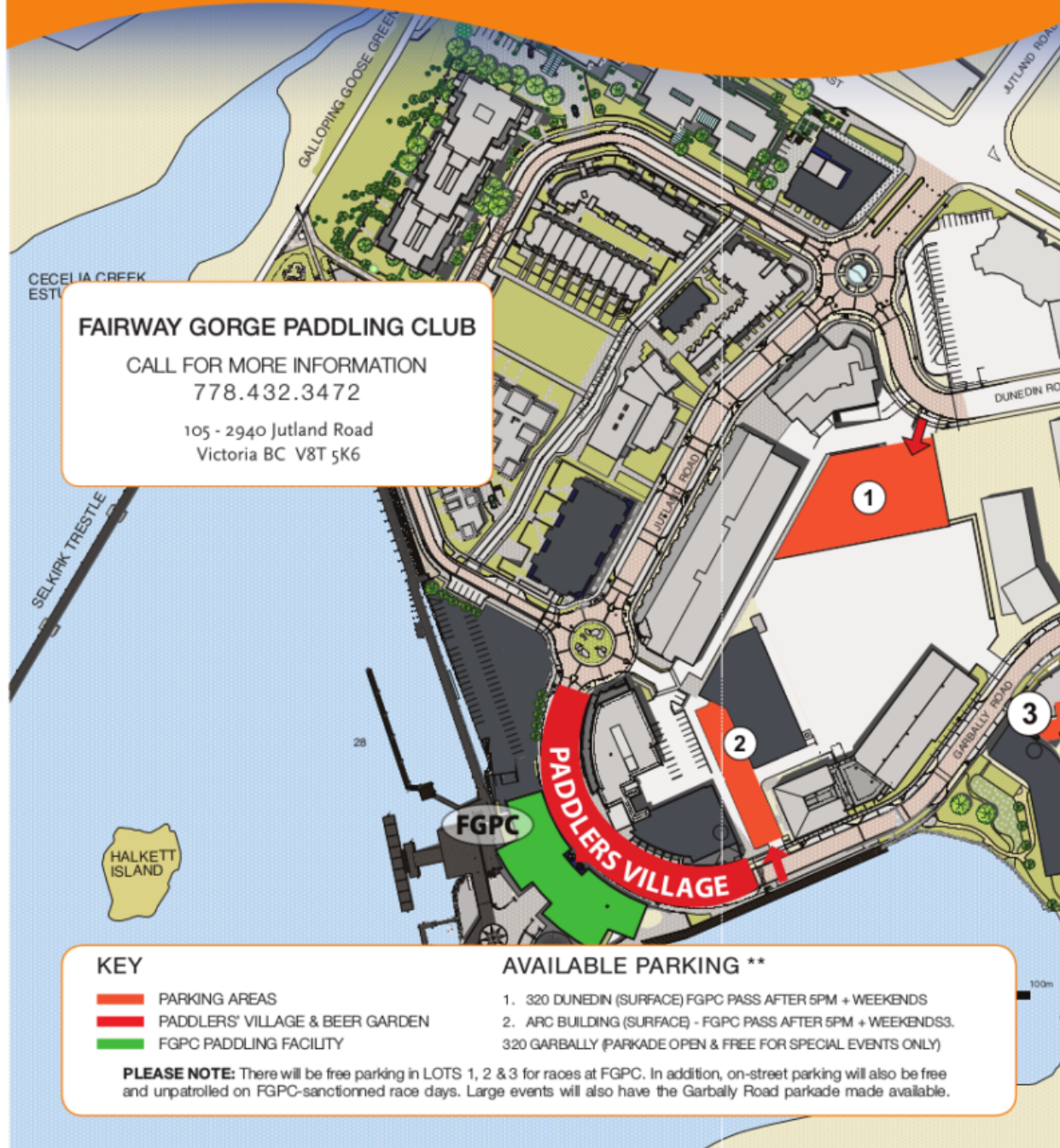
Location: [Refer to Map below for location of Paddlers’ Village and event parking](#)

Canadian Springs water coolers will be available in the Paddlers’ Village area and at locations around the event site. Please bring reusable water bottles.

Paddlers are encouraged to bring their own paddles and PFDs, but a limited quantity of “club” equipment will be available for racing. **Note:** FGPC-provided PFDs and paddles must be returned by paddlers after every race. Club-supplied paddles and PFDs are not permitted in the Paddlers’ Village.

EVENT PARKING

AT THE FAIRWAY GORGE PADDLING CLUB



Volunteer Stern and Drummer Pool:

The information / registration tent will maintain a list of volunteer sterns and drummers. Sterns and Drummers **on existing registered teams** who are willing to volunteer to steer or drum for other teams should come to the Information Tent to be added to the volunteer pool. It is understood that should a scheduling conflict arise, home teams will take priority. It is up to the teams/steers/drummers to connect and let the race registrar know which other team/s they will be steering/drumming for. FGPC staff sterns are available through the registrar and for a fee; staff sterns cannot be hired by teams without prior arrangement with the registrar, or unless race management determines that safety requires replacing an existing team stern.

Help us attain a waste free event:

The Vancouver Island International Dragon Boat Festival is as green as we can make it. Your team can help us divert waste from our landfills by following a few steps:

1. Bring reusable water bottles
 2. Take home what you bring in. We appreciate the efforts to take used and broken items home with them at the end of the festival.
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Beer Sales:

Open

- **Saturday August 6 from 11:00 am to 5:00pm**
- **Sunday August 7 from 11:00 am to 5:00pm**

Location: SOL FOODS on Jutland, midway on the east side of Jutland in the Paddlers' Village area

Parking:

Limited parking is available. Everyone is encouraged to use public transportation, bike, walk, or carpool as paid and no-charge surface parking is limited in the Selkirk area. A parkade has been made available to festival participants for both race days, and we welcome paddlers to take advantage of this free, secure parking. The location of the free-for-the-festival parkade is: 320 Garbally Road (on the same street as Paddlers' Village). Please work with your team to ensure vehicles are unloaded quickly and not left unattended as there is very limited space in the Paddlers' Village area. Unattended vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Note that street parking is not permitted within the Paddlers' Village zone, and is time-limited and enforced / ticketed on

Saturday for vehicles parked for more than 1 or 2 hours (as marked) in the Selkirk community. Please make use of the free-to-paddlers parkade at 320 Garbally Road.

Paddlers, spectators and supporters may want to use the Victoria Harbour Ferry system to travel to the race site from downtown.

Awards:

There will be gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded to the first, second, and third place teams respectively in the A finals. As well, medals will be awarded to the first place women's and mixed teams in the 100m knockouts. Trophies will be awarded to the first place mixed and women's relay teams

Entertainment Schedule

Saturday Aug 6th	
8:55 - 9:05	Lion Dancers
9:10 - 9:15 am	Blessing - Lekwungen Dancers
9:15 - 9:45 am	Lekwungen Dancers
9:50 - 10:00 AM	Lion Dancers
10:15 - 10:45am	Island Ukes
11:00 - 11:30am	Fiesta Latina
11:45am - 12:30pm	Pearls of the South Pacific
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Carnation Toss
1:00 - 2:30pm	Back Beat
3:00 - 4:00pm	Prowl
Sunday Aug 7th	

9:00 am -9:30 am	Lion Dancers
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Taiko Drummers
11:00am :11:30am	Lin hua chinese dancer
11:30am to 12:00pm	Band Set Up
12:00pm to 1:00pm	Pablo Cardenas Events
1:30 pm to 2:00pm	The Sampaguita
2:15 pm to 2:30pm	Bollywood Dancers
3:00 pm to 4:30pm	Midnights

Listing of Vendors

Art by Sharon Lam	Wong Sheung Kung Fu Club
Vinces Pottery Creations	Scimitar Retail
Asian Family Foods	Waterfront Outfitters
Telus	Taiwanese Association
Kim McLauchlan Realtor	Pacific People Partnerships
SmartKlean & Norwex	BC Cancer Foundation
Japanese Nikke Association (Saturday 6th)	African - Caribbean Cultural Society (Sunday 7th)
Atlas Health Therapy	Atleo Designs

Food Vendors	
Sol Foods	The Dragon Bowl
Don't Bannock	Candytime Victoria

Race Schedule (Subject to change):

Race	Division	Description	Time
Saturday Morning		Heats and Semi Finals	
	1 Women's	Heat	9:00 AM
	2 Women's	Heat	9:10 AM
	3 Women's	Heat	9:20 AM
	4 Women's	Heat	9:30 AM
	5 Mixed	Heat	9:50 AM
	6 Mixed	Heat	10:00 AM
	7 Mixed	Heat	10:10 AM
	8 Mixed	Heat	10:20 AM
	9 Mixed	Heat	10:30 AM
	10 Mixed	Heat	10:40 AM
	11 Women's	Semi	11:00 AM
	12 Women's	Semi	11:10 AM
	13 Women's	Semi	11:20 AM
	14 Women's	Semi	11:30 AM
	15 Mixed	Semi	11:40 AM
	16 Mixed	Semi	11:50 AM
	17 Mixed	Semi	12:00 PM
	18 Mixed	Semi	12:10 PM
	19 Mixed	Semi	12:20 PM

20	Mixed	Semi	12:30 PM
		Carnation Ceremony	12:45 PM
Saturday Afternoon		100M Knock Outs	
21	Women's	Knockout Round 1A	1:30 PM
22	Women's	Knockout Round 2A	1:40 PM
23	Women's	Knockout Round 1B	1:50 PM
24	Women's	Knockout Round 2B	2:00 PM
25	Women's	Knockout Semi	2:10 PM
26	Women's	Knockout Championship Round	2:20 PM
27	Mixed	Knockout Round 1A	2:40 PM
28	Mixed	Knockout Round 2A	2:50 PM
29	Mixed	Knockout Round 1B	3:00 PM
30	Mixed	Knockout Round 2B	3:10 PM
31	Mixed	Knockout Round 1C	3:20 PM
32	Mixed	Knockout Round 2C	3:30 PM
33	Mixed	Knockout Semi	3:40 PM
34	Mixed	Knockout Championship Round	3:50 PM
Sunday Morning		Finals	
35	Women's	Diamond B Final	9:30 AM
36	Women's	Diamond A Final	9:40 AM
37	Women's	Platinum B Final	9:50 AM
38	Women's	Platinum A Final	10:00 AM
39	Mixed	Jade Final B	10:20 AM
40	Mixed	Jade Final A	10:30 AM
41	Mixed	Diamond B Final	10:40 AM
42	Mixed	Diamond A Final	10:50 AM
43	Mixed	Platinum B Final	11:00 AM
44	Mixed	Platinum A Final	11:10 AM
		Medal Ceremonies	11:45 AM
Sunday Afternoon		500M Flag Relay Championships	
45	Women's	500M Flag Relay Heat 1	1:00 PM

46	Women's	500M Flag Relay Heat 2	1:15 PM
47	Women's	500M Flag Relay Final	1:30 PM
48	Mixed	500M Flag Relay Heat 1	2:00 PM
49	Mixed	500M Flag Relay Heat 2	2:15 PM
50	Mixed	500M Flag Relay Heat 3	2:30 PM
51	Mixed	500M Flag Relay Final	2:45 PM