

# Hamilton Waterfest Dragon Boat Festival



**Dear Team Captains,**

**Bulletin #3**

Thank you for registering your team for the 2022 Hamilton Waterfest Dragon Boat Festival! This is bulletin #3 – if you have missed the first two bulletins, you can find them here: [Bulletin #1](#) [Bulletin #2](#).

Please share these bulletins with your teammates, as they contain important information regarding race day!

## ***Rosters & Waivers***

This is a final reminder that individual waivers must be completed no later than Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. At that time, your roster will be considered final. If you are having difficulties with the waiver process or need further information, please contact me as soon as possible.

## ***Location & Parking***

Hamilton Waterfest takes place at Bayfront Park in Hamilton. There is free parking on-site, however, it is limited. Please carpool when you can and obey parking signs as necessary – do not cross any barriers unless given permission to do so.

## ***Practices, Steerspeople & Extra Paddlers***

A reminder that we will be hosting complimentary practices on-site on Friday evening. If your team is planning to take part in this, please ensure you sign up using this link no later than Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>: [Hamilton Practices](#).

If you require a steersperson for race day and have not yet reached out to me, please do so immediately.

There are a few teams in attendance who are looking for some extra paddlers – if you know someone who would like to paddle, or if you have team spares who would be interested in helping out another team, please connect with me!

## ***Race Schedule***

The first version of the race schedule and format is available for the weekend, and they are attached to this email. Please review them and get in touch with me if you have any questions or concerns.

## Pre-Race Schedule (Saturday & Sunday):

- 7:00am – Teams begin to arrive on-site. All teams should arrive no later than 8:00am.
- 7:30am – Registration Tent opens. Please check in here upon arrival.
- 8:15am – Team Captain's meeting to take place near Marshalling.
- 8:30am – Marshalling for Race # 1
- 9:00am – First race

On the weekend, you can use these links to track LIVE racing results. Please send these links out to your teammates!

[Saturday - LIVE results](#)

[Sunday - LIVE results](#)

## COVID-19 Precautions

Although we believe that we are now on the other side of COVID, there are still a few protocols in place that we ask all teams to abide by:

- **Bring your gear!** We will have life jackets and paddles available for all teams to use, however, in order to slow the sharing of equipment, if you have your own paddle and/or lifejacket please bring it with you.
- **Mask if you want!** Masks are not required at any point during the festival, but this will be a mask-friendly zone! If you choose to wear a mask, please happily do so!
- **Keep your hands germ-free!** Washrooms and porta potties will have hand wash and/or sanitizing stations. Teams will also receive their own bottle of hand sanitizer when they check in at the registration tent.
- **Spread out a little!** The marshaling area will be much larger than in previous years to allow teams to move around more. We are also encouraging teams to spread themselves out within the park.
- **Be COVID-conscious!** COVID-19 still exists and is still a health risk. Please be conscientious and considerate to those around you, and help us return to our festival, in the safest way 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 (Saturday only)

Chinook Paddles – Paddles & Accessories

SweetLegs – Leggings with Heather

I Cartoon U! - Live caricature paintings

**\*\* It is possible that the beer tent will NOT be in operation on Saturday due to staffing issues. Stay tuned for updates.**



A reminder that there will NOT be a water refill station on-site; there is a public fountain that you can use or you can purchase water from one of the food vendors on-site. Please come prepared.

Paddles Up! Scott & Katy