

Hamilton Waterfest Dragon Boat Festival



Dear Team Captains,

Bulletin #1

Thank you for registering your team for the 2022 Hamilton Waterfest Dragon Boat Festival!

Over the next few weeks, you will receive information and updates from us regarding the upcoming festival – please share this with your teammates, as this information is important for all to have.

Race Format

For this year, all Mixed teams will only race on Saturday, July 9th.

Women's, BCS and Open crews will only race on Sunday, July 10th, unless you have registered as a Women's/Mixed Combo or a BCS/Mixed Combo.

A Women's/Mixed Combo or a BCS/Mixed Combo is an all-women's crew (or an all- BCS crew) that will race on Saturday against Mixed teams and on Sunday against Gender teams.

A BCS flower ceremony will be held mid-day on Sunday, July 10th, and all BCS crews are welcome to participate. Details for this to come.

Rosters & Waivers

All team rosters and waivers are to be completed online. Team Captains will receive a follow up email from Katy this week with detailed instructions regarding how to complete individual waivers and team rosters. If you would like your team roster and waiver information sent to someone other than the person who registered your team, please reach out to Katy by email to make this change.

Dragon Boat Canada – Rules of Racing

To best support our teams returning to racing, for this year the festival will follow Division III rules of racing as outlined by Dragon Boat Canada. Here are some important highlights:

- All Mixed teams must race with a minimum of 10 women and a maximum of 10 men. We will accept 10-19 female paddlers and 1-10 male paddlers.

- All teams may use a male or female steersperson and drummer – Women’s teams do NOT need to use a female steersperson.
- No roster checks will be completed on race day. Rosters are only to track waivers and ensure we have accurate on-water manifests for each crew, however, only those listed on your roster will be permitted to race.
- All paddlers, drummers and steerspeople are required to wear a PFD; there will be PFD’s available on-site for your use, and inflatables will also be permitted.

Practices & Steerspeople

We will be offering each team the opportunity to practice once on the Friday prior to the event. This practice is covered by your race fee, however, if you require a steersperson, there will be an added fee of \$100.00. Practices will run between 2:00pm-8:00pm on Friday, July 8th at Bayfront Park and the practice schedule will be released later this week.

If your team requires a steersperson OR drummer for race day, please send me an email as soon as possible.

Vendors & Food

This year, we will have a great group of vendors in attendance once again, including:

Jeff’s Street Eats – Hotdogs & Sausages

Truck44 – Coffee!

Chinook Paddles – Paddles & Accessories

SweetLegs – Leggings with Heather

I Cartoon U! - Live caricature paintings

...and stay tuned for more to come!

Plus! The famous beer tent will return, operating from 2:00pm – 8:00pm on Saturday, July 9th!

Stay tuned for Bulletin #2 for more details!

Paddles Up! Scott & Katy