

Nanaimo dragonboat festival draws big crowds



Carol Harris, left, and Kim Kingston of the Sunshine Coast-based dragonboat team Seagals, who took first place in their first heat, stopped to check out the results.



Thousands of spectators and participants flocked to Nanaimo's waterfront last weekend to enjoy the Save-on-Foods Nanaimo Dragonboat Festival. Dragonboat teams like Abreast in a Boat were out in force to paddle hard and enjoy a variety of social events. Pictured from left are Maria Hindmarch, Beverley Dagg, Tracey Capadouca, Sally Van Ingen and Tannis Hutfelner. Many interesting dragonboat designs were also on display (below, right) and Seven-year-old Blaise Eriksen and his sister Kyra, 6, stopped to build a sandcastle (below, left). (BEN INGRAM PHOTOS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

