



# Kamloops Dragon Boat Festival

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Welcome to the Kamloops 2016 Dragon Boat Festival!

We write to provide you with information concerning the festival.

There are 32 boats entered! – 11 mixed, 14 women and 7 Company teams. These crews are listed at the end of this letter.

The races will be officiated by Elemental Dragon Boat Ltd. The rules will be based on the International Dragon Boat Federation and Dragon Boat Canada rules. Adaptations to the rules are made to support a fun, relaxed and safe festival. A summary of specific main rules will follow this email from the Race Director.

## *Directions to the Venue*

If you are arriving from the South on the Coquihalla, take exit # 369. This will take you to Columbia St. Continue on Columbia St down the hill until you come to the hospital, which is at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Columbia. Turn left on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and drive down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue until you come to the yellow pedestrian railway overpass. Continue down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and across the railway tracks to the roundabout. This will take you to Riverside Park

If you are arriving from the East on the Trans Canada Highway, take exit # 375. Stay right when you come to the first fork in the road and this will put you on Victoria Street. Continue on Victoria Street until you come to a 2<sup>nd</sup> fork in the road. Stay right and this will put you on Lansdowne Street. Drive down Lansdowne until you come to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Lansdowne. At this intersection you will see the yellow pedestrian railway overpass. Turn right on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and across the railway tracks to the roundabout. This will take you to Riverside Park

## *Registration and Check-In*

Teams can register at Riverside Park starting at 7:00 am. Registration is located at the paddlers' village near the Concession building. Please bring your completed waiver form to registration. You can also email a copy of your completed waiver form to us by Thursday August 4, 2016



## *Parking and Transportation*

Parking at the venue will be extremely limited. There is parking available on a first come – first serve basis at the parking lot located on the east side of the park beside the Sandman Center arena. The arena is at the foot of the yellow pedestrian -railway Overpass Bridge. Teams can also park free of charge in the BC Lottery Corporation parking lot. Access is off of West Seymour Street. There are also other paid parking areas nearby.

Teams will be able to drive a vehicle down a service road to the paddlers' village to drop off equipment.

## *Venue/Paddlers' Village*

The venue is at Riverside Park, which is on the Thompson River in downtown Kamloops. The Village will be in a grassy area in the east side of Riverside Park. The area will be delineated and available for tent set-up on Saturday morning starting at 7 am. We will have volunteers available to direct and assist you. An aerial map of the park and tent village can be seen under the “Festival Layout” tab on our website.

A map showing the location of the Riverside Park venue is also available under the “Contact Us” tab on our website.

## *Race Times*

There will be a steerspersons' meeting at 7:00 am Saturday on the beach area by the concession stand. Races will commence at 8 am and run until approximately 4:30 pm. The optional Seniors challenge race and 1000 metre “Loops” endurance race will begin after completion of the regular races.

## *Races*

There will be one 300 metre race and three 500 metre races. Placement in the first 500 metre heat will be determined by the results from the 300 metre sprint. There will be 3 or 4 boats in each heat.

Following the regular races will be an option “Seniors” challenge race and then a 1000 metre endurance race. These are optional races and do not go towards final standings. See below for further information. There is no extra fee for these races. They are included in the initial registration fee.

## *Practice Times*

Times for practice on our race course will be available on Friday August 5, 2016. These sessions will be for one hour between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. They are available on a “first come first serve” basis. If you wish to practice on our race course please contact Alison Bepple ([alison.bepple@hotmail.ca](mailto:alison.bepple@hotmail.ca) or 250-572-1321).

## *Paddlers Exchange*

We will help paddlers find teams they can join if they wish to join up with a team. We will also help teams that are looking for extra paddlers. If you want our help please contact Phil Maher ([supra88@shaw.ca](mailto:supra88@shaw.ca) or 250-371-1860).

## *Extra Steerspersons*

Teams requiring a steersperson please contact Phil Maher.

## *The Race Grid*

The race grid will be prepared by ***Elemental Dragon Boat Ltd.*** and posted on our website during the week prior to the Festival.

## *Race Course*

The race course will be on the Thompson River, running downstream from east to west.

A copy of the race course is attached and is also available on our website.

## *Boats*

The boats used will be D2 boats supplied by the Kamloops Dragon Boat Club and 6-16 boats supplied by the Kelowna Dragon Boat Club. The same type of boat will be used for all the boats in each individual heat but crews will race in both types of boat during the progression of the races.

## *Mixed Team Composition*

The festival will apply the following rule for mixed teams: a team can have a maximum of 12 male paddlers. A crew may paddle with a minimum of 16 paddlers.

## *Results*

The results will be recorded by ***Elemental Dragon Boat Ltd.*** They will be announced at the end of the race, and posted on the results board and our website.

## *Awards*

Medals will be awarded to the top 3 boats in the Mixed, Women's, and Corporate team Categories (to be presented in the area by the Concession building immediately following the Women's Grand Final race).

There will be a special prize for the Senior's Challenge races, although we haven't fixed the wager the teams will place on this race!

There also will be a special prize for the team winning the Loops race.

## *Seniors' Challenge Races*

These races will be held at the end of formal races. They will not go towards the final standings.

We will have a race between the women's boats and then a race for the mixed boats. We have spaces for three senior (55+) women's and three senior (55+) mixed boats to register for these races.

The Kamloops KIDS (aka the Kamloops Interior Dragons) women's and mixed boats challenge all other Senior boats!

This will be a warm-up for the 55+ Games. We want to show you other seniors what we are capable of doing!

Other senior boats are welcome to join us. If senior paddlers wish to join up with other paddlers we will put together composite boats. Crews and individual paddlers can contact Phil Maher if you wish to participate in this race.

There will not be an extra fee for this race. This is included in the registration fee.

## *"The Loops" 1000 metre Challenge Race*

*"The Loops"*, a 1000 metre endurance race, will be held after the Senior's Challenge. Again, this race will not count towards award standings but will be an interesting and memorable experience!

The race course will start downstream at the course finish line, go upstream and "Loop" around at the top of the 500 metre course. The boats will be turning left to right and make a slow single turn. You can make the turn as wide or narrow as you like as long as you circle around the buoys we will have placed upstream above the bridge (and please don't hit our bridge!). This will test your steering skills!

If only some of your crew members want to participate we will try to organize composite crews from members of various teams. Interested teams and paddlers please contact Phil Maher.

## *Company Challenge*

We are excited to announce that we will have a Company Challenge. Members and instructors of the Kamloops Dragon Boat Club have been working over the past few weeks with 7 company teams from local employers who will race in their own division. We hope this will be a very positive experience for them. We ask that paddlers with the regular teams encourage them in their first ever dragon boat races.

## *Security*

The Paddlers village is located near high traffic areas of the park. There will be limited security so please guard your valuables carefully.

## ***First Aid***

St. John First Aid attendants will be available on site.

## ***Food Concessions/Restaurants/Beer Garden***

There will be food available on site. Ribfest will be held in Riverside Park the same day as the festival. Ribfest will have food, beverages and a beer garden available starting at 11 a.m. There will also be a park concession open at the park and numerous restaurants within walking distance of the park.

There will be a limited amount of Tim Hortons coffee available to participants upon arrival Saturday morning.

Drinking water will be available at various locations around the venue. Please bring re-fillable drinking bottles.

## ***Additional Events***

The Kamloops Daybreak Rotary Ribfest (<http://www.kamloopsribfest.com>), which includes BBQ food, a family fun zone, beer garden, entertainment and live music, will be held at Riverside Park on the same day as the festival. The “Hot Nite in the City” (<http://www.hotniteinthecity.com>) car show will also be held on the August 6<sup>th</sup> weekend. In other words, there will be a number of exciting events at Riverside Park during the dragon boat festival!

## ***List of Crews Entered***

### **Women’s**

FLCC Sundragons - *Fort Langley*

FLCC Phoenix (Seniors) - *Fort Langley*

Valley Vixens - *Kelowna*

Spirit Warriors - *Kamloops*

Fast & Furious - *Fort Langley*

KIDS (Kamloops Interior Dragons) (Seniors) - *Kamloops*

Extreme Curves - *Kamloops*

FLCC Titanium (Seniors) - *Fort Langley*

Kootenay Rhythm Dragons - *Nelson*

Dragonfire (ODBRC) - *Kelowna*

Pink Piston Paddlers - *Salmon Arm*

KDBC Dragon In The Drink - *Kelowna*

KDBC Stroke of Luck - *Kelowna*

Flowriders - *Kelowna*

## **Mixed**

Extreme Currents - *Kamloops*  
FLCC FORTified (Seniors) - *Fort Langley*  
ODBRC Rogue Dragons - *Kelowna*  
KIDS (Kamloops Interior Dragons) (Seniors) - *Kamloops*  
Pirates - *Harrison*  
KDBC Lift What's Draggin' (Seniors) - *Kelowna*  
Cultus Blue - *Cultus Lake*  
GT Racers - *Blind Bay*  
Dam Survivors - *Revelstoke*  
Dr'agonize - *Salmon Arm*  
KDBC High Frequency - *Kelowna*

## **Company Challenge**

RIH – Pirates of the CARE-ibbean  
U District Liquor Store  
Daley & Company  
Dragon Our Asses  
YMCA  
Team TD  
RIH#2 – Ready Oar Knot

We look forward to seeing all of you on August 6<sup>th</sup>!

Paddles Up!

## **The Kamloops 2016 Dragon Boat Festival Organization Committee**

PS Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions

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