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RACE INFORMATION PACKAGE

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FAIRWAY GORGE PADDLING CLUB
2940 Jutland Road, Victoria BC Canada
(at the Selkirk Waterfront on the Gorge)

2026 Fairway Gorge Paddling Club
WetDashe Information Package

Date: Saturday - Sunday 14-15 November 2026

Location: Fairway Gorge Paddling Club (FGPC), 2940 Jutland Road, Victoria BC

Check-in: Check-in will occur at the front desk of the Waterfront Outfitters store (at FGPC) one hour before each heat.

Race Distance: 12km = 4-Lap Short Course / 24km = 8-Lap / 48km = 16-lap (running concurrently based on the distance each crew selected when they registered). Note that 48km crews pause for lunch and start their second 24km sets of laps along with the afternoon 12 and 24km crews.

Race Categories: Mixed (no less than three women must be in the canoe at any one time), Women's, and Open (exhibition); non-compliant gendered crews can race as open/exhibition (e.g. all-male crews or crews with over-quota males can apply to register and race as open along with mixed crews with results logged in the open category).

Boats: Pre-assigned SPEC (12km and 24km) and ULTRALIGHT (48km) boats only. All boats are supplied and pre-assigned to registered teams by FGPC, no exceptions. Please help us treat our canoes – and canoes from local loaning clubs – with care. Grid assignments and start positions may change on race days. Boat allocations and start times (supplied below) will be confirmed on race day.

Donations to the BC Cancer's Wetdashe Men's Health Fund (https://fgpcshop.com/bccancer-donation) will be calculated and included as time advantages up until midnight of Friday 13 November

Donations can be made online HERE:

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Race Formats

- 12KM Short Course (4 x 3km laps) (running concurrently with 24km and 48km)
- 24KM Long Course (8 x 3km laps) (running concurrently with 12km and 48km)
- 48KM Ultra-Long Course (morning and afternoon)
- Crews can be of mixed gender, women's and open (exhibition) crews; note that roster compliance is mandatory for the sake of fair play; rosters can not be amended after registrations have closed. Spares may be permitted for multiple entries by means of advance registration and supplementary payments (which include tech race shirts if registered and ordered before November 1st); no substitutions can be made without the registrar and/or race director's permission.
- For mixed crews, no less than 3 women must be in racing boats at all times. Open / "exhibition" status is permitted by the race director with advance notice in the event a crew's roster becomes non-compliant.
- Race course and rules will be reviewed at steers' meetings held before the start of each heat; a race map is attached to this information package.
- RACE INSTRUCTIONS
    a. The race begins in a predetermined staggered start order, 30 seconds apart, from the north end of the main dock (1) then proceeds north in an ama-side arc around buoys placed around Halkett Island (2), west around V24 (3) then south under Bay Bridge toward Johnson Bridge. Crews will complete ama-side turns around high-visibility buoys

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placed approximately 300-metres apart (4 & 5) due north of Johnson Bridge. Canoes will then return by heading north under Bay Bridge to the "dock-change corral" marker (6) before docking, as instructed, at the main dock (1) to complete each lap. Note that NO PASSING is permitted within the "change corral" zone.

b. When heading south, canoes must proceed through the west span of Bay Bridge. When heading north, canoes must proceed through the east span of Bay Bridge.
c. Canoes will enter the "dock-change corral" approximately 100-metres south of the main dock; no passing is permitted after passing the corral entrance and when approaching the main dock, where crews will be directed by dock officials to proceed to one of three docking locations (3=south; 2=middle; 1=north) to perform "dry" crew changes after a complete stop.
d. Canoes MUST come to a complete stop before unloading and before loading fresh or returning paddlers.
e. Dock change officials will issue four commands to each docked crew: Hold! Out! Load! Go! Crews must comply with these four instructions to avoid time penalties.

- Full crew changes must occur on the dock after each lap, even if selected crew members are racing multiple laps; a pre-assigned paddler (seat 5) will be required to remove a baton clipped to a loop between seats 4 and five, and strike a gong at a muster station located on the main dock; s/he must then pass the baton to his or her replacement seatmate who will then re-affix it to the loop between seats 4 and five before proceeding to the next lap.
- Water marshals will be stationed at the north and south ends of the race course, and dock attendants will be at each dockside loading station to direct canoe traffic / loading; time penalties (from 10 seconds to 1 minute) will be assessed for teams who do not follow water and dock marshal instructions; these penalties will be assessed and allocated when final race times are tabulated.
- PFDS MUST BE WORN DURING THE RACE AND ON THE DOCKS AT ALL TIMES. IMPORTANT NOTE: FGPC permits non-Transport-Canada-certified PFDs (e.g. Vaikobi) for "inside-water" races, for which we have safety boats within line-of-sight that have certified PFDs on board in the event of emergencies.
- Results are based on total accumulated time along with any BC Cancer time credits factored into final times (these will be explicitly displayed). Lap times will be published after the event, along with penalties and credits as well as division type, hull type and other comparative information.

Each pre-registered paddler of crews registered on or before October 24 will be provided with a "tech" Wetdashe paddling shirt, with pre-ordered sizing or assigned sizing based on roster numbers (and depending on if you provided sizing before the production deadline). Team captains can pick up their team bags of tech shirts when they check in at registration. FGPC cannot provide shirt exchanges or race shirt returns, but paddlers and crews can arrange to swap shirts with each other as they wish.

Awards and prizes will be distributed after each heat. Prizes will be allocated by random draw.

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Due to the advent of PCT (Pacific Time) we have re-aligned the schedule to better match daylight hours.

SATURDAY Schedule / 14 November (DAY 1)

9:00am Registration and Check in (store front desk)
9:30am Steering meeting Morning Heat
9:45am Heat 1 boats load

10:00am 12 / 24km and 48km AM Course RACE START

1:00pm Heat 2 Check-in (store front desk)
1:30pm Steering meeting Afternoon Heat
1:45pm Heat 2 boats load

2:00pm 12 / 24km and 48km PM Course RACE START

2:15pm Heat 1 Awards and Prizes
4:30pm Heat 2 Awards and Prizes

SUNDAY Schedule / 15 November (DAY 2)

9:00am Registration and Check in (store front desk)
9:30am Steering meeting Morning Heat
9:45am Heat 1 boats load

10:00am 12 / 24km and 48km AM Course RACE START

1:00pm Heat 2 Check-in (store front desk)
1:30pm Steering meeting Afternoon Heat
1:45pm Heat 2 boats load

2:00pm 12 / 24km and 48km PM Course RACE START

2:15pm Heat 1 Awards and Prizes
4:30pm Heat 2 Awards and Prizes

Grid assignments/start positions may change on race day.
Boat allocations will be confirmed on race day.
Crews must race in their assigned boats (e.g. numbered bows 1 through 16).
See full race grid on next 4 pages.

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Saturday Morning	Boat #	Hull	Course	Race Date and Time	Gender	Category
MBOCC Maple Bay Sea Monkeys	**6**	Spec	24	Saturday AM	Mixed	Open
SLCC Stashes & Lashes	**7**	Spec	24	Saturday AM	Mixed	Masters 40+
FGPC IM Crumb Catchers - EX	**8**	Spec	24	Saturday AM	Exhibition	Masters 50+
FGPC IM Soup Strainers	**9**	Spec	24	Saturday AM	Women	Masters 40+
FCRCC Vancouver Va'a	**10**	Spec	24	Saturday AM	Mixed	Open
CVCRC Hanging Breasticles B - EX	**11**	Spec	24	Saturday AM	Mixed	Open
CVCRC Hanging Breasticles A - EX	**12**	Spec	24	Saturday AM	Mixed	Masters 40+
FLCC River Rats	**13**	Ultralight	48	Saturday	Mixed	Masters 40+
FLCC Holo Nui	**14**	Ultralight	48	Saturday	Mixed	Masters 50+
MHCC Batmobile 48	**15**	Ultralight	48	Saturday	Mixed	Open
SNCC Star Nation	**16**	Ultralight	48	Saturday	Mixed	Open
(EX = more than 12 paddlers)						

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Saturday Afternoon	Boat #	Hull	Course	Race Date and Time	Gender	Category
DZPC Pacific Thunder - EX	**1**	Spec	12	Saturday PM	Mixed	Junior
HPC Goons and Guests - EX	**2**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Mixed	Masters 50+
FLCC Golden Masters	**3**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Women	Masters 50+
NOPC Honey Badgers - EX	**4**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Mixed	Open
FLCC YKYMF 5.0	**5**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Women	Masters 60+
FLCC OC'n Dragonflies	**6**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Mixed	Masters 40+
AOTM Dastardly Stashes	**7**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Mixed	Masters 40+
LSC Lotus Sports Club	**8**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Mixed	Masters 40+
GPC Coast Chaos	**9**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Mixed	Masters 50+
FLCC Kumu Hui	**10**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Women	Open
FGPC IM Flavour Savers	**11**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Women	Masters 40+
FLCC Catalina	**12**	Spec	24	Saturday PM	Mixed	Masters 50+
FLCC River Rats	**13**	Ultralight	48	Saturday	Mixed	Masters 40+
FLCC Holo Nui	**14**	Ultralight	48	Saturday	Mixed	Masters 50+
MHCC Batmobile 48	**15**	Ultralight	48	Saturday	Mixed	Open
SNCC Star Nation	**16**	Ultralight	48	Saturday	Mixed	Open
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Sunday Morning	Boat #	Hull	Course	Race Date and Tim	Gender	Category
PCOC Takitimu - EX	**3**	Spec	12	Sunday AM	Mixed	Junior
PCOC Mataatua	**4**	Spec	12	Sunday AM	Mixed	Junior
FGPC Day Rec Women	**5**	Spec	24	Sunday AM	Women	Masters 40+
FCRCC Lil Dragons	**6**	Spec	24	Sunday AM	Mixed	Junior
Lat48 Slightly Off Latitude	**7**	Spec	24	Sunday AM	Mixed	Masters 50+
VOS Dash for the Stache	**8**	Spec	24	Sunday AM	Mixed	Masters 50+
Lat48 Latitude Adjustment	**9**	Spec	24	Sunday AM	Mixed	Masters 40+
JPC Jericho	**10**	Spec	24	Sunday AM	Mixed	Masters 50+
FGPC Iron Stache	**11**	Spec	24	Sunday AM	Mixed	Masters 50+
Lat48 Completely Off Course	**12**	Spec	24	Sunday AM	Mixed	Open
FGPC But I'm Shaving It For Later	**13**	Ultralight	48	Sunday	Mixed	Masters 50+
SIPC Kekoa Spirit - EX	**14**	Ultralight	48	Sunday	Mixed	Open
VLCC Power Puffs	**15**	Ultralight	48	Sunday	Mixed	Open
FGPC I Mustache You A Question	**16**	Ultralight	48	Sunday	Mixed	Open

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Sunday Afternoon	**Boat #**	**Hull**	**Course**	**Race Date and Tim**	**Gender**	**Category**
VYPC	**11**	Spec	12	Sunday PM	Mixed	Junior
FGPC Huligans - EX	**12**	Spec	12	Sunday PM	Mixed	Open
FGPC But I'm Shaving It For Later	**13**	Ultralight	48	Sunday	Mixed	Masters 50+
SIPC Kekoa Spirit - EX	**14**	Ultralight	48	Sunday	Mixed	Open
VLCC Power Puffs	**15**	Ultralight	48	Sunday	Mixed	Open
FGPC I Mustache You A Question	**16**	Ultralight	48	Sunday	Mixed	Open
(EX = Exhibition)						

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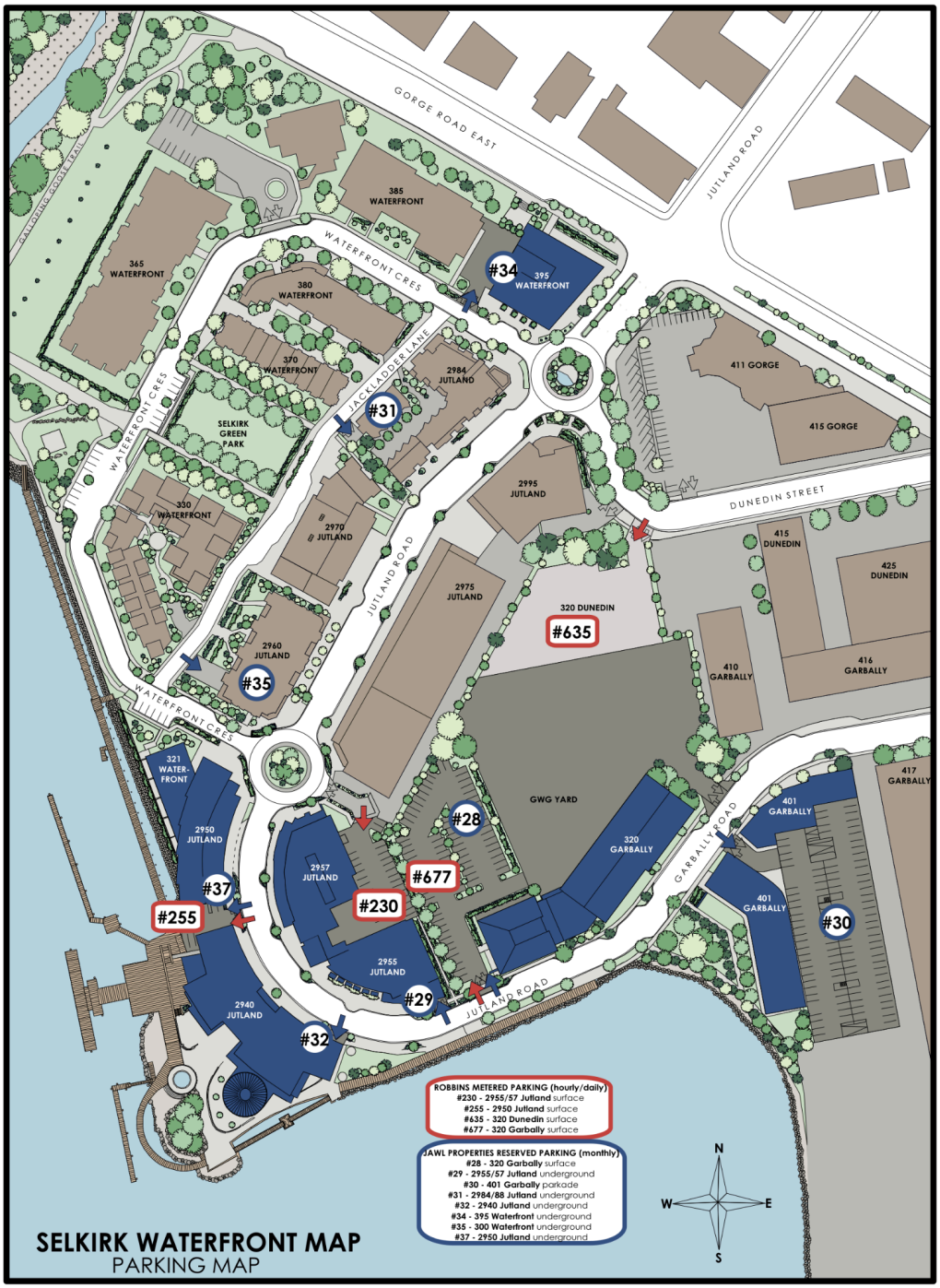
RACE INSTRUCTIONS

1. The race begins with a staggered start from the north end of the main dock (1) and proceeds north in an ama-side arc around Halkett Island (2), west around V24 (3) then south under Bay Bridge toward Johnson Bridge before returning via ama-side turns around two high-visibility buoys placed 250-meters apart (4 & 5). Canoes will then return by heading north under Bay Bridge to the "change corral" marker (6) and then docking, as instructed, at the main dock (1) to complete a lap.
2. Canoes must proceed through the west span of Bay Bridge when southbound, and through the east span of Bay Bridge on the northbound return.
4. Canoes will enter a dock-change corral approximately 100-meters from the main dock; no passing is permitted after passing the corral entrance and when approaching the main dock, where crews will be directed by dock officials to proceed to one of three docking locations (3=south; 2=middle; 1=north) to perform "dry" crew changes when docked.
5. Canoes MUST come to a complete stop before unloading and before loading fresh or returning paddlers.
6. Dock change officials will issue four commands: Hold!; Out!; Load!; Go!) to ensure safe stops, unloads, crew changes and restarts from the main dock.
7. Time penalties will be issued to crews that do not adhere to water marshals' and dock officials' instructions or who do not follow procedures.

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Parking Info

Free parking is available at 2955/2957 Jutland Road (Lot #230 on map below) and 320 Garbally (Lot #677 on map below) in Robins-monitored parking spaces that are NOT marked as "RESERVED."



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RACE LOCATION:
Fairway Gorge Paddling Club
BOATHOUSE / 115-2940 Jutland Road, Victoria BC
Tel. 778-432-3472
Email: info@fgpaddle.com
Fairway Gorge Website: www.fgpaddle.com

FGPC Wetdashe is an outdoor event, and FGPC is pleased to provide sufficient tent space for all teams as they participate in their heats. These are placed on the main dock area. Do not move or alter these tents; preventable damage to FGPC-supplied tents will incur replacement charges. Portable and public washroom facilities are also available to teams and spectators during the races.

FOOD & BEVERAGES
FGPC staff and volunteers will be serving:

- **Pre-ordered lunch combos** (available after each scheduled race)
- Assorted hot & cold beverages (Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Pop)
- Assorted treats

Note: All PRE-ORDERED & PAID LUNCH COMBOS are available for pick-up after your scheduled races each day.

ABOUT THE FAIRWAY GORGE PADDLING CLUB (FGPC)

Fairway Gorge Paddling Club is a non-profit society that operates paddling programs, events and regattas in addition to operating a fitness facility, Waterfront Fitness, and Waterfront Outfitters, a paddling and fitness retail store located in the Victoria's Selkirk neighbourhood. FGPC is dedicated to sharing the benefits of paddle sports and fitness with people of all ages and abilities. Visit www.fgpaddle.com for more information.

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