



## **Race Information Package 2017**

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# 2017 Save on Foods Nanaimo Dragon Boat Festival

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**Date:** July 7 to 9, 2017 (Racing only July 8 & 9)

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

**Race Course:** Approximately 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

### Race Format:

- A. The sequence for advancing is:
  - QUALIFYING HEATS (Round 1 & 2), SEMI-FINALS and FINALS.
  - All teams will race in four races.
- B. To the best of our ability, race organizers will seed and randomly place teams in Round 1. Placement in Round 2 will be based on a predetermined formula. Advancement into the Series Semi-Final round will be based on the total points accumulated in the first two races. 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.

### *Points*

1st place - 10 points, 2nd place - 8 points, 3rd place - 7 points, 4th place - 6

- C. In the event that two or more teams finish the qualifying heats with the same number of points, the total cumulative race times of the tying teams will determine placement in the next round.
- D. Each team will race in 4 races (**weather permitting**) 2 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Every team will race in a Final. The qualifying rounds will provide a ranking of the teams so that based on the 60 team example Final #12 will see the 56th through the 60th ranked teams race and Final #1 will see the 1st through the 5th ranked teams race. This format eliminates the ever-present questions about Team Category eligibility. There will be no Novice, Recreational or Competitive Divisions. Teams will not enter a specific event but will 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 the website.**
- ✓ **We recommend that you have at least 6 practice sessions.**
- ✓ **You MUST have a competent steersperson in order to safely compete in the festival.**
- ✓ **MIXED CATEGORY: There must be a minimum of 50% women paddlers in the boat at all times.**
- ✓ **WOMEN'S CATEGORY: Minimum of 16 registered teams required to run category. If insufficient registration, women's crews will race in the mixed category.**
- ✓ **CHALLENGE RACES: Breast Cancer Survivor**