



Comox Recreation COME PLAY WITH US!

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INVITING ALL DRAGON BOAT TEAMS!

2018 COMOX VALLEY VICTOR SIMONSON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

- Date:** Sunday, August 5th, 2018
- Location:** Nautical Days Festival at Comox Marina Park
- Race Course:** 350 metres in the Comox Bay
- Racing Divisions:** Women's and Mixed
- Maximum Number of teams:** 15
- Entry fees:**
- **Early Bird:** March 5th – April 14th - \$210.00 includes gst.
 - **General Registration:** April 15th – July 14th - \$260.00 includes gst.

Organized by: a committee of Comox Valley dragon boat teams (Hope Afloat Canada, Prevailing Wins, Dragonflies, Blazing Paddles, Flying Dragons, Dragon Riders), the Comox Recreation Department and Victor Simonson.

Registration Options

***[Download Race Package from www.comox.ca/recreation](http://www.comox.ca/recreation)**

Payment Methods

Payment is required at time of booking, in person or on the phone.

- **Cheque:** Comox Community Centre, 1855 Noel Avenue, Comox, BC V9M 2H4. **Please make cheque payable to: Town of Comox**
- **Visa or MasterCard:** **Phone the Community Centre** at (250) 339-2255 to register and pay over the phone. Follow-up by mailing last page of team registration package within 1 week of registration.

Contact

- **Registration information contact:**
Amy Bauman: at (250) 339-2255 ext. 226 or abauman@comox.ca
- **Event information contact:**
Leon Van Noorden at (250) 339-5772 or comoxvsraces@gmail.com



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Team Registration Format and Details

All teams must provide an email contact. Updates will be provided through email and only through those addresses provided.

Completed team waiver/team roster are to be handed in at the registration table at the event, by 8:45am, prior to the first morning race.

Comox Dragon Boat Race Divisions and Crew Composition

The minimum age to participate is 13 years on race day. All boats must have a minimum of 16 paddlers plus a steersperson and a drummer. Paddlers may switch from team to team at this festival.

- **Women's:** All paddlers of a women's team must be female (The drummer and steersperson may be male).
- **Mixed:** A mixed team can only have an equal number or less of male paddlers (ie. no more than 10 men paddling on a full boat of 20 paddlers, no more than 9 men paddling on a boat of 19 paddlers, etc.). This does not apply to the drummer and steersperson.

Schedule of Events – Sunday, August 5, 2018

- 8:00am to 8:45am: Team check in at the registration table.
Waivers and team roster handed in.
1 parking pass will be available for each team. To be picked up at parking lot entrance on day of event, starting at 7am.
- 8:00am: Team manager, captain and steersperson meeting. One of the above must attend.
- 8:30am: Official welcome and group warm up.
- 9:00am: Races begin
- 3:00pm to 3:30pm: Awards

Equipment/Paddler's Village

- Ten location is first come, first serve on the morning of the event. A designated area will be cordoned off for Paddler's Village.
- PFD must be worn by all competitors and must be approved by the Department of Transport (DOT), Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) or Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

Race Course

All races will be approximately 350 metres in length. The official finish line is a sight line on the pier that the official timers use. You will not see this sight in the water so paddle hard past the buoys. Stay tuned for further details through your team's email contact.

An annual Fun Mystery Race will commence midday. The Fun Mystery Race will not be factored into your team's aggregate times.

The Start

The officials will signal the crews to line-up in their respective lanes in the pre-start area before the start of the race. The race will start without your team if you choose to ignore line-up instructions. The Starter will start the race when all boats are lined up for a "STANDING START" (in the Starter's opinion, under the best possible conditions for a fair start). The start commands are:

- "PADDLERS, ARE YOU READY?" (if not ready for a valid reason at this point, the steersperson will raise their hand to the Starter to indicate there is a problem)
- "ATTENTION PLEASE"
- An air horn blast or similar signal (from 1-5 seconds after "attention please")

Timing

We are using stop watch timers as well as a computer program to get the most accurate times. We have made a sight, which sits on the pier and is lined up with our sight line on shore. This is what we use to determine who crosses the finish line in what order. Your place will be determined by the combined total of your main race times.

Photo Release

Teams and players registered in this event agree to allowing their photograph to be taken and used for marketing and promotion. This includes; social media, press releases, posters and advertising in promotional material.

Team Bio

We will make an announcement through the PA system to introduce you to the public. Please send your bio to Amy Bauman (abauman@comox.ca) no later than **July 14, 2018**. Please include the following information (when your team started, how many are in your club, where you practice from, your oldest/youngest member, perhaps some funny or interesting facts about your team).

Awards

The award ceremony will be held in the Paddlers Village shortly after the last race is completed.

The Spirit Award, voted on by dragon boat team peers on race day, will be given to the team that displays the most enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day.



**Comox Valley Victor Simonson Dragon Boat Festival Waiver Form
Sunday, August 5th, 2018**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS WAIVER AND CREW ROSTER TO THE REGISTRATION TABLE BEFORE 8:45am
ON RACE DAY.**

We, _____ (team name), volunteer to be a Participant in the annual Comox Valley Victor Simonson Dragon Boat Festival held on **August 5, 2018**, (herein after called the "Event"). The Event will be organized by a committee of **Comox Valley dragon boat teams (Hope Afloat Canada, Prevailing Wins, Dragonflies, Blazing Paddles, Flying Dragons, Dragon Riders), the Comox Recreation Department and Victor Simonson.** (hereinafter called the Organizers"), Volunteers (hereinafter called the "Volunteers") and various sponsors (hereinafter called the "Sponsors").

We have full knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the nature and the extent of risks and dangers of accidental harm which are involved in participating in the Event and we freely and voluntarily agree to accept and incur these risks. We understand that by our aforesaid knowledge and acceptance of these risks, we voluntarily waive and abandon our rights to any cause of action we may have against any or all of the Organizers, Volunteers and Sponsors for injury to persons or damage to property which may result from our participation in the Event.

In consideration of acceptance of this entry or our being permitted to take part in the Event, we agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Organizers, Volunteers and Sponsors, and their respective agents, officials, servants and representatives from and against all claims, actions, cost and expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damages to our person or property, howsoever caused, arising out of or in connection with our taking part in the Event and not withstanding that the same may have been contributed too or occasioned by the negligence of the Organizers and Sponsors, or any of them, their agents, officials, servants or representatives. In further consideration of our being permitted to use the Organizer's facilities and equipment from time to time, we hereby waive and release our rights to any claim we may have against the Organizers and Sponsors for damage, loss (including property), injury or death relating to or arising from our use of the equipment and facilities, howsoever caused. It is understood and agreed that this Waiver is to be binding on us, our heirs, executors and assigns.

We have no expectation of financial gain from our participation as a volunteer in the Event.

We are aware of, have read, and understand the rules and regulations governing the Event and agree to abide by the same, specifically:

1. We declare that we are nineteen (19) years of age or over. (Parents or Guardians of those under 19 must sign attached crew roster.)
2. That we are solely responsible for our own safety while we are participating in the Event.
3. That we will obey all rules and regulations governing the Festival & Races and any safety instructions given to me by the Race Officials.

We agree to this Waiver and all of its items, stipulations and conditions which extend and apply to any and all activities which we become entitled to participate in as the result of our participation in the Event.

Team Captain: _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____ Signature _____

| CREW ROSTER (PLEASE PRINT) | SIGNATURE FOR WAIVER | Parent or Guardian Signature if Participant is under 19years |
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| | I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the terms outlined in the Comox Valley Victor Simonson Dragon Boat Festival Waiver Form | |
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I, the Team manager, acknowledge that no person is permitted to board the dragon boat unless his or her name is on this list. I certify that the persons, whose names are listed above, have all read and acknowledge the waiver form for the Comox Valley Victor Simonson Dragon Boat Festival.

Manager's name: _____
 Manager's signature: _____

Date: _____
 Email: _____