



Dragon Boat Event Welcome Letter

August 9th, 2012

Hello Paddlers:

Welcome to the BC Seniors Games Dragon Boat event. We have 22 team entered (11 women's teams and 11 mixed teams) so look forward to some great racing.

VENUE:

The event will be held on Burnaby Lake (6871 Roberts Street) which is the home of numerous rowing clubs and the Burnaby Canoe and Kayak Club. As such there is a very well marked course that you can look forward to racing on.

PARKING:

There will be limited onsite parking so participants are encouraged to carpool to the event or from the assigned remote parking area. Two only wheelchair accessible spots will be available on the outside edge of the athlete's area.

TENTS/ATHLETE'S AREA:

Please bring your own tents, lawn chairs and tables. Spaces equivalent to 2 parking stalls in width will be assigned on a first come basis. The centre aisle of the parking lot must be kept clear for emergency vehicles. There will be limited security so please do not bring valuables. Bins will be available for each team to use during races for your valuables.

EQUIPMENT:

All boats will be BUK's. No heads or tails will be used. Approved paddles and PFDs are available for both practice and race times to those crews who do not have their own equipment.

FOOD:

Lunches are not provided by the BC Seniors Games however a concession will be available onsite with healthy food choices....and coffee ☺! Burnaby is striving to host a Green Games so no bottled water will be available. PLEASE BRING A REUSEABLE WATER BOTTLE.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

A practice schedule has been drafted allowing each crew 90 minutes to practice on Wednesday. Where possible we have scheduled the local teams earliest in the morning and tried to move to the more distant ones later in the day so that should you wish the Wednesday to be your travel day it is possible. If there are any challenges in attending your assigned practice please let MJ know at the contact information below. We have tried to ensure that there is as little congestion getting on and off the water as possible so please respect the posted times.

We are also cognizant the needs of other user groups that are on the lake. By finishing off our practices during the day, they are able to continue with their own training after we are finished.

RACES:

Thursday August 23rd

8:30am - Mandatory Steersperson Meeting

9:30am – First Race

4:20pm – Last Race

Friday August 24th

10:00am – First Race

3:00pm – Last Race

3:30pm – Awards Ceremony

The race course will be 500m. The schedule has been posted and the advancements documented within it. Our intent is to deliver the event on schedule.

VIEWING:

We will have access to the onsite pavilion for viewing as well as portable bleachers. The bleachers are not covered so bring some sun protection!

We are looking forward to hosting you and wish all teams a memorable racing experience.

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