



Race Information Package 2022

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Welcome Paddlers to the 2022 Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival

On behalf of Fairway Gorge Paddling Club, we want to welcome you to the 2022 Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival. We look forward to having you attend this annual event and hope that you enjoy the festival and your visit to Nanaimo.

This year is a rebuilding year for dragon boat racing on Vancouver Island after a pause of two seasons. We want to thank the City of Nanaimo and the Province of British Columbia for their invaluable support in helping to bring dragon boat racing back to Vancouver Island. The 2022 Nanaimo festival will be welcoming 24 women's teams and 14 mixed teams at the start line, of which 5 of the women's crews are registered as breast cancer survivor teams.

The Nanaimo festival is an important fundraiser for the BC Cancer Foundation and the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation. Thank you to all teams, paddlers and supporters participating in the "Make Every Second Count" campaign for the BC Cancer Foundation, as well as the Carnation Ceremony, proceeds of which go to the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation. In addition, our 2022 beer garden host, Wolf Brewery and Fairway Markets Nanaimo will be contributing to the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation as part of the Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival's activities. Thank you!

All of the information for the weekend (July 9-10) is posted on the [event webpage](#). This includes the schedule of events, transportation, merchandise, maps and directions and more. Also, there is race information (under the "Race Info" section) which includes race format, rules and regulations, the race schedule, etc.

Some key points before the weekend begins:

Racing

There is a mixed division and a women's division. Everyone is guaranteed 4 races, weather permitting. Note that the system for advancements is based on placement and time. A draft of the Race Schedule (V1) is attached to this package. Please review and contact race@fgpaddle.com if there are any errors. No changes, other than technical errors, are permitted.

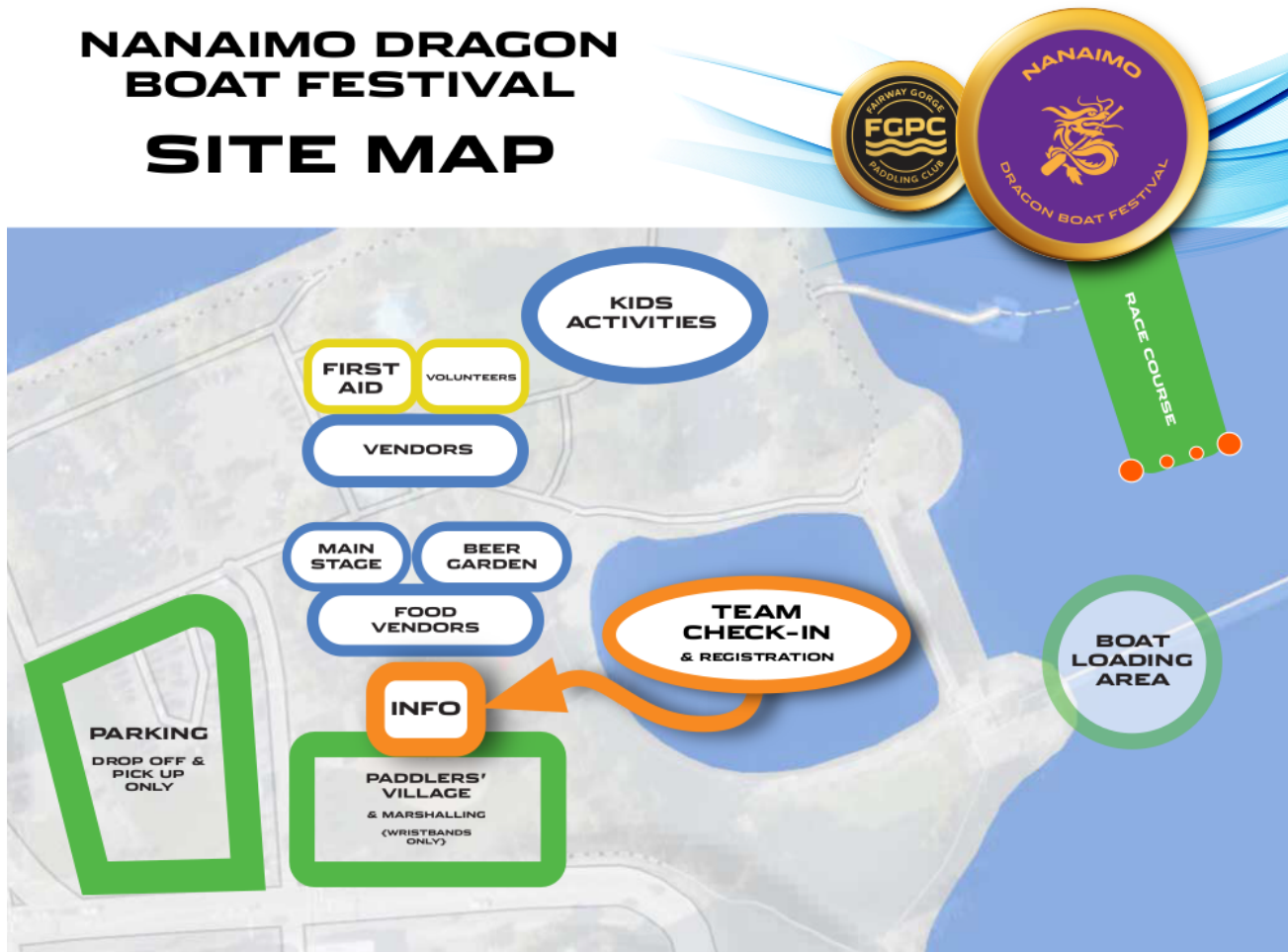
There is a set of 2 **Breast Cancer Survivor's Challenge Races** as well as awards for top finishers overall.

This year we are happy to include both women's and mixed **Guts & Glory Challenges**. The mixed challenge will be held immediately after the finals, at 3:30 pm on Sunday, and the women's challenge will be the final event of the festival at 4:00 pm. The Guts & Glory Challenge races are approximately 1500M and involve a total of 6 buoy turns over two circuits of the course. Participating crews line up at and start from the finish line and begin the course in 15 second intervals. Overlap rules apply and time credits and penalties (and full disqualifications for penalties in excess of 10 seconds) will be enforced by the water marshals. The fastest adjusted times in the mixed and womens' divisions win!

Results boards are posted on site - please check for your placement and advancement to the next heat. Stay on top of the results and when your team is racing. The festival/race committee is

not responsible for teams missing races. Missed races will not be made up. PLEASE NOTE WE MAY GET UP TO 30 MINUTES AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

NANAIMO DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL SITE MAP



Steersperson's Meeting

The steers' meeting is mandatory and will be held at 8.00 am on Saturday 9 July, at the top of the main loading dock in the park (see "Boat Loading Area" on the site map). Attendance will be taken.

Registration and Check-in

Race packages can be picked up at the Information/chechi-in tent, just outside the entrance/exit to the Paddlers' Village in Maffeo Sutton Park as follows:

- Friday, 8 July from 3:00pm to 7:00pm
- Saturday, 9 July from 7:00am to 8:00am
- Note: registration is open for one hour only on Saturday so please plan accordingly.

- Race packages include most of the information on the website, race schedule and wristbands. **One representative from each team must confirm any last minute changes or additions to your roster, confirm that all participants have completed an individual waiver, pick up a race package and check in.**
- Wristbands must be worn by all racers on the wrist - THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL. No wristband = no racing.
- **Note that sterns and drummers, like all participants, may NOT be rostered on more than one team in the same division.** Sterns and drummers may register at the registration

tent with the **volunteer sterns / drummers pool**, which may permit them to drum or stern for a second team providing no hot-swapping results. FGPC will not hold the race schedule for hot-swapping under any circumstances.

Paddlers' Village

Tents are provided for teams and the tents are randomly allocated by the Registrar. No changes are permitted - your tent number is your address for the weekend. Just a reminder that smoking and/or pets are not allowed within the Paddlers' Village (guide dogs for the disabled or visually impaired ARE permitted). Please protect your belongings; the festival is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

****Please Note:** For security and liability, only rostered participants (paddlers and non-paddlers) will be permitted in the Paddlers Village. If you are travelling with children please make prior arrangements for their supervision. Thanks you for your cooperation**

Drop-off and Parking

There is a designated drop-off area on the race site for teams to drop off equipment, team members. There is NO available parking on site for race participants.

Paddler parking is free on weekends in the Bastion Street Parkade, 236 Skinner St, Nanaimo. [Click here](#) for directions from the event site.

Thank you again for participating and good luck!

Best regards,

Race Director
Fairway Gorge Paddling Club

2022 Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival

Race Information

Date: July 8 to 10, 2022 (Racing only July 9 and 10)

Location: Nanaimo, BC, Canada - Nanaimo Harbour, Maffeo Sutton Park

Race Course: 500 metres

Race Categories: Mixed, Women's

Race Management: Fairway Gorge Paddling Club (FGPC)

Boats: Millennium Dragon Boats from FGPC

Special Races: Breast Cancer Survivor Challenge, Gut & Glory Challenges

Race Format:

A. The sequence for advancing is:

- QUALIFYING HEATS (Round 1 & 2), SEMI-FINALS and FINALS.
- All teams will race in four races (weather permitting).

B. To the best of our ability, race organizers have seeded and evenly distributed teams of all abilities across every race in Round 1. Placement in Round 2 is based on a predetermined formula, explained in the advancement footer of each race on the race schedule.

Advancement into the Series Semi-Finals races is based on each team's accumulated times drawn from the first two races. In other words, your performance in each of the first two races affects your placement in the semi finals! All teams are guaranteed a final race. Which final race a team participates in is based on the team's finishing position in the Series Semi-final round.

C. Each team will compete in 4 races (weather permitting), 2 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Every team will race in a final. The qualifying rounds will provide the fairest and most accurate ranking of teams so that based on a 38-team example, the Platinum A (medal) final will see the 1st through the 3rd fastest ranked teams race each other, and so on through to the 38th team, alternating between championship (medal) races and consolation races. This format eliminates the challenges of "Team Category" eligibility. There will be no Novice, Recreational or Competitive Divisions. Teams will not enter a specific event but participate in a final race based on that team's performance in the qualifying rounds.

- ✓ **Race format is subject to change.**
- ✓ **Please view the [Race Rules & Regulations](#) on our website.**
- ✓ **You MUST have a competent steersperson in order to safely compete in the festival. FGPC race management staff reserve the right to replace a stern at their discretion for the sake of safe racing.**
- ✓ **MIXED CATEGORY: There can be no more than 10 male paddlers in the boat at one time**
- ✓ **MIXED AND WOMEN'S CATEGORIES: A minimum of 12 registered teams is required to run a category. If insufficient registrations are received, women's crews will race in the mixed category.**
- ✓ **CHALLENGE RACES: Breast Cancer Survivor, Guts & Glory.**

Life's a Beach PARTY Contest and Rules

Want to win a contest? Then add this to your (beach)bucket list: the 2022 Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival is featuring a brand new team contest, "Life's a Beach!" Change into your tackiest, loudest most colourful beachwear and display any associated pool-toy-accessories at any points over the festival weekend then post or tag group images of your team on Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival's Facebook page.

One winning **mixed team** and one winning **women's team** will each receive a \$400 discount off of any 2023 **Vancouver Island Race Series** team registration (Super Sprints, Comox, Nanaimo, Guts-&-Glory or the Vancouver Island Dragon Boat Festival), a savings of \$20 per paddler.

How do you win? By having your photo or video get the most LIKES. Post as many group beachwear images as you like over the race weekend, and the mixed and women's images or videos that get the most "likes" win!

Even better, your team can earn extra likes. Additional likes will be assigned, calculated and announced by the race management team based on Facebook posts tagged under the Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival before 5pm on Monday 11 July. Here's how to earn extras:

1. 50 extra likes = teams that get group beach-wear shots in paddlers village (minimum 5 team mates in photo)
2. 100 extra likes = teams that get at least 10 or more team members into a photo, along with at least one pool toy (unicorn, seahorse, beachball, and so on)
3. 150 extra likes = teams that get a Fairway Gorge race official in a photo, along with 15 or more teammates wearing or carrying some kind of beachwear or beach gear. The Fairway Gorge staff member must be wearing an FGPC shirt.
4. 200 extra likes = teams of 10 or more in a video participating (in beachwear) at the Festival SPLASHMob in the Lagoon at Maffeo Sutton Park at 4.30pm on Sunday. SPLASHMob is hosted and choreographed by Fleuve Espace Danse (Montreal) as part of the festival entertainment.

Don't delay with Facebook posts and/or tags: the sooner you post, the better chance you have to accumulate "likes." If you and/or your team are not familiar with or able to post images or video on social media, simply ask the nearest FGPC race management staff for assistance, and they can post on your behalf.

See you at the Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10! Don't forget your grass skirts, flipflops, pool toys and Hawaiian prints. Make sure to identify your team name in the posts, and have fun!

